Dear Supervisors:

It has come to my attention that the BOS is considering slashing the MCFSC's funding by 75%. The MCFSC has been very successful assisting the county secure funding for fuel breaks in the west hills, reducing the fuel loads in single ingress/egress neighborhoods thereby helping ensure residents safety, and conducting outreach to multiple neighborhoods throughout the county regarding FireSafe practices. With this state in a severe drought and water in short supply, the MSFSC is needed more than ever to continue its outreach and education, and assist residents in their efforts to be as Firesafe as possible. Monetarily, the amount the County funds the MCFSC is nothing compared to the impact a large fire in either the east or west hills would have on our community.

I ask that you reconsider reducing the MCFSC's budget, and be grateful this county has an organization that is able to perform such an outstanding public service.

Sincerely, Janet Olave