

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN BUTTE COUNTY AND  
COUNTY OF TULARE SHERIFF'S OFFICE PERTAINING TO  
ASSISTANCE UNDER THE LAW ENFORCEMENT MUTUAL AID PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, on November 8, 2018, an urban firestorm (referred to hereafter as the Camp Fire) formed in the densely populated foothill town of Paradise, California. The fire started on Camp Creek Road near the unincorporated area known as Pulga, and caused at least 86 civilian fatalities, injured 12 civilians and 5 firefighters, covered an area of 153,336 acres, and destroyed 18,793 structures within the Town of Paradise as well as the communities of Concow, Yankee Hill, Pulga and Magalia. Conditions contributing to this event include, but are not limited to: drought conditions for several years, heavy grass cover sprouted by a late spring rainfall, dry weather for seven months, and a gusting high wind event the day of the fire with gusts of 25-35 mph; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 12, 2018, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved emergency assistance through the major disaster declaration (FEMA-4407-DR-CA); and

**WHEREAS**, the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Plan is issued and revised under the authority of Sections 8550, 8569, 8615 through 8619, and 8668 of the California Government Code, the California Emergency Plan, and the Master Mutual Aid Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Plan delineates the current state policy concerning law enforcement mutual aid; and

**WHEREAS**, the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Plan describes the standard procedures used to acquire law enforcement mutual aid resources and the method to ensure coordination of law enforcement mutual aid planning and readiness; and

**WHEREAS**, the county sheriff is the Operational Area Law Enforcement and Mutual Aid Coordinator; and

**WHEREAS**, Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Plan provides, in pertinent part, "When an emergency develops or appears to be developing which cannot be resolved by a law enforcement agency 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 Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Plan provides, in pertinent part, "A request for law enforcement mutual aid requires the approval of the chief law enforcement officer of the requesting jurisdiction;" and

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff of Butte County requested the mutual aid assistance of COUNTY OF TULARE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, pursuant to the Law

Enforcement Mutual Aid Plan to support law enforcement services in connection with the Camp Fire; and

**WHEREAS**, COUNTY OF TULARE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, provided mutual aid assistance consisting of law enforcement personnel, equipment, and materials from November 12, 2018 through May 8, 2019 to assist with law enforcement services in connection with the Camp Fire; and

**WHEREAS**, COUNTY OF TULARE SHERIFF'S OFFICE agrees to document all of its mutual aid assistance costs related to the Camp Fire as attachments to this MOA and submit to Butte County as soon as practicable; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED** by and between the COUNTY OF TULARE SHERIFF'S OFFICE and Butte County may reimburse all reasonable costs associated with COUNTY OF TULARE SHERIFF'S OFFICE law enforcement mutual aid assistance during the Camp Fire.

BUTTE COUNTY

COUNTY OF TULARE

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Kuyler Crocker  
Title: Chairman, Tulare County Board of Supervisors  
Date: April 30, 2019

ATTEST: Jason T. Britt  
County Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board  
of Supervisors of the County of Tulare

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved as to Form  
Tulare County Counsel

By Bill Malley 4/2/2019  
Deputy Date  
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