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RE: EMAIL MESSAGE BELOW From the STATE 4-H OFFICE and
Richard P. Enfield, San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development Advisor and County Director

Dear 4-H Program Staff, 4-H Families, and Volunteers,

The economic climate has created extreme economic challenges in continuing to provide strong volunteer and programmatic support for 4-H locally. For the past several years, in the face of declining funding from state and federal resources, UC Cooperative Extension and 4-H at the state level have tried to absorb budget shortfalls in order to keep from raising fees to our participants. Unfortunately we have reached the point where we are no longer able to absorb all costs and have realized that fee increases to support and grow our local programming are required. These program fees will be used to provide partial funding for direct local program costs including 4-H staff who support our local volunteers.

For 2012-2013 4-H Program Year, fees will be increased to \$10.00 per Adult and \$28.00 per Youth.

We are projecting for 2013-2014 4-H Program Year, an additional increase based upon anticipated funding status, which will most likely result in fees of \$15.00 per Adult and \$40.00 per Youth.

We encourage local staff and volunteer leadership to work with us to strategize together around the development of a local funding plan to keep 4-H strong and growing. The California 4-H Foundation is a valuable resource with whom to partner in developing a local funding plan. The level of success of such coordinated local fundraising efforts is hoped to mitigate the need for future increases.

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