

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



**ITEM: 3.8**  
(ID # 30189)

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, May 05, 2026

**FROM :** FIRE DEPARTMENT

**SUBJECT:** FIRE DEPARTMENT: Ratify and Approve the Cost Share Agreement between Riverside County Fire Department, and State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE) for the NIXON Fire Incident that occurred on July 29, 2024; District 3 [\$0 Direct Charges]

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

1. Ratify and Approve the Cost Share Agreement between Riverside County Fire Department, and State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE) for the NIXON Fire Incident F24CARRU-115141; and
2. Authorize the Chair of the Board to execute this Cost Share Agreement on behalf of the County.

**ACTION:**

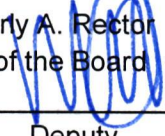
  
Robert Fish, Fire Department Chief 3/24/2026

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, and Perez  
Nays: None  
Absent: Gutierrez  
Date: May 5, 2026  
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>	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:</b> N/A			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	<b>No</b>
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	FY24/25

**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 July 29, 2024, a vegetation fire occurred in the unincorporated area of Aguanga in Riverside County. The incident was named the NIXON (24CARRU115141) Incident. CALFIRE and Riverside County fire resources were utilized for this incident. Due to the location and threat of the NIXON Fire, the fire costs are shared by Riverside County, and CALFIRE. 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.

**Additional Fiscal Information**

The Department has paid no direct charges for this fire incident. The use of the Riverside County Fire Department's Type 1 Fire Engines for structure defense is at no direct cost.

**Contract History and Price Reasonableness**

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

**Attachments:** Nixon Fire Cost Share Agreements

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Geoff Pemberton, Chief Deputy County Fire

3/24/2026

*Melissa R. Cushman*  
Melissa Cushman

4/20/2026

*Rebecca S Cortez*  
Rebecca S Cortez, Principal Management Analyst

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*Aaron Gettis*  
Aaron Gettis, Chief Deputy County Counsel

3/27/2026

**COST SHARE AGREEMENT for the NIXON (24CARRU115141) Incident.**

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

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE on behalf of 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: NIXON

INCIDENT NUMBER BY AGENCY: F24CARRU-115141

INCIDENT START DATE AND TIME: July 29, 2024 @ 13:29

JURISDICTIONS: CAL FIRE / RIVERSIDE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENT CAUSE: UNDER INVESTIGATION

COMMAND STRUCTURE: UNIFIED COMMAND

METHODOLOGY: You Order You Pay

COST SHARE PERIOD: Start: JULY 29, 2024 @ 13:29  
End: AUGUST 7, 2024 @ 23:59

INCIDENT COMMANDER: TODD HOPKINS (CAL FIRE)

AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR: BILL WEISER (CAL FIRE)

AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE: TODD HOPKINS (CAL FIRE)

UNIFIED ORDERING POINT: CAL FIRE / RVC ECC – PERRIS

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

TODD HOPKINS, CAL FIRE  
GEOFF PEMBERTON, RIVERSIDE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

This cost share agreement between the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), and the County of Riverside on behalf of Riverside County Fire Department was prepared under the following guidelines:

**COST SHARE AGREEMENT for the NIXON (24CARRU115141) Incident.**

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. 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.
3. Costs for non-expendable property purchases by each agency will be charged direct to that agency and will not be shared.
4. Costs incurred by cooperators not engaged in joint fire suppression activities will not be included as a part of this cost share agreement.
5. Agency-specific costs will not be shared.
6. 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.
7. Non-suppression rehabilitation costs are the responsibility of the jurisdictional agency and will not be shared.
8. 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 for these resources.

REQ	REQUESTED ITEM	RESOURCE
E-1	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	RVC ENGINE 30
E-4	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	RVC ENGINE 53
E-5	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	RVC ENGINE 77
E-6	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	TEMECULA ENGINE 84
E-10	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	TEMECULA ENGINE 95
E-11	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	RVC ENGINE 96

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E-12	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	TEMECULA ENGINE 92
E-15	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	TEMECULA ENGINE 73
E-16	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	RVC ENGINE 75
E-17	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	RVC ENGINE 23
E-18	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	RVC ENGINE 26
E-22	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	WILDOMAR ENGINE 61
E-39	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	TEMECULA ENGINE 12
E-40	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	RVC ENGINE 17
E-41	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	PALM DESERT ENGINE 33
E-42	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	RVC ENGINE 41
E-43	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	PALM DESERT ENGINE 67
E-44	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	MENIFEE ENGINE 68
E-45	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	MENIFEE ENGINE 76
E-46	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	RVC ENGINE 83
E-47	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	RVC ENGINE 9
E-48	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	MORENO VALLEY ENGINE 91
E-93	ENG STRIKE TEAM TYPE 1	6001A
E-93.1	STRIKE TEAM LEADER	MARK GRASSO
E-93.2	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	RVC ENGINE 9
E-93.3	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	RVC ENGINE 83
E-93.4	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	PALM DESERT ENGINE 33
E-93.5	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	PALM DESERT ENGINE 67
E-93.6	ENG1-ENGINE TYPE 1	TEMECULA ENGINE 12

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

AGENCY	GROUND RESOURCES	AIRCRAFT/RETARDANT
CAL FIRE	89%	100%
RIVERSIDE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT	11%	0%
TOTAL	100%	100%

10. The following agencies will be responsible for collecting actual cost/expenditure data that will make up the final package of shareable costs.

**COST SHARE AGREEMENT for the NIXON (24CARRU115141) Incident.**

**COST SOURCES**

State of California – CAL FIRE  
Riverside County

**RESPONSIBLE AGENCY**

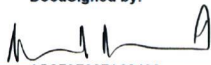
CAL FIRE – Riverside Unit  
Riverside County Fire Department

- 11. 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.
- 12. 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.

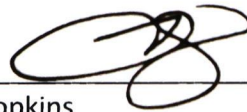
This agreement and the apportionment are our best judgments of agency cost responsibilities.

Riverside County Fire Department

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

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Geoff Pemberton  
Chief Deputy



Todd Hopkins  
Assistant Chief, Incident Commander

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Riverside County Board of Supervisors  
**KAREN SPIEGEL**


**CHAIR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**ATTEST:**  
**KIMBERLY A. RECTOR, Clerk**

By   
**DEPUTY**

Date of this finalized agreement: MAY 0 5 2026

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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY:   
**AARON C. GETTIS** 3-27-26  
DATE

COST AGREEMENT BETWEEN CALFIRE AND RIVERSIDE COUNTY FIRE

NIXON FIRE 24-CA-RRU-115141

RIVERSIDE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AGREES TO PAY FOR THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES:

1. ALL TYPE 1 FIRE ENGINES
  - a. TYPE 1 FIRE ENGINES WERE UTILIZED FOR STRUCTURE DEFENSE

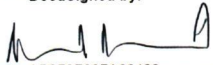
CALFIRE AGREES TO PAY FOR THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES:

1. ALL TYPE 3 FIRE ENGINES
2. ALL TYPE 6 FIRE ENGINES
3. ALL WATER TENDERS
4. ALL AIRCRAFT
5. ALL OVERHEAD
6. ALL SUPPORT/LOGISTICAL COST
7. ALL ICP COST
  - a. TYPE 3 FIRE ENGINES, TYPE 6 FIRE ENGINES, WATER TENDERS, ALL AIRCRAFT, ALL OVERHEAD WERE UTILIZED FOR PERIMETER CONTROL

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