

DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors

BY: Chairman Pickard
PHONE: 966-3222

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign a letter to Assembly Member Jenny Oropeza and a letter to Senator Wesley Chesbro opposing State budget cuts to the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Programs.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Financial Impact? () Yes (x) No	Current FY Cost: \$	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? () Yes () No () Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$		List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Additional Funding Needed: \$		Letter to Assembly Member Jenny Oropeza
Source:		Letter to Senator Wesley Chesbro
Internal Transfer		
Unanticipated Revenue	_____ 4/5's vote	
Transfer Between Funds	_____ 4/5's vote	
Contingency	_____ 4/5's vote	
() General () Other		

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 03-174 Ord. No. _____
 Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____
 Absent: _____
 Approved
 () Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: _____
 Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
 County of Mariposa, State of California
 By: _____
 Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Requested Action Recommended
 No Opinion

Comments:

CAO: 

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June 4, 2003

The Honorable Jenny Oropeza
California State Assembly
Chair of the Assembly Budget Committee
State Capital, Room 6026
Sacramento, CA 93614

Re: OPPOSE CUTS TO UCCE PROGRAMS

Dear Assembly Member Oropeza:

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests your assistance in restoring the proposed State cuts to the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Program funding. As you are aware, the 4-H Youth Development Program is part of the UCCE system. Unless the legislature acts to reduce the proposed cuts, the UCCE will take a 30% budget cut greatly affecting the continuation of the 4-H Youth Development Program next year.

In the Governor's proposed 2003/04 budget, the UCCE item: Public Service (Page E52, line 20) has a budget reduction of 30%. This is in addition to the 5% reduction that is scheduled for this fiscal year. Over 90% of this category is UCCE system funding. This vital, locally operated division provides applied research, education and 4-H youth programs directly to Mariposa County. The magnitude of the proposed cuts could mean the closure of the UCCE county office and all associated programs.

These programs are very important to our county and cannot be duplicated by other agencies or departments. Mariposa County urges you and your committee to fully restore the University of California Cooperative Extension Program Funding.

Thank you for thoughtful consideration of this request and if I can provide any further information on this matter please contact me.

Sincerely,

BOB PICKARD
Chairman

cc: Senator Chuck Poochigian
Assembly Member Dave Cogdill
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The Honorable Wesley Chesbro
California State Senate
Chairman, Senate Budget Committee
State Capital, Room 5019
Sacramento, CA 93614

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