

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



ITEM  
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(ID # 5783)

**MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

**FROM :** EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT:

**SUBJECT:** EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT: Approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the County of Sonoma and the County of Riverside for Emergency Management Mutual Aid (EMMA) during the Sonoma Complex Fire. All Districts [\$0].

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the MOA between the County of Sonoma and the County of Riverside for provision of emergency resources through the EMMA plan to the Sonoma Complex Fire for the period of October 8, 2017 through October 19, 2017 and providing for reimbursement of costs.
2. Authorize the Director of Emergency Management Department to submit documentation of costs incurred during the Sonoma Complex Fire and to execute any necessary follow up documents as needed for reimbursement of County of Riverside costs.

**ACTION:**

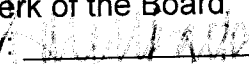
  
Kim Saruwatari, Director of Public Health 11/7/2017

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington, Perez and Ashley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: December 5, 2017  
xc: EMD  
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Kecia Harper-Ihem  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy  
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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: Qualifying expenses to be paid by Fire Management Assistance Grant from FEMA (Federal Funds)</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment: No</b>	
			<b>For Fiscal Year: 17/18</b>	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

On October 8, 2017, the Sonoma Complex fire started in Sonoma County and quickly spread due to adverse conditions, killing at least 23 people. Tens of thousands of residents were evacuated. Thousands of homes, businesses and critical infrastructure were destroyed. A state of emergency was declared at the local, state and federal level.

Mutual aid resources were requested by Sonoma County in accordance with the current state policy for Emergency Management Mutual Aid (EMMA). Riverside County provided mutual assistance of personnel and resources during the period October 8, 2017 through October 19, 2017.

This MOA authorizes reimbursement of all reasonable costs associated with provision of mutual assistance by Riverside County to Sonoma County related to the Sonoma Complex fire. EMD will document all costs associated with the response to the incident and will submit the reimbursement packet to Sonoma 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.

  
 Melissa Noone, Associate Management Analyst 11/27/2017

  
 Gregory V. Priaplos, Director County Counsel 11/7/2017

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) BETWEEN SONOMA COUNTY AND THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE PERTAINING TO ASSISTANCE PROVIDED UNDER THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MUTUAL AID (EMMA) PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, this event and associated conditions will collectively be referred to as the Sonoma Complex fire; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 9, 2017, this proclaimed emergency event consists of fire and damages associated with response; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors ratified the Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency on October 10, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, extreme conditions existed including, unpredictable winds, low humidity and drought which aided the Sonoma Complex fire that has swept through Sonoma County killing at least 23 people, burning thousands of acres, and destroying thousands of homes and businesses, power poles, public safety communications and telephone lines, and;

**WHEREAS**, on October 10, 2017, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced that federal disaster assistance has been made available to the state of California to supplement local response and recovery efforts in the areas affected by wildfires and the associated response and evacuations from October 8, 2017 and continuing. (DR-4344); and

**WHEREAS**, the Emergency Management Mutual Aid Plan delineates the current state policy concerning Emergency Management Mutual Aid; and

**WHEREAS**, the Emergency Management Mutual Aid Plan describes the standard procedures used to acquire emergency management mutual aid resources and the method to ensure coordination of emergency management mutual aid planning and readiness; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Emergency Manager is the Operational Area Emergency Management Mutual Aid Coordinator; and

**WHEREAS**, Emergency Management Mutual Aid Plan provides, in pertinent part, "When an emergency develops or appears to be developing which cannot be resolved by emergency management resources 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 Emergency Management Mutual Aid Plan provides, in pertinent part, "A request for emergency management mutual aid requires the approval of an authorized official of the requesting jurisdiction;" and

**WHEREAS**, the County Emergency Manager of the County of Sonoma requested the mutual aid assistance of Riverside County, pursuant to the Emergency Management Mutual Aid Plan to provide emergency management support in connection with the Sonoma Complex fire; and

**WHEREAS**, Riverside County provided emergency management mutual aid consisting of emergency management personnel, equipment, and/or materials during the period October 8, 2017 through

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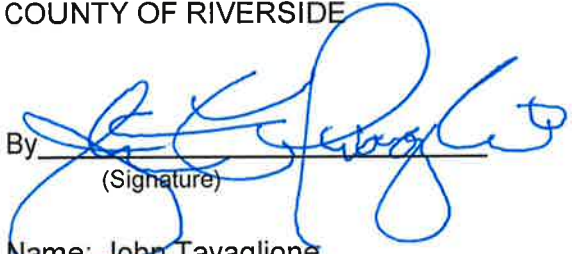
October 19, 2017 to assist with emergency management services in connection with the Sonoma Complex Fire; and

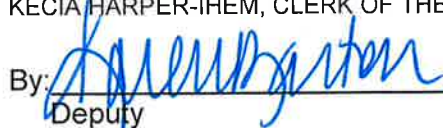
**WHEREAS**, Riverside County agrees to document all of its mutual aid assistance costs related to the Sonoma Complex Fire as attachments to this MOA and submit to Sonoma County as soon as practicable;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED** by and between Sonoma County and Riverside County that the County of Sonoma shall reimburse all reasonable costs associated with Sonoma County emergency management mutual aid assistance during the Sonoma Complex Fires.

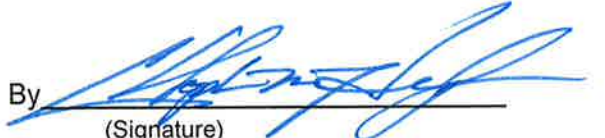
**Providing Jurisdiction**

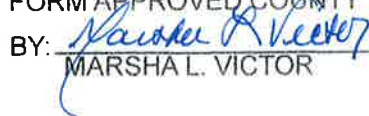
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

By   
(Signature)  
Name: John Tavaglione  
Title: Chairperson, Board of Supervisors  
Riverside County  
Date: DEC 05 2017

ATTEST:  
KECIA HARPER-IHEM, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
By:   
Deputy

**Requesting Jurisdiction**

By   
(Signature)  
Name: Christopher Helgren  
Title: Sonoma County Emergency Manager  
Sonoma County  
Date: 12 Jan 18

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY:  11/7/17  
MARSHA L. VICTOR DATE