



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 14, 2023

PRESENTER: Chief John Golden

SUBJECT: Ratification of Memorandum of Agreement with Madera County for Reimbursement of Mutual Aid Expenses for the Fork Fire (JG)

RECOMMENDATION: Council by motion adopt resolution ratifying the Memorandum of Agreement with Madera County for reimbursement of Mutual Aid expenses for the Oak Fire.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On September 7, 2022, an extreme wildfire swept through the Madera County region known as the FORK FIRE. In the event of such local emergencies, mutual aid is activated to gain the support of allied agencies.

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

On September 7, 2023, the Madera County Sheriff's Office requested the mutual aid assistance of the Kerman Police Department, pursuant to the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Plan to support law enforcement services in connection with the FORK FIRE.

The Kerman Police Department provided mutual aid assistance consisting of law enforcement personnel, equipment, and materials to assist with law enforcement services in connection with the FORK FIRE.

Approval of the attached resolution will ratify the Memorandum of Agreement will permit the City of Kerman to be reimbursed for costs incurred in providing mutual aid.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Ratification of the Memorandum of Agreement will result in full cost recovery for FORK FIRE mutual aid by the City of Kerman

ATTACHMENTS:

A. Resolution w/Exhibit

Attachment 'A'

RESOLUTION NO. 23- ____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KERMAN RATIFYING EXECUTION OF
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN MADERA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE
CITY OF KERMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT PERTAINING TO ASSISTANCE UNDER THE LAW
ENFORCEMENT MUTUAL AID PLAN**

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2022, the Fork Fire, an extreme wildfire, fueled by heavy brush, gusty winds and low humidity swept through the region; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services approved emergency assistance through the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA 2022-08); for the Fork Fire;

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, Kerman Police Department provided mutual aid assistance consisting of law enforcement personnel, equipment, and materials to assist with law enforcement services in connection with the Fork Fire; and

WHEREAS, Kerman Police Department agrees to document all of its mutual aid assistance costs related to the Fork Fire as attachments to this MOA and submit to the Madera County Sheriff's Office as soon as practicable; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED by and between the Kerman Police Department and the Madera County Sheriff's Office that the Madera County Sheriff's Office may reimburse all reasonable costs associated with the law enforcement mutual aid assistance during the Fork Fire.

The foregoing resolution was considered by the City Council of the City of Kerman at a regular meeting of said Council held on June 14, 2023, and adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

The foregoing resolution is hereby approved.

Bill Nijjer
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Marci Reyes
City Clerk