

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SONORA AND THE TWAIN HARTE
COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, THE MI-WUK SUGAR PINE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, THE
TUOLUMNE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND THE TUOLUMNE BAND OF ME-WUK INDIANS
PERTAINING TO ASSISTANCE UNDER THE CALIFORNIA FIRE AND RESCUE MUTUAL AID SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2026, extreme fire conditions, including strong winds and low humidity, contributed to a fire that swept through the region; and

WHEREAS, this fire is referred to as the “Dove Fire;” and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2026, a Presidential Declaration of Emergency (FEMA-5652-FM-CA) was issued; and

WHEREAS, the California Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System 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 California Disaster and Civil Defense Master Mutual Aid Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the California Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System delineates the current state policy concerning fire service mutual aid; and

WHEREAS, the California Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System describes the standard procedures used to acquire fire service mutual aid resources and the method to ensure coordination of fire service mutual aid planning and readiness; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sonora Fire Chief is the Operational Area Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, the California Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System provides, in pertinent part, “When an emergency develops or appears to be developing which cannot be resolved by a fire agency within an Operational Area, it is the responsibility of the Operational Area Fire and Rescue Coordinator to provide assistance and coordination to control the problem;” and

WHEREAS, the California Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System provides, in pertinent part, “A request for fire service mutual aid requires the approval of the fire chief of the requesting jurisdiction;” and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief of the City of Sonora requested the mutual aid assistance of the Twain Harte Community Services District, the Mi-Wuk Sugar Pine Fire Protection District, the Tuolumne County Fire Department, and the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians, pursuant to the California Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System, to support fire suppression and emergency protective services in connection with the Dove Fire; and

WHEREAS, the Twain Harte Community Services District, the Mi-Wuk Sugar Pine Fire Protection District, the Tuolumne County Fire Department, and the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians provided mutual aid assistance consisting of fire personnel, equipment, and materials from July 28, 2026 through August 1, 2026, to assist with fire suppression and emergency protective services in connection with the Dove Fire; and

WHEREAS, the Twain Harte Community Services District, the Mi-Wuk Sugar Pine Fire Protection District, the Tuolumne County Fire Department, and the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians each agree to document all of their respective mutual aid assistance costs related to the Dove Fire; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED by and between the City of Sonora and the Twain Harte Community Services District, the Mi-Wuk Sugar Pine Fire Protection District, the Tuolumne County Fire Department, and the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians that the City of Sonora shall reimburse all reasonable costs associated with the Twain Harte Community Services District's, the Mi-Wuk Sugar Pine Fire Protection District's, the Tuolumne County Fire Department's, and the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians' fire service mutual aid assistance during the Dove Fire.

CITY OF SONORA

By _____
Name:
Fire Chief
Date: _____

TWAIN HARTE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

By _____
Name:
Title:
Date: _____

MI-WUK SUGAR PINE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TUOLUMNE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

By _____
Name:
Title:
Date: _____

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Date: _____

TUOLUMNE BAND OF ME-WUK INDIANS

By _____
Name:
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Date: _____