



MENDOCINO COUNTY *MEMORANDUM*

Date: June 5, 2019

To: Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisors McCowen and Haschak

Subject: **Funding Request for Mendocino County Fire Safe Council**

Background: The Mendocino County Fire Safe Council currently receives \$24,500 annually in funding and has requested an increase to \$100,000. Given the catastrophic fires of recent years the value of and interest in the FSC has increased exponentially. As a result, the FSC is currently underfunded and has effectively been subsidized by the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District via the MCRCD Executive Director devoting a significant amount of time to the FSC. The requested increase will allow the FSC to hire a full time program coordinator which is the minimum amount of support needed to serve the steadily increasing demand for FSC services. A full time program coordinator is needed to assist in the restructuring of the FSC to better serve all Mendocino County residents.

Recommendation: Supervisors McCowen and Haschak, as the Board appointed representatives to the MCFSC respectfully request that the Board approve funding for the FSC for Fiscal Year 2019-20 at the requested amount of \$100,000. We believe this request is well supported by the funding request from the MCFSC dated April 4, 2019 which is included online as part of our budget hearing materials.