Dear Board of Supervisors,

Drought conditions this year have created extreme fire danger and the likelihood that the fire season will begin in a matter of weeks rather than in the early fall as last year. Given the need for fire suppression efforts of the kind the Fire Safe Council provided last year and early this year as well as their ability to acquire significant grants, it does not make sense to reduce their budget by 75%. I urge a vote to significantly increase funding for the council.

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