



# Community Services

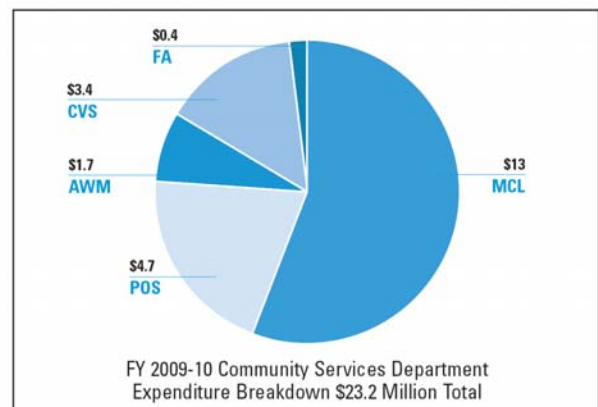
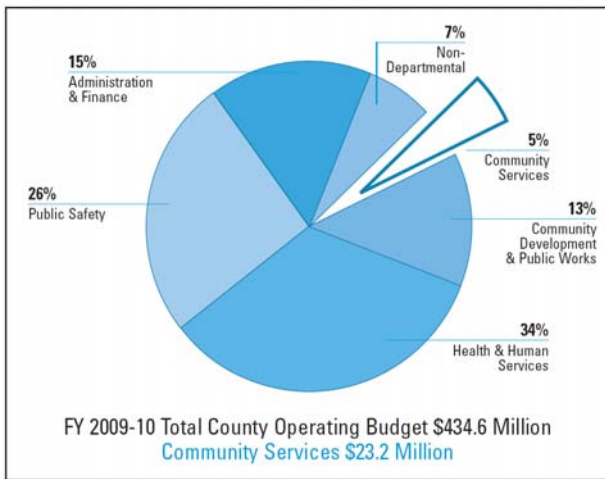


## Introduction

The Community Services Service Area includes five departments that provide a variety of direct services to the community. These services range from Parks and Open Space facilities to agricultural assistance to youth development. This service area also provides cultural and learning resources through numerous library branches and the Marin Center performing arts, event and conference facility. Through this service area, the County helps maintain a high quality of life for all Marin County residents.

### Community Services Departments:

- **Agriculture, Weights and Measures [AWM]:** Oversees the pest control program, ensures the accuracy of commercial weight and measuring devices, regulates organic food production and monitors efforts to address Sudden Oak Death syndrome.
- **Cultural and Visitor Services [CVS]:** Manages the Marin Center for performing arts and events, presents the annual Marin County Fair and serves as the caretaker of the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Civic Center
- **Farm Advisor [FA]:** The mission of this department is to sustain a vital agriculture, environment and community in Marin by providing University of California research-based information in agriculture, natural resource management, nutrition and youth development
- **Marin County Free Library [MCL]:** This special district operates 11 library branches throughout Marin, provides several literacy service programs and operates the County's bookmobile
- **Parks and Open Space [POS]:** This department is responsible for planning, acquiring and managing the County's open space and regional and community park facilities



## COMMUNITY SERVICES BUDGET SUMMARY

All Funds	FY 2008-09 Approved	FY 2009-10 Recommended	FY 2009-10 Change	Allocated Positions
<b>Department Expenditures</b>				
Agriculture, Weights and Measures	\$1,780,651	\$1,738,362	(\$42,289)	12.00
Cultural and Visitor Services	3,505,898	3,438,813	(67,085)	17.50
Farm Advisor	392,014	396,191	4,177	2.00
Marin County Free Library	13,718,023	12,971,771	(746,252)	96.76
Parks and Open Space*	4,662,337	4,656,139	(6,198)	33.00
<b>Total Service Area Expenditures</b>	<b>\$24,058,923</b>	<b>\$23,201,276</b>	<b>(\$857,647)</b>	<b>161.62</b>

\*Does not include Open Space District expenditures

### Highlights of Accomplishments FY 2009-10

- Earned 46 Achievement Awards and the Merrill Award for the 2008 Marin County Fair - "The Greenest County Fair on Earth"
- Produced "Hidden Bounty of Marin," a 27-minute film about Marin farm families that won a best documentary profile at the community access media awards in Denver in 2008
- Worked with the state and the community to identify alternatives to aerial Light Brown Apple Moth treatment
- Significantly reduced energy costs through installation of photovoltaic, HVAC and lighting retrofit projects at the Marin Center
- Conducted 90 tours of the Marin County Civic Center through the volunteer docent program
- Secured \$397,250 in grants and donations to support the programs offered to Marin residents and partner agencies in natural resources
- Preserved 117 acres of ridgeland between the Nicasio and San Geronimo Valleys by means of a conservation easement
- Completed Master Plan Update for McInnis Park
- Provided extensive fire fuel reduction and habitat restoration work at the newly acquired Black Point Nature Preserve
- Experienced 13% increase in the number of people visiting the County's libraries in the first half of the fiscal year
- Provided volunteer storytellers to visit day care centers through the second Early Learning with Families (ELF) grant from the California State Library



### Satisfaction with Select Community Services Programs

Based on 2009 Community Survey

