

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



ITEM
3.18
(ID # 6671)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, April 10, 2018

FROM : EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT:

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT: Ratify the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the County of Riverside and the County of Santa Barbara for Emergency Assistance to the Thomas Fire/Storm Incident provided under the Emergency Management Mutual Aid (EMMA) Plan. All Districts [\$0].

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify and execute the MOA between the County of Riverside and the County of Santa Barbara for provision of emergency assistance resources to the Thomas Fire/Storm Incident for the period of December 11, 2017 through January 25, 2018.

ACTION: Policy

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Jeffries, 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: April 10, 2018
xc: EMD

Kecia Harper-Ihem
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

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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 via federal disaster assistance from FEMA (Federal Funds)			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year:	17/18

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

On December 4, 2017, the Thomas Fire ignited in rural Ventura County, fueled by heavy brush, gusty winds, and low humidity. It quickly grew in size and spread into Santa Barbara, burning over 280,000 acres, destroying over 1,000 structures, and causing the evacuation of over 100,000 residents. Serious flooding and debris flow impacted the Montecito and Carpinteria areas. There were at least 21 confirmed fatalities.

A state of emergency was declared at the local and state levels in accordance with the California Emergency Services Act, authorizing disaster funding in support of these disaster events.

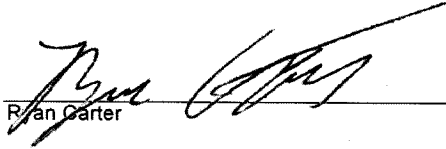
Mutual assistance resources were requested of the County of Riverside by the County of Santa Barbara pursuant to the Emergency Management Mutual Aid (EMMA) Plan. Riverside County provided personnel and resources from both the Emergency Management Department (EMD) and the Department of Animal Services in response to the mutual assistance request during the period of December 11, 2017 through January 25, 2018.

This MOA authorizes reimbursement of all reasonable costs associated with provision of mutual assistance by Riverside County to the County of Santa Barbara related to the Thomas Fire/Storm Incident. EMD will coordinate with Animal Services to document all costs associated with the response to the incident and will submit the reimbursement packet to Santa Barbara 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.

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Ryan Carter

4/3/2018



Gregory L. Priamos, Director County Counsel

3/22/2018

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) BETWEEN RIVERSIDE COUNTY and SANTA BARBARA COUNTY IN RESPONSE TO EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROVIDED UNDER THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MUTUAL AID (EMMA) PLAN

WHEREAS, this event and associated conditions will collectively be referred to as the "THOMAS FIRE/STORM INCIDENT"; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2017, this declared emergency event consisted of the Thomas Fire and subsequent flood and debris flow within the Montecito and Carpinteria areas; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2017, the Thomas Fire ignited in rural Ventura County, fueled by heavy brush, gusty winds and low humidity, quickly grew in size and spread into Santa Barbara County, burning over 280,000 acres, destroying over 1000 structures, causing the evacuation of over 100,000 residents, and burning significant portions of critical watersheds posing serious risks of flooding and debris flow to major population areas before it was fully contained on January 12, 2018. The Thomas Fire is the largest wildfire in California history; and

WHEREAS, A Flash Flood Warning for portions of Santa Barbara County area including the Whittier, Alamo and Thomas Fire burn scars was issued in anticipation of flash flooding with mud and debris flows impacting Carpinteria and Montecito.

WHEREAS, On January 8, 2018, at approximately 0400 hours extremely heavy rains fell on the Thomas Fire burn area above Montecito and Carpinteria, which were heavily impacted with fallen trees and power lines, major flooding, major road closures, major natural gas leaks, multiple structure on fires, flooded structures, persons trapped in structures requiring rescue, and reports of multiple missing persons, and

WHEREAS, the mud and debris flows that swept through these areas of Santa Barbara County, resulted in, 21 confirmed fatalities, 160 destroyed structures including family residences, and 391 damaged structures including family residences, and major damages to utilities services, including water and sewer systems, electrical power, gas lines, public safety communications, and telephone lines, and;

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2018, Santa Barbara County proclaimed the existence of a local emergency for the THOMAS FIRE/STORM INCIDENT, and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors ratified the Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency on January 9, 2018; and

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2017 the Governor of the State of California, Edmund G. Brown Jr., declared a State of Emergency in accordance with California Emergency Services Act, and authorized disaster funding in support of these disaster events, and

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WHEREAS, on January 02, 2018, the President Donald Trump issued a Presidential Declaration of Emergency (FEMA-4353-DR-CA) for the areas affected by the Thomas Fire; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2018, FEMA granted the State's request for expanded federal disaster aid for the mudflows that occurred as a result of the Thomas Fire; and

WHEREAS, On January 12, 2018, Governor Brown issued Executive Order B-46-18 to further assist recovery efforts related to the Thomas Fire and subsequent mudslides; and

WHEREAS, On January 15, 2018, FEMA approved Individual Assistance and the Presidential Major Disaster Declaration was expanded to include January 9, 2018, flooding, mudflows, and debris flows directly related to the compromised watershed as a result of the Thomas Fire; 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 Director of the Office of Emergency Management is the Operational Area Emergency Management Mutual Aid Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Management Mutual Aid Plan provides, in pertinent part, "[w]hen 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

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WHEREAS, the County Emergency Manager of the County of Santa Barbara requested the mutual assistance of the County of Riverside, pursuant to the Emergency Management Mutual Aid Plan to provide emergency management support in connection with the THOMAS FIRE/STORM INCIDENT; and

WHEREAS, Riverside County provided emergency management mutual aid consisting of emergency management personnel, equipment, and/or materials from December 11, 2017 through January 25, 2018 to assist with emergency management services in connection with the THOMAS FIRE/STORM INCIDENT; and

WHEREAS, Riverside County agrees to document all of its mutual assistance costs related to the THOMAS FIRE/STORM INCIDENT, and submit to Santa Barbara County once requested by Santa Barbara County;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED by and between Santa Barbara County and Riverside County that Santa Barbara County may reimburse all reasonable costs associated with Riverside County emergency management mutual aid assistance during the THOMAS FIRE/STORM INCIDENT.

DATE: APR 10 2018

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE



CHUCK WASHINGTON
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

DATE: 6/15/18

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA



MONA MIYASATO
Director of Emergency Services
County of Santa Barbara

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY:  DATE: 3-21-18
ATTEST: KECIA HARPER-IHEM, Clerk
BY:  DEPUTY