Request/ Question:
What is the GF contribution to the current scanner and device program? Could the new fees be used to replace this GF and make it available to the pesticide inspection program?

Response Prepared by: Cathy Fisher

Response:
The GF contribution toward the scanner and device programs in FY 11-12 is $372,000. The GF contribution after the new fees are implemented and appropriated is anticipated to be $150,000. This leaves approximately $220,000 available for a different Agriculture department use. The department planned to use these savings to mitigate their FY 13-14 expected budget gap of $201,000. It should be noted the gap was due in great part to retirement cost increases which will be less based on SBCERS action on rate of return on investments. The cost of biologist position is $89,000.