

Alameda County Sheriff's Office

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Director of Emergency Services
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AGENDA _____ April 23, 2019

April 9, 2019

Honorable Board of Supervisors
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Room 536
Oakland, CA 94612

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT MUTUAL AID ASSISTANCE BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA AND BUTTE COUNTY

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve a Memorandum of Agreement with Butte County and the County of Alameda to provide law enforcement mutual aid assistance during the "Camp Fire" under the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Plan for the period 11/8/2018 - 5/8/2019 for cost recovery; and
2. Authorize the Sheriff, or his designee, to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with Butte County.

DISCUSSION/SUMMARY:

On November 8, 2018, an urban firestorm (referred to as the Camp Fire) formed in the densely populated foothill town of Paradise, California. Butte County Sheriff's Office requested mutual aid law enforcement assistance from the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, pursuant to the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Plan to support law enforcement services in connection with the Camp Fire. On November 12, 2018, the Federal Emergency Management Agency approved emergency assistance from the Alameda County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) for several communities within Butte County due to the extreme conditions caused by the largescale fire, which posed imminent harm and danger to the safety of people and property. The ACSO, in accordance with the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Plan (LEMA), provided law enforcement services to assist in the protection of the health and safety of Butte County residents and to preserve lives and property during this emergency. The Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Plan provides a system in which during an emergency event that cannot be resolved by the local law enforcement agency within an Operational Area, assistance is provided by other agencies.

This Memorandum of Agreement fulfills the requirement for the approval of an authorized official to request reimbursement for mutual aid assistance, and will allow the ACSO to receive reimbursement for activities that qualify under the LEMA plan.

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This Memorandum of Agreement has been reviewed and approved, as to form, by County Counsel and Risk Management.

FINANCING:

No additional appropriations are required. There will be no increase in net County cost as a result of your approval.

VISION 2026 GOAL

The agreement between Butte County and the County of Alameda to provide mutual aid law enforcement assistance meets the 10X goal pathway of **Crime Free County** in support of our shared vision of **Safe and Livable Communities**.

Respectfully submitted,



Gregory J. Ahern
Sheriff-Coroner

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**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN BUTTE COUNTY AND ALAMEDA
COUNTY SHERIFF'S PERTAINING TO ASSISTANCE UNDER THE LAW
ENFORCEMENT MUTUAL AID PLAN**

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2018, an urban firestorm (referred to hereafter as the Camp Fire) formed in the densely populated foothill town of Paradise, California. The fire started on Camp Creek Road near the unincorporated area known as Pulga, and caused at least 86 civilian fatalities, injured 12 civilians and 5 firefighters, covered an area of 153,336 acres, and destroyed 18,793 structures within the Town of Paradise as well as the communities of Concow, Yankee Hill, Pulga and Magalia. Conditions contributing to this event include, but are not limited to: drought conditions for several years, heavy grass cover sprouted by a late spring rainfall, dry weather for seven months, and a gusting high wind event the day of the fire with gusts of 25-35 mph; and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2018, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved emergency assistance through the major disaster declaration (FEMA-4407-DR-CA); and

WHEREAS, the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Plan is issued and revised under the authority of Sections 8550, 8569, 8615 through 8619, and 8668 of the California Government Code, the California Emergency Plan, and the Master Mutual Aid Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Plan delineates the current state policy concerning law enforcement mutual aid; and

WHEREAS, the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Plan describes the standard procedures used to acquire law enforcement mutual aid resources and the method to ensure coordination of law enforcement mutual aid planning and readiness; and

WHEREAS, the county sheriff is the Operational Area Law Enforcement and Mutual Aid Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Plan provides, in pertinent part, "When an emergency develops or appears to be developing which cannot be resolved by a law enforcement agency within an Operational Area, it is the responsibility of the Operational Area Mutual Aid Coordinator to provide assistance and coordination to control the problem;" and

WHEREAS, the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Plan provides, in pertinent part, "A request for law enforcement mutual aid requires the approval of the chief law enforcement officer of the requesting jurisdiction;" and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff of Butte County requested the mutual aid assistance of Alameda County Sheriff's Office, pursuant to the Law Enforcement Mutual

Aid Plan to support law enforcement services in connection with the Camp Fire; and

WHEREAS, Alameda County Sheriff's Office, provided mutual aid assistance consisting of law enforcement personnel, equipment, and materials from November 8, 2018 through May 8, 2019 to assist with law enforcement services in connection with the Camp Fire; and

WHEREAS, Alameda County Sheriff's Office agrees to document all of its mutual aid assistance costs related to the Camp Fire as attachments to this MOA and submit to Butte County as soon as practicable; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED by and between the Alameda County Sheriff's Office and Butte County may reimburse all reasonable costs associated with Alameda County Sheriff's Office law enforcement mutual aid assistance during the Camp Fire.

BUTTE COUNTY

ALAMEDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

By: _____

By: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

Approved as to Form

DONNA R. ZIEGLER, County Counsel

By 

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