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  
Budgeted In Current FY? ( ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded  
Amount in Budget:  
Additional Funding Needed:  
Source:  
Internal Transfer  
Unanticipated Revenue  
Transfer Between Funds  
Contingency  
( ) General ( ) Other  
Annual Recurring Cost:  

List Attachments, number pages consecutively  
Letter to Assembly Member Jenny Oropeza  
Letter to Senator Wesley Chesbro

CLERK’S USE ONLY:  
Res. No.:  
Ord. No.:  
Vote – Ayes:  
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:  

Revised Dec. 2002
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:

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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
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Regional Council of Rural Counties
California State Association of Counties
Gary Hickman, Farm Advisor
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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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