

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



ITEM: 3.17
(ID # 29040)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, October 28, 2025

FROM : FIRE DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: FIRE DEPARTMENT: Ratify and Approve the Cost Share Agreement between Riverside County Fire Department, United States Department of Agriculture United States Forest Service San Bernardino National Forest (SNF) State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), and USDI Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for the Rosa Fire Incident that occurred on August 4, 2025; District 4 [\$0 Direct Charges]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify and Approve the Cost Share Agreement between Riverside County Fire Department, United States Department of Agriculture United States Forest Service San Bernardino National Forest (SNF) State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), and USDI Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for the Rosa Fire Incident F25CARRU-122253 / PN S74H (1532); and
2. Authorize the Chair of the Board to execute this Cost Share Agreement on behalf of the County.

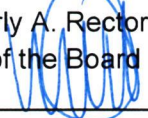
ACTION:


Bill Weiser, Fire Department Chief 10/16/2025

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: October 28, 2025
xc: Fire

Kimberly A. Rector
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: N/A			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 25/26	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Riverside 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 (CAL FIRE), to serve as the Riverside County Fire Department.

On August 4, 2025, a vegetation fire occurred in the unincorporated area of the Mountain Center Community in Riverside County. The incident was named the Rosa Fire (F25CARRU-122253 / PN S74H (1532)). The Rosa Fire was in the local responsibility area (LRA) and burned into the USDA US Forest Service San Bernadino National Forest (SNF), USDI Bureau of Indian Affairs area (BIA). CAL FIRE and Riverside County fire resources were utilized for this incident. Due to the location and threat of the Rosa Fire, the fire costs are shared by Riverside County, CAL FIRE, SNF, 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 no direct charges. The indirect costs incurred were part of our FY 25/26 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 third formal cost share agreement between Riverside County and CAL FIRE. There is a cooperative agreement for fire services between Riverside County and CAL FIRE 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) that

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

Geoff Pemberton 10/9/2025 *Rebecca S Cortez* 10/20/2025
Geoff Pemberton, Chief Deputy County Fire Rebecca S Cortez, Principal Management Analyst

Aaron Gettis 10/16/2025
Aaron Gettis, Chief of Deputy County Counsel

COST SHARE AGREEMENT for the ROSA Incident

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
SAN BERNARDINO NATIONAL FOREST (SNF)

AND

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA)

AND

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

AND

RIVERSIDE COUNTY ON BEHALF OF THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

INCIDENT NAME: ROSA

INCIDENT NUMBER BY AGENCY: F25CARRU-122253 / PN S74H (1532)

INCIDENT START DATE AND TIME: AUGUST 4, 2025 @ 12:28

JURISDICTIONS: CAL FIRE / SAN BERNARDINO NATIONAL FOREST/
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS / RIVERSIDE COUNTY
FIRE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENT CAUSE: UNDER INVESTIGATION

COMMAND STRUCTURE: UNIFIED COMMAND

COST SHARE METHODOLOGY: ACRES BURNED

COST SHARE PERIOD: Start: AUGUST 4, 2025 @ 12:28
End: AUGUST 12, 2025 @ 1323

INCIDENT COMMANDER: TODD HOPKINS (CAL FIRE)
INCIDENT COMMANDER: AVDUL PULA (USFS)

AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR: ROBERT FISH (CAL FIRE)
AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR: DANELLE HARRISON (USFS)

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to Riverside County Clerk of the Board, Stop 1010
Post Office Box 1147, Riverside, Ca 92502-1147
Thank you.

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AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE: TODD HOPKINS (CAL FIRE)
AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE: ANNAMARIE SANTANA (USFS)

UNIFIED ORDERING POINT: CAL FIRE / RVC ECC – PERRIS

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

Dan Olson, CAL FIRE
Annamarie Santana, USFS
David Duran, USFS

This cost share agreement between the United States Forest Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), and the Riverside County Fire Department 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 the Statewide Annual Operating Plan between the State of California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection and USDI Bureau of Indian Affairs – Pacific Region.
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 based on the incident commanders, agency representative or line officers’ 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.

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9. In recognition of their responsibility to provide fire protection services in the unincorporated areas of Riverside County, the Riverside County Fire Department will incur the cost of the resources identified below. The Riverside County Fire Department agrees not to seek reimbursement from CAL FIRE, USFS or BIA for these resources.

REQ	REQUESTED ITEM	RESOURCE
E-1	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	RVC ENGINE 30
E-8	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	PALM DESERT ENGINE 67
E-18	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	RVC ENGINE 23
E-20	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	RANCHO MIRAGE ENGINE 50
E-40	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	RVC ENGINE 35
E-45	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	RANCH MIRAGE ENGINE 69
E-46	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	RVC ENGINE 72
E-51	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	COACHELLA ENGINE 79
E-52	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	RVC ENGINE 83
E-53	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	LA QUINTA ENGINE 93

10. In accordance with the attached documentation, it is hereby agreed that the cost sharing of this incident will be:

AGENCY	GROUND RESOURCES	AIRCRAFT/RETARDANT
USFS	31.6%	31.6%
BIA*	0%	0%
CAL FIRE	68.4%	68.4%
RIVERSIDE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT	0%	0%
TOTAL	100%	100%

11. The cost share settlement for the Rosa Fire will be between CAL FIRE and USFS.
12. BIA accepts financial responsibility to reimburse a portion of CAL FIRE's costs (*37.45%) per terms in the Statewide AOP between CAL FIRE and BIA. CAL FIRE will bill BIA separately from the settlement process with the USFS for CAL FIRE ground resources and aircraft.
13. The following agencies will be responsible for collecting actual cost/expenditure data that will make up the final package of shareable costs.

COST SOURCES

United States Forest Service
 State of California – CAL FIRE
 Riverside County

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY

San Bernardino National Forest
 CAL FIRE – Riverside Unit
 Riverside County Fire Department

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- 14. Within 10 months the parties to this agreement will meet to determine the total costs of each agency. Agency cost packages will be developed per the *Cooperative Incident Billing Procedures*. The agency whose total actual costs exceed their proportional share of the overall incident final costs as determined within this agreement will bill the other agency. The billing, when paid, will result in each agency sharing overall incident costs as herein agreed.
- 15. 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.

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

United States Department of Agriculture
United States Forest Service

State of California, Department
Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

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ATTEST:
KIMBERLY A. RECTOR, Clerk

By _____
DEPUTY

County of Riverside on behalf of the
Riverside County Fire Department
By: V. Manuel Perez
V. Manuel Perez, Chair
Riverside County Board of Supervisors

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: Melissa R. Cushman 10/15/2025
MELISSA R. CUSHMAN DATE

Date of this finalized agreement: OCT 28 2025

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Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

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KIMBERLY A. RECTOR , Clerk

By

[Signature]
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