

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



ITEM: 3.14  
(ID # 23358)

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, November 07, 2023

**FROM :** FIRE DEPARTMENT:

**SUBJECT:** FIRE DEPARTMENT: Ratify and Approve the Cost Share Agreement between Riverside County Fire Department, State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE), and USDI Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for the Johnson Fire Incident that occurred on May 20, 2023; District 4 [\$26,142 - 48% Structural Fire Taxes, 52% General Fund]

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

1. Ratify and approve the Cost Share Agreement with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE) and USDI Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for the Johnson Fire Incident CA-RRU-073504; and
2. Authorize the Chair of the Board to execute this Cost Share Agreement on behalf of the County.

**ACTION:**

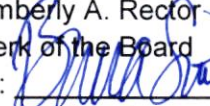
  
Bill Weiser, Fire Department Chief 10/19/2023

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington and Perez  
Nays: None  
Absent: Gutierrez  
Date: November 7, 2023  
xc: Fire

Kimberly A. Rector  
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>	\$ 26,142	\$ 0	\$ 26,142	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 13,594	\$ 0	\$ 13,594	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: Structure Fire Taxes 48%, General Fund 52%.</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment: No</b>	
			<b>For Fiscal Year: 23/24</b>	

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

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

The County Fire Department is an integrated, cooperative, regional fire protection system that provides fire, emergency medical services, technical rescue and hazardous materials response to residents in the unincorporated area and in nineteen partner cities and one community services district. The County of Riverside contracts for fire services from the State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE), to serve as the Riverside County Fire Department.

On May 20, 2023, a vegetation fire occurred in the unincorporated area of Oasis in Riverside County. The incident was named the Johnson Fire (CA-RRU-073504). The Johnson Fire was located in the local responsibility area (LRA) and burned into the USDI Bureau of Indian Affairs area (BIA). CALFIRE, BIA, and Riverside County fire resources were utilized on this incident. Due to the location and threat of the Johnson Fire, the fire costs are shared by Riverside County, CALFIRE, and BIA. A one-time cost share agreement is necessary to distribute the costs of fighting this specific fire incident.

The agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

The cost share agreement has no impact on residents or businesses.

**SUPPLEMENTAL:**

**Additional Fiscal Information**

The Department has paid \$26,142 in direct charges. The costs were incurred as part of our FY 23/24 budget and funded with Structural Fire Taxes and General Fund. No additional funds or budget adjustment is requested.

**Contract History and Price Reasonableness**

This is the second formal cost share agreement between Riverside County and CALFIRE. There is a cooperative agreement for fire services between Riverside County and CALFIRE that was approved by the Board on August 29, 2023, agenda item #03.32. The cooperative agreement, as we know it today, began in 1946 with the appointment of a County Fire Warden. Today, the County Fire Department is a well-integrated system (County, partner cities & State)

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that provides municipal fire protection, advanced life support (paramedic) service, technical rescue and hazardous materials response.

ATTACHMENT: Cost Share Agreement AATF

*Geoff Pemberton*  
Geoff Pemberton, Chief Deputy County Fire 10/19/2023

*Melissa R. Cushman*  
Melissa Cushman 10/19/2023

*Rebecca S Cortez*  
Rebecca S Cortez, Principal Management Analyst 11/2/2023

*Michelle Paradise*  
Michelle Paradise, ACEO 11/2/2023

COST SHARE AGREEMENT for the JOHNSON Incident.

USDI BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, PACIFIC REGION (BIA)

And

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION (CAL FIRE)

And

RIVERSIDE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT (RVC)

The following is the cost share agreement between the above-named agencies as it was negotiated for the following incident.

INCIDENT NAME: JOHNSON

INCIDENT NUMBER BY AGENCY: PN P8JK (1522) / CARRU 073504  
23-CARRU 073504

INCIDENT START DATE AND TIME: 05/20/2023 16:20:42

JURISDICTIONS: CARVC / BIA

INCIDENT CAUSE: UNDER INVESTIGATION

COMMAND STRUCTURE: UNIFIED COMMAND

COST SHARE PERIOD: Start: 05/20/2023 16:20:42  
End: 05/23/2023 18:00:00

INCIDENT COMMANDER (IA): PAUL HEITZMAN (RVC) / EARL WILSON (BIA)  
INCIDENT COMMANDER: KEVIN MCNALLY (RVC) / RAMON GOMEZ (BIA)

AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE: EARL WILSON (BIA as of 05/21/23)  
AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE: WILLIAM OTTERMAN (RVC/CAL FIRE)

UNIFIED ORDERING POINT: PERRIS, ECC

Agency Representatives participating in development of this cost share agreement are:

- Earl Wilson, BIA
- William Otterman, RVC
- Scott Lane, CAL FIRE

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COST SHARE AGREEMENT for the JOHNSON Incident.

This cost share agreement between USDI Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Region (BIA), State of California, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and Riverside County Fire Department (RVC) was prepared under the following guidelines:

1. In accordance with the "California Master Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement" between the USDA Forest Service, USDI Bureau of Land Management, USDI National Park Service, USDI Fish and Wildlife Service, USDI Bureau of Indian Affairs, and CAL FIRE.
2. In accordance with Master Mutual Aid Agreement between the State of California, its various departments and agencies, and the various political subdivisions, municipal corporations, and other public agencies of the State of California
3. All costs originating from orders placed by and for the incident that can be reasonably obtained and estimated for the cost share period will be included in this agreement and will be shared on the basis of the incident commanders, agency representative or line officer mutual agreement.
4. Costs for non-expendable property purchases by each agency will be charged direct to that agency and will not be shared.
5. Costs incurred by cooperators not engaged in joint fire suppression activities will not be included as a part of this cost share agreement.
6. Agency specific costs will not be shared.
7. Responsibility for tort claim costs or compensation for injury costs will not be a part of this agreement. Responsibility for these costs will be determined outside of this agreement.
8. Non-suppression rehabilitation costs are the responsibility of the jurisdictional agency and will not be shared.
9. An administrative charge, the pre-established percentage set by each agency, will be applied pursuant to agency policy by the agency issuing the settlement billing for the net amount owed.
10. USDI Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Region (BIA) agrees to pay all associated costs for resources identified in Appendix A.
11. CAL FIRE agrees to not bill for any associated costs for the resources identified in Appendix B.
12. Riverside County Fire Department (RVC) agrees to pay all associated costs for the resources identified in Appendix C.

COST SHARE AGREEMENT for the JOHNSON Incident.

This agreement and the apportionment are our best judgments of agency cost responsibilities.


**Nathan J. Gogna, Regional Fire Mgmt. Officer  
USDI Bureau of Indian Affairs,  
Pacific Region (BIA)**

**Robert Fish, Deputy Chief  
State of California, Department  
Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)**

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Riverside County Board of Supervisors  
(RVC)**

**Geoff Pemberton, Chief Deputy  
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ATTEST:  
KIMBERLY RECTOR  
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
MINH C. TRAN  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

Dated:   
Deputy

By:   
Melissa R. Cushman  
Deputy County Counsel

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## Appendix A

## BIA Accepted Responsibility

Request Number	Resource
C-2	CRW2 - Idyllwild 621
C-3	CRW1 - Golden Eagles IHC
E-27	ENG3 - Engine - OES - 8636
E-28	ENG3 - Brush - Riverside - 1
E-29	ENG3 - Brush - Hemet - 3
E-30	ENG3 - Brush - Pechanga - 1
E-31	EST1 - 6210A
E-33	EST3 - OES - 6849C
E-34	ENG6 - ENG6 - CANYON PTL-1
E-46	ENG6 - BRUSH - 802
E-49	ENG4 - 5442
O-13	[Wilson, Earl]
O-4	Ruiz SR, Raymond Modesto
O-5	Patterson, Brandon
O-6	Gomez, Ramon
S-4	SNCS - Supplies

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S-5	Fantasy Springs Fire Station
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**Appendix B**

**CAL FIRE Accepted Responsibility**

<b>Request Number</b>	<b>Resource</b>
A-1	HE1S - CDF 903
E-17	DZR2 - Dozer - 3140
E-18	HLSV - Helicopter Support - CDF - 301
E-19	DZTR - Dozer Tender - 3140



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## Appendix C

## RVC Accepted Responsibility

Request Number	Resource	Request Number	Resource
C-1	CRWK - Oak Glen 3	E-45	WTT2 - Water Tender - 83
E-1	ENG1 - Engine - 32	E-47	EXC2 - EXCAVATOR - 24.1 - 28 TON RESTAD GENERAL
E-10	ENG1 - Engine - 40	E-48	LOWBOY - RESTAD GENERAL ENGINEERING 4PE9468 1
E-11	ENG3 - BRUSH - 39	E-5	ENG1 - Engine - 79
E-12	WTT2 - Water Tender - 35	E-50	ENG6 - Patrol - 23
E-13	ENG1 - Engine - 55	E-51	ENG3 - Brush - 70
E-14	ENG1 - Engine - 81	E-6	ENG1 - Engine - 80
E-15	WTT2 - Water Tender - 1	E-7	ENG1 - Engine - 86
E-16	ENG1 - Engine - 35	E-8	ENG1 - Engine - 87
E-2	ENG1 - Engine - 41	E-9	ENG6 - Patrol - 40
E-20	ENG1 - Engine - Palm Springs - 3	E-52	MASSH - for Refrig Truck
E-21	ENG1 - Engine - Cathedral City - 3	O-1	Karp, Justin W
E-22	ENG1 - 2839	O-10	Bingham, Timothy D
E-23	WTT1 - T1 - 2841	O-11	Otterman, William D
E-24	ENG3 - Brush - Soboba - 1	O-12	Tenorio, Ramona M
E-25	ENG3 - Brush - Morongo -	O-2	Heitzmann, Paul A
E-3	ENG1 - Engine - 70	O-7	Skrainar, Mark A
E-32	FDDU - RRU FDU-31	O-8	Matthews, Chris
E-4	ENG3 - Brush - 40	O-9	McNally, Kevin J
E-41	ENG1 - Engine - 72	S-1	HOSE FOR CAT CITY E3
E-42	ENG1 - Engine - 95	S-2	GROCERY FOR FDU
E-43	ENG1 - Engine - 88	S-6	MASSH Lunches
E-44	ENG1 - Engine - 36	S-7	Chelo's Burgers

Date of this finalized agreement: \_\_\_\_\_.

Contacts are:

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COST SHARE AGREEMENT for the JOHNSON Incident.

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