

## Response to the 1999 Grand Jury Report

## SPECIFIC FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT

## COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. ***Charge the County Executive Officer to immediately implement a plan to increase Cooperative Extension's funding allocation to the level agreed to in the 1955 Agreement.***

**RESPONSE:**

Partially concur. Due to changing technology and evolving missions, no County functions are funded/staffed exactly as they were 45 years ago. Nevertheless, the Board shares the Grand Jury's perspective on the value of maintaining the very effective relationship between the County and UCR, and remains committed to an ongoing, productive program which benefits the agricultural industry and the County economy in general.