

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN LASSEN COUNTY AND SISKIYOU
COUNTY PERTAINING TO ASSISTANCE UNDER THE LAW ENFORCEMENT
MUTUAL AID PLAN**

WHEREAS, On August 17, 2020, a conflagration (herein referred to as the Sheep Fire) caused by lightning strikes formed in the Plumas National Forest (Plumas County). By the early afternoon of August 17, 2020, the fire had rapidly intensified and carried over into Lassen County. The Lassen County Sheriff's Office began positioning personnel and preparing for any potential residential evacuations. Over the next several days, several residential areas on the outskirts of Susanville were mandatorily evacuated. Numerous road closures were put in place after the evacuations and other local law enforcement agencies were requested to assist with security patrols and roadblocks. The Sheep Fire has covered an area more than 28,000 acres, destroyed 9 homes and 17 permitted structures. Conditions contributing to this event includes, but are not limited to, drought conditions, heavy fuel loading, dry weather for the past several months, high wind gusts ranging from 25-30 mph gusts and a Statewide drawdown of fire suppression resources.

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2020, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved emergency assistance through the major disaster declaration (FEMA-5339-FM-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 of the chief law enforcement officer of the requesting jurisdiction;" and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff of Lassen County requested the mutual aid assistance

of Siskiyou County, pursuant to the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Plan to support law enforcement services in connection with the Sheep Fire; and

WHEREAS, Siskiyou County, provided mutual aid assistance consisting of law enforcement personnel, equipment, and materials from August 22, 2020 through September 3, 2020 to assist with law enforcement services in connection with the Sheep Fire; and

WHEREAS, Siskiyou County agrees to document all of its mutual aid assistance costs related to the Sheep Fire as attachments to this MOA and submit to Lassen County as soon as practicable; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED by and between Siskiyou County and Lassen County. Lassen County may reimburse all reasonable costs associated with Siskiyou County's law enforcement mutual aid assistance during the Sheep Fire.

LASSEN COUNTY

By:

Name: Dean F. Growdon

Title: Sheriff-Coroner

Date: 4/11/22

SISKIYOU COUNTY

By:

Name: Jeremiah LaRue

Title: Sheriff-Coroner

Date: 04/05/2022

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, County and Contractor have executed this agreement on the dates set forth below, each signatory represents that he/she has the authority to execute this agreement and to bind the Party on whose behalf his/her execution is made.

COUNTY OF SISKIYOU

Date: _____

BRANDON A. CRISS, CHAIR
Board of Supervisors
County of Siskiyou
State of California

ATTEST:
LAURA BYNUM
Clerk, Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy

CONTRACTOR: Lassen County

Date: See Page 2

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License No.: NA
(Licensed in accordance with an act providing for the registration of contractors)

Note to Contractor: For corporations, the contract must be signed by two officers. The first signature must be that of the chairman of the board, president or vice-president; the second signature must be that of the secretary, assistant secretary, chief financial officer or assistant treasurer. (Civ. Code, Sec. 1189 & 1190 and Corps. Code, Sec. 313.)

TAXPAYER I.D. _____

ACCOUNTING:

Fund	Organization	Account	Activity Code (if applicable)
1002	202010	5514000	

Encumbrance number (if applicable):

If not to exceed, include amount not to exceed:

If needed for multi-year contracts, please include separate sheet with financial information for each fiscal year.