# LAKE TAHOE REGIONAL. FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION AMENDED AND RESTATED FIRE AND EMERGENCY MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

This agreement amends and restates the Fire and Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement dated the 10th day of July, 1996, by and among the fire service agencies whose names are set forth In Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

#### WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, each of the above-named agencies (sometimes referred to as a "Party" or the "Parties") maintains and operates a fire organization within their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Parties hereto desire to enter Into a mutual aid agreement for the purposes hereinafter set forth, pursuant to federal, Nevada, California and local government statutory authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereto mutually agree as follows:

- Each Party agrees, upon request made to such Party's dispatch center, to furnish personnel, resources and facilities to any other Party as may be necessary to suppress fire or mitigate any emergency incident of such magnitude that is, or is likely to be, beyond the capacity of control of a single agency and requires the combined forces of additional agencies.
- 2. No Signatory to this agreement shall be required to deplete unreasonably its emergency resources.
- 3. Such mutual aid shall be within the geographic boundaries of the membership of the Lake Tahoe Regional Fire Chiefs' Association. See Map attached as Exhibit B.
- 4. Any mutual aid extended under this agreement is done with the express understanding that the responsible local fire official in whose jurisdiction any Incident requiring mutual aid has occurred shall have designated an Incident commander at such Incident for that jurisdiction.
- 5. Except as otherwise provided herein, reimbursement for personnel, apparatus and support equipment will begin after the twenty-fourth (24th) hour. Should personnel, apparatus or support equipment be requested for assignment to a Mobilization Center for standby duty, the reimbursement period shall begin with the time of Initial dispatch of said personnel, apparatus or support equipment from its home base, Additionally, there shall be only one twenty-four (24)-hour period for each person, apparatus, or support equipment from time of original

- dispatch, regardless of number of assignments or Forest Agencies committing said personnel, apparatus or support equipment until return to the home base.
- 6. If reimbursement is available as a result of a declaration of disaster, grant and/or cost recovery, reimbursement for personnel, apparatus and support equipment shall cover the entire time of commitment, beginning at the time of initial dispatch from the Party's home base, to the time of return to home base. Unless such reimbursement is available, there shall be no reimbursement for responses of less than twenty-four (24) hours duration. Events that are cost recoverable and/or payable through state or federal funding, or from third parties determined responsible for cost reimbursement, shall be paid as set forth in the Reimbursement Procedures (Exhibit A, Reimbursement Policy and Procedures to the Agreement for Local Government Fire and Emergency Assistance Between the State of California, Emergency Management Agency; State of California, Department of Forestry and fire Protection; LI.SD.A. Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region,; U.S. ail Bureau of Land Management, California State Office; and Us al, National Park Service, Pacific West Field Region; 0.5.0.1., Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Southwest Region; and 0.5.0.1. Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Region (the "CFAA"). It is the Intention of the Parties that reimbursement for personnel and equipment shall parallel the provisions of the CFAA, as amended from time to time, specifically with respect to reimbursable time, personnel rates and equipment rates. Where incident costs are subject to cost apportionment among federal, state and/or local agencies, it Is the intention of the Parties that costs apportioned to any local agency signatory to this Agreement shall include the value of all LTRFCA resources committed pursuant to this Agreement from the time of initial dispatch from the unit's home base, Participating agencies providing ground ambulance mutual aid resources reserve the right to bill any patient(s) treated and/or transported consistent with the transporting agency billing policies and procedures.
- 7. In the event of any claim or litigation between the signatories alleging liability on the part of any Party hereto, or any combination of Parties hereto, any action or omission to act under the terms of this Agreement each Party shall provide for its own defense and bear any and all costs thereof.
- 8. Nothing in this Section shall create or be construed to create any right of action on the part of any Party or entity not a Signatory to this Agreement, nor create the status of third party beneficiary for any person or entity.
- 9. It is the specific intent of the Parties in entering into this agreement that it is not, and shall not be construed to be a joint powers agreement under the provision of California or Nevada law.

- 10. All signatories to this Agreement shall, in so far as is reasonable, use the terminology and organization structure of the National Interagency Incident Management System (NIIMS) and/or the Incident Command System (ICS).
- 11. It shall be policy for the agency requesting aid to release the assisting agencies from emergency duties as soon as practicable.
- 12. This Agreement shall not interfere with or replace any mutual aid or other operational agreements between agencies signatory to this Agreement or to agreements between a signatory and a Forest Agency, In the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of this Agreement and any bilateral agreement between participating agencies or a party and another agency, the latter shall prevail.
- 13. The Lake Tahoe Regional Fire Chiefs' Association shall elect from among its California members a Tahoe Basin Fire and Rescue Operational Area Coordinator, who shall concurrently serve as the California Emergency Management Agency Tahoe Basin Fire and Rescue Operational Area Coordinator, who shall coordinate the dispatch of mutual aid resources subject to this Agreement with the requesting agency incident commander.
- 14. All requests for mutual aid provided for In this Agreement shall be made through established and approved communication channels to the Lake Tahoe Regional Fire Chiefs' Association Operational Area Coordinator. Such requests shall be made by a responsible fire official of the agency requesting aid, Interstate and cross-border mutual aid between California and Nevada is rendered pursuant to the SUPPLEMENTAL INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR EMERGENCY MUTUAL ASSISTANCE between the States of California and Nevada, dated July 19, 2007, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit C.
- 15. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect from the date hereof until terminated or amended by the Lake Tahoe Regional Fire Chiefs' Association, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, any party hereto may withdraw from this agreement by giving thirty (30) days prior notice in writing to the Association president and the designated mutual aid emergency coordinator,
- 16. The parties to this Agreement may, from time to time, adopt by resolution an Annual Operations Plan setting forth a detailed plan for implementation of this Mutual Aid Agreement. A copy of the Operations Plan shall be attached to this Agreement as Exhibit D.

AGREED TO THIS	DAY OF	_ 2020,	BY THE	PARTIES	HERETO	AS	SET
FORTH ON THE ATTACH	FD FXHIBIT "A".						

## EXHIBIT "A"

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Full Member:					
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Cal Fire - AEU		Meeks Bay Fire Protection District			
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Cal Fire NEU		Nevada Division of Forestry			
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Carson City Fire Department		Nevada State Fire Marshal			
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Central Lyon County Fire Protection District		North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District			
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East Fork Fire & Paramedic Dist	trict	North Lyon County Fire Protection District			
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Eastern Alpine Fire/Rescue		North Tahoe Fire Protection District			
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Bear Valley Fire Department		Kirkwood Fire Department		
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#### 2020 OPERATIONS PLAN

THIS OPERATIONS PLAN provides specific actions to implement the Lake Tahoe Regional Fire Chiefs Association Fire and Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement dated July 10th, 1996 (the "Agreement") This Operations Plan will be effective January 1, 2020, and will continue in effect until replaced.

1. The Cooperators listed in Exhibit "A" to the Agreement as appropriate and signatory agencies for 2020 are:

### Full Members:

Bureau of Land Management - Carson District

Cal Fire - AEU

Cal Fire - NEU

Carson City Fire Department

Central Lyon County Fire Protection District

East Fork Fire & Paramedic District

Eastern Alpine County

Fallen Leaf Lake Volunteer Fire Department

Lake Valley Fire Protection District

Meeks Bay Fire Protection District

Nevada Division of Forestry

Nevada State Fire Marshal

North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District

North Lyon County Fire Protection District

North Tahoe Fire Protection District

Northstar Fire Department

Reno Fire Department

South Lake Tahoe Fire Department

Sparks Fire Department

Squaw Valley Fire Department

Storey County Fire Department

**Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District** 

Truckee Fire Protection District

Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District

US Forest Service - Lake Tahoe Basin

#### Associate Members:

Antelope Valley Fire Protection District

Bear Valley Fire Department

Care Flight

Kirkwood Fire Department

A map setting forth the response area for the Agreement based on these Cooperators is attached as Exhibit D-1.

- 2. The time frame for all LTRFCA mutual aid resources to be "without cost" as described in Paragraph 5 of the LTRFCA Mutual Aid Agreement for the Cooperators described in Paragraph 1 shall be twenty-four (24) hours, except as otherwise provided at Paragraph 5 of the LTRFCA Mutual Aid Agreement.
  - a. Within 24 hours of the dispatch of Cooperator resources, the Agency Representative shall provide notice of status of payment or reimbursement for committed Cooperator

Resources to the LTRFCA Operational Area Coordinator and to each cooperating agency. In the event no determination on payment or reimbursement has been made within such 24 hour period, Cooperator resources shall be released from the incident unless each of the participating agencies reaffirm, as to their respective resources, specific approval for additional 24 hour Operating Period(s) of commitment to the incident without compensation.

- b. Any Cooperator Strike Team or single resource committed to the Incident shall have priority in remaining on the Incident if payment for resources is arranged after the initial twenty-four (24) hours.
- 3. The LTRFCA may provide an Agency Representative to any incident where one (1) strike team or more LTRFCA Cooperator resources are committed.
  - a. This Agency Representative shall respond to the incident within four (4) hours of dispatch of Cooperator resources.
  - b. The Agency Representative shall not be from a hosting agency of the incident.
  - c. The Agency Representative must be able to assist in facilitating usage of the Cooperator resources, negotiating cost reimbursement decisions and providing other services of Agency Representative, as described in the Field Operations Guide (ICS 420-1), for twenty-four (24) hours.

## 4. Dispatch Procedures

- a. All LTRFCA Fire and Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement Cooperator resources must be requested through Washoe County Dispatch. Washoe County Dispatch shall notify the Federal Dispatch Agency having jurisdiction: Minden ECC or Camino ECC, if applicable, of commitment of Cooperator resources.
- b. LTRFCA Cooperator resources dispatched under this Operations Plan shall be given the identifier "TFC" followed by year, sequential number for that season, and NWCG Type designator, e.g. "Strike Team TFC 14-2 C" would signify LTRFCA Strike Team number 2 for 2014, consisting of Type 3 engines.
- c. All Cooperators shall notify Washoe County Dispatch whenever they are in a "draw down" state limiting their ability to commit resources to support the Agreement and shall update Washoe County Dispatch as conditions change.
- d. Washoe County Dispatch shall provide LTRFCA resource status notifications and updates to California Office of Emergency Services and Nevada Department of Emergency Management, as appropriate, at time of dispatch and shall request confirmation that resources dispatched from one state into the other are intended as interstate emergency assistance under the terms of the SUPPLEMENTAL INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR EMERGENCY MUTUAL ASSISTANCE dated July 19, 2007 or any successor agreement thereto.
- 5. All Cooperator resources shall be able to support their operations for forty-eight (48) hours without logistical support from the incident, including meals for crew, fuel and emergency repairs.