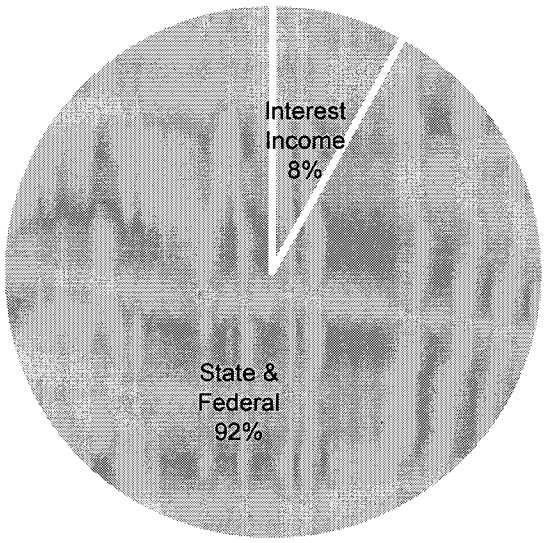
PURPOSE

The Taylor Grazing Act of 1934 provides that 50 percent of the grazing fees on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land outside of organized districts be returned to the State. The California Public Resources Code requires the State's share to be distributed to counties in proportion to the grazing fees received and specifies that funds shall be expended for range improvements and control of predators. The Public Resources Code also established a Grazing Advisory Board which is appointed by the Board of Supervisors and is required to meet at least once annually. This Advisory Board makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors relating to plans or projects for range development and predator control.

Financial Summary	2006-07 Budget	2006-07 Projected	2007-08 Requested	2007-08 Recommended	Change from 2006-07
Revenues	$ 4,350	$ 6,239	$ 4,350	$ 4,350	$ 0
Fund Balance Available	$ 567	$ 567	$ 5,167	$ 5,167	$ 4,600
Cancelled Reserves	3,277	3,277	0	0	(3,277)
Total Financing Sources	$ 8,194	$ 10,083	$ 9,517	$ 9,517	$ 1,323
Salary and Benefits	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Services and Supplies	8,027	4,750	8,027	8,027	0
Other Charges	0	0	0	0	0
Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0	0
Gross Expenditures	$ 8,027	$ 4,750	$ 8,027	$ 8,027	$ 0
Contingencies	0	0	0	0	0
New Reserves	167	167	1,490	1,490	1,323
Total Financing Requirements	$ 8,194	$ 4,917	$ 9,517	$ 9,517	$ 1,323

Source of Funds



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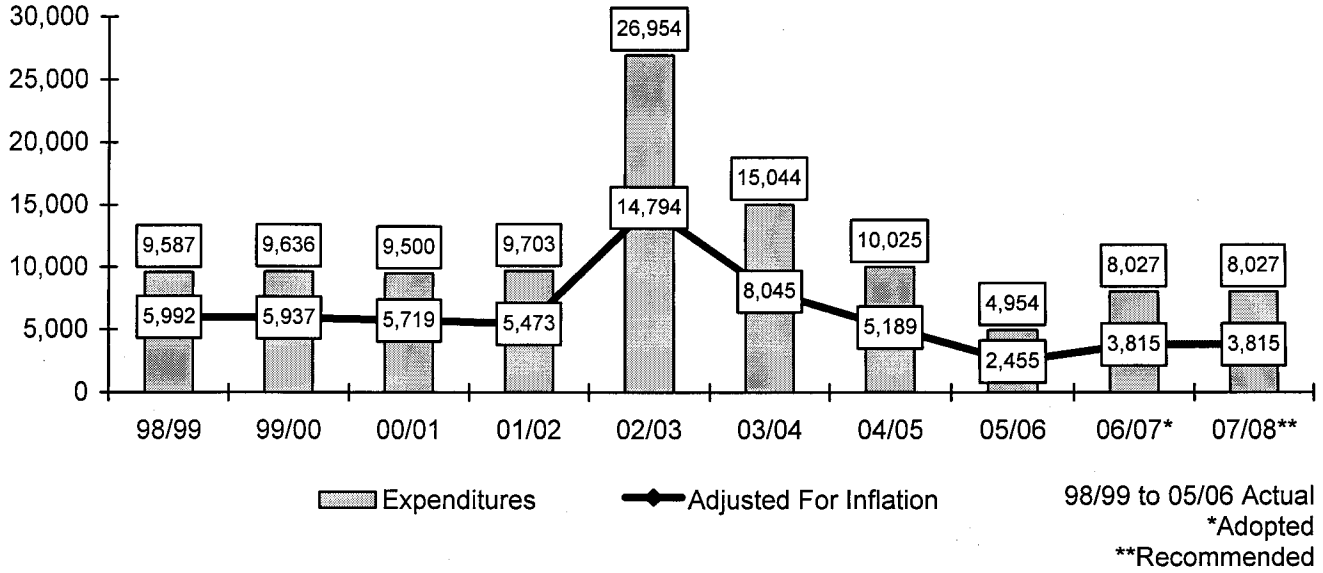

SERVICE PROGRAMS

Predator Control

Provides funds to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for a portion of the salary and mileage costs of a trapper employed to control predators causing animal damage on private and public rangeland.

Total Expenditures: $4,750 Total Staffing (FTE): 0.0

Range Improvement

Provides funds for a fencing/cattle guard project on Bureau of Land Management Land property in the Temblor Mountains.

Total Expenditures: $3,277 Total Staffing (FTE): 0.0

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

At their annual meeting on March 16, 2007, the Wildlife and Grazing Board voted to fund a portion of a federal trapper at $4,750, the same level as in FY 2006-07. The Board also voted to carry forward the Temblor Mountain Range project approved in FY 2006-07 at a cost of $3,277. Funding sources include Bureau of Land Management (BLM) revenue of $4,000, interest income of $350 and Fund Balance Available of $5,167. Additionally, there will be approximately $1,490 added to reserves and designations.

Revenues for FY 2006-07 are projected to be realized at 50%, or $1,998, higher than budgeted. A variety of factors affect the amount of grazing fee revenue received by the County via leased BLM land and while revenue was over realized in FY 2006-07, staff is taking the conservative approach and has budgeted revenue for 2007-08 at adopted 2006-07 levels. In the event that the County receives higher than grazing fee in 2007-08, the Wildlife and Grazing Board may reconvene to discuss any additional range projects and/or increase funding for the trapper program.

With the addition of the approximate $1,490 mentioned above, the Wildlife and Grazing fund will maintain reserves and designations of $7,820 which will be used in future years for range improvements and predator control.