

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM
3.15
(ID # 2836)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

FROM : EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT:

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT: Ratify the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the County of San Bernardino and the County of Riverside for Emergency Assistance to the Blue Cut Fire Incident. All Districts [\$0].

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify and execute the MOA between the County of San Bernardino and the County of Riverside for provision of emergency assistance resources to the Blue Cut Fire for the period of August 16, 2016 through August 22, 2016.

ACTION: Policy

Kim Saruwatari
Kim Saruwatari 10/31/2016

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
NET COUNTY COST	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Qualifying expenses to be paid by Fire Management Assistance Grant from FEMA (Federal Funds)			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 16/17	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Ashley, seconded by Supervisor Jeffries and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Benoit and Ashley
Nays: None
Absent: Tavaglione and Washington
Date: November 15, 2016
xc: EMD

Kecia Harper-Ihem
Clerk of the Board
By: *[Signature]*
Deputy

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BACKGROUND:

Summary

On August 16, 2016, the Blue Cut Fire started in the Cajon Pass area and quickly spread to over 2000 acres during hot, dry weather with windy conditions. Tens of thousands of residents were evacuated. A state of emergency was declared at the local and state levels. Shelters were opened in several locations, including two Animal Evacuation Shelters.

Mutual assistance resources were requested by the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health, Division of Animal Care and Control Services in accordance with the state Mutual Aid Agreement. Riverside County provided mutual assistance consisting of Animal Care and Control Services personnel, equipment and/or materials during the period of August 16, 2016 through August 22, 2016.

This MOA authorizes reimbursement of all reasonable costs associated with provision of mutual assistance by Riverside County to the County of San Bernardino related to the Blue Cut Fire incident. EMD will coordinate with the Department of Animal Services to document all costs associated with the response to the incident and will submit the reimbursement packet to San Bernardino County.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

This will benefit the residents and businesses of Riverside County by providing a cost recovery mechanism for County expenditures related to mutual aid.



Gregory P. Priamos, Director County Counsel 11/1/2016

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to Riverside County Clerk of the Board, Stop 1010

Post Office Box 1147, Riverside, Ca 92502-1147

Thank you.

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) BETWEEN
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY AND RIVERSIDE COUNTY
IN RESPONSE TO EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE RE BLUE CUT FIRE**

WHEREAS, this event and associated conditions will collectively be referred to as the Blue Cut Fire Incident; and

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2016 at about 10:38 a.m., a vegetation fire started and consumed approximately 50 acres near Highway's I-15, SR-138, and US-2, affecting the area of West Cajon Valley and the communities of Oak Hill, Lytle Creek, Wrightwood, and areas of the San Bernardino National Forest; and by 11:30 a.m., this fire, referred to as the "Blue Cut Fire", had increased its burn area to approximately 1,500 acres with 0% containment, and was being wind driven at a rapid rate of speed; and

WHEREAS, as of 1:40 p.m., the Blue Cut Fire had burned approximately 2,000 acres, was 0% contained and was burning East and North toward the communities of Oak Hill, Devore, and Wrightwood, and the National Weather Service's weather forecast predicted continued hot and dry weather to 105 degrees, with wind gusts of up to 25 miles per hour and relative humidity of 5% in the vicinity of the Blue Cut Fire; and

WHEREAS, mandatory and recommended evacuation orders affected tens of thousands of residents, the closure of Interstate 15 in both directions and significant other road closures impacted traffic throughout the area, and rail traffic was shut down through the Cajon Pass; and

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2016, at 3:05 p.m., San Bernardino County proclaimed the existence of a local emergency for the Blue Cut Fire Incident; and

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2016, the Governor of the State of California, Edmund G. Brown Jr., declared a State of Emergency in accordance with the California Emergency Services Act, and the Director of Cal OES secured a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the Blue Cut Fire Incident (FM5147); and

WHEREAS, beginning on August 16, 2016, overnight human shelters were opened at Sultana High School at 17311 Sultana Street, Hesperia, and the Jessie Turner Community Center at 15556 Summit Ave, Fontana, housing 150 and 67 residents respectively the first night. Additionally two Animal Evacuation Shelters were available at the San Bernardino County Fair Grounds at 14800 7th Street, Victorville, and the Devore Animal Shelter at 19777 Shelter Way, San Bernardino, and

WHEREAS, mutual assistance resources were requested by the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health, Division of Animal Care and Control Services in accordance with the California Disaster and Civil Defense Master Mutual Aid Agreement, to provide mutual assistance in support of the Blue Cut Fire Incident; and

WHEREAS, Riverside County provided mutual assistance consisting of Animal Care and Control Services personnel, equipment, and/or materials during the period of August 16, 2016 through August 22, 2016; and

**Electronic FEMA forms are available at www.fema.gov/forms.*

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED by and between San Bernardino County and Riverside County that:

San Bernardino County may reimburse all reasonable costs associated with the mutual assistance provided to San Bernardino County by Riverside County during the Blue Cut Fire Incident.

Riverside County agrees to document all of its mutual assistance costs related to the Blue Cut Fire Incident by first submitting this MOA with original signatures to the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health, by close of business on _____.

Riverside County:

By John J. Benoit
(Signature)

Name: John J. Benoit

Title: Chairman, Board of Supervisors

County: Riverside

Date: NOV 15 2016

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL

BY Heather Kipnis DATE 11/27/16

ATTEST:

KECIA HARPER-IHEM, Clerk

By [Signature]
DEPUTY

San Bernardino County:

By: _____
(Signature)

Name: Gregory C. Devereaux

Title: Chief Executive Officer

County: San Bernardino

Date: