

Supervisors:

I have been informed that it is proposed to slash the MCFSC budget 75%. There are three reasons that I recommend that you reevaluate this reduction:

- 1) This year of extreme drought makes fire in the western and eastern hill more possible;
- 2) The Ukiah hill residents pay high property taxes and the loss of property would be devastating to Ukiah and Mendocino County; and
- 3) Much of the budget is directed toward the transient population--how about directing some of the budget to tax payers in the eastern and western hills.

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