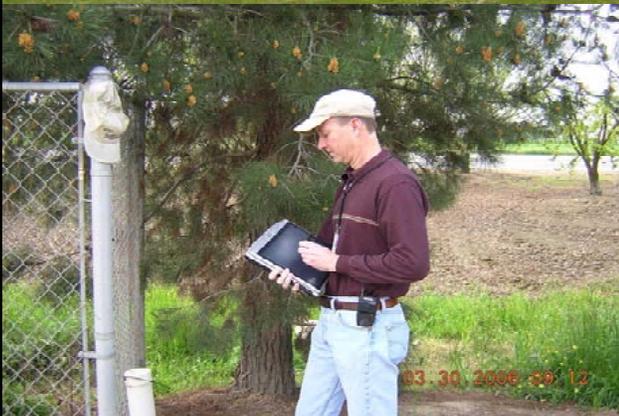


Stanislaus County



Striving to be the Best



A strong agricultural economy/heritage

COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

Agricultural Commissioner
Cooperative Extension



A STRONG AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY/HERITAGE

Introduction

Recognizing the vital role that agriculture plays in our community, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors adopted a new priority to support our county's strong agriculture economy and heritage. Agriculture is the County's number one industry generating close to \$2 billion a year in agriculture income. Farmland conversion, air pollution, soil salinity and drainage, and agricultural water supply and water quality are major issues to be addressed if Stanislaus County is to remain an important and vital agriculture area. Equally important is the preservation of our unique agriculture heritage.

The Agricultural Commissioner's Office supports and protects the well being of agriculture and the community through the oversight of pesticide application, storage of agricultural products, certification of exports, prevention of the entry and spread of harmful insects, weeds, and plant diseases and the certification of agricultural product quality. The University of California Cooperative Extension conducts research and educational programs tailored to the needs of Stanislaus County, and provides oversight of 4H youth development programs. These programs are critical to preserving and protecting agriculture in our community and supporting the growth of our agriculture industry of tomorrow.

The following section lists those Capital Improvement Plan projects that support the Board of Supervisors' priority of "A strong agricultural economy/heritage" based on the lead department assigned to each project. A summary of the projects by department is followed by a detailed listing of the individual project information, provided in implementation category order.

Specific information for any project may be located by referencing the indices provided in the back of this document.

Pictures from top to bottom: Stanislaus County Agricultural Center, Ag Center Parking Lot and Road with Test Vineyard, Ag Center/Stanislaus Building, and an Ag Inspector.



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	Nbr. Projects	Estimated Project Cost	
		Total Cost	County Cost
<u>Cooperative Extension</u>			
Pending Implementation			
2002.052 Agricultural Center Perimeter Parking and Road		\$280,000	\$280,000
Total - Cooperative Extension	1	\$280,000	\$280,000
TOTAL - A strong agricultural economy/heritage Priority	1	\$280,000	\$280,000



Agricultural Center Perimeter Parking and Road

Board Priority: A strong agricultural economy/heritage
CIP Category: Pending Implementation Location: Ceres
Lead Department: **Cooperative Extension**

Engineering and development of additional surface parking and a perimeter roadway at the Agricultural Center

Start/Completion Year: 2005 - 2007 Reference Plan: Agricultural Center Plan
Other Stakeholders: Agricultural Commissioner; Environmental Resources; USDA; Cal Food & Agriculture

Total Project Cost (est.): \$280,000 *If Checked below:*
County Cost of Project: \$280,000 Full Funding has been identified for this project.
 Board of Supervisors has approved funding of this project.

Source of Funds: County General Funds; Public Facilities Fees

"x" indicates that the County cost of this project may be eligible for partially funding using of Public Facilities Fees.
* Project titles indicated with an asterisk (*) are a request for a County funding contribution to a joint public project effort.
Budget Approval Status: This is a new request to be considered by the Board of Supervisors.

Project Approval Status: Project concept has been reviewed and approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Project Status:: Conceptual plan included in a broader master planning effort pending approval by Board.