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TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Wendy West, UCCE County Department Head *Wendy West*
RE: Proposed FY2011-12 Budget Reduction for University of California Cooperative Extension

The purpose of this memo is to recap the FY2011-12 budget reduction proposed by UCCE, as presented at the Budget Workshop on Wednesday, November 3, 2011.

As we have outlined, the Chief Administrative Office (CAO) recommended budget reduction of \$150,000 (52% of our El Dorado County budget) would paralyze the ability of UCCE to deliver research and educational programs to the community and assist in solving problems at the local level. UCCE would be unable to continue the 4-H, Master Food Preserver and Master Gardener volunteer programs, due to the loss of administrative and programmatic support. Also at stake would be our UCCE research, collaborative partnerships, technical assistance and educational programs in El Dorado County.

UCCE is currently working on a multi-county, reorganization structure that would maximize efficiencies by eliminating redundancy of administration, budgeting, and other tasks that are duplicated at the county and UC levels. With this reorganization, the County of El Dorado could realize a 10-12% savings in support of UCCE, while maintaining current programs. I would ask that you support a reduction to UCCE funding at this level, instead of the \$150,000 cut as proposed by the CAO.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at 530.621.5533 or Scott Oneto, UC County Director at 209.223.6834.

cc: Gayle Erbe-Hamlin, Chief Administrative Officer
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