Title: Mutual Aid Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between County of Butte and the City of Sacramento

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Pass a Motion authorizing the City Manager, or City Manager’s designee, to: 1) execute a post-event Mutual Aid MOU between the City of Sacramento and the County of Butte for the Camp Fire in the amount of $200,000; and 2) adjust the revenue and expense budgets in the Police Department’s operating budget by $200,000.

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Presenter: None

Attachments:
1-Description/Analysis
2-Butte County MOA
Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: On November 8, 2018, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) declared a state of emergency and sought fire management assistance for the Camp Fire, located in Butte County. Extreme conditions consisted of unpredictable winds, low humidity and drought which burned 153,336 acres and destroyed thousands of homes and businesses, power poles, public safety communications, and telephone lines. The Sacramento Police Department (SPD) responded with immediate mutual aid resources to address all emergency management, evacuation and mutual aid needs for the incident.

Policy Considerations: The recommendations contained in this report are consistent with City Code 3.04.020 requiring City Council approval to execute agreements greater than $100,000.

Economic Impact: None.

Environmental Considerations: Not applicable. This report concerns rescue and law enforcement response activities that do not constitute a “project” as defined by section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and is otherwise exempt pursuant to sections 15061(b)(3); 15378(b)(2).

Sustainability: Not applicable.

Commission/Committee Action: Not applicable.

Rationale for Recommendation: As a Mutual Aid responding agency, the City of Sacramento incurred expenses in response to the Camp Fire in November and December 2018. Staff recommends approval of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to recover these expenses.

Financial Considerations: Executing this MOA will allow the Police Department to recover approximately 94% of the total expenses incurred. The balance will be supported with the SPD’s operating budget.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable.
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 City of Sacramento, pursuant to the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Plan to
support law enforcement services in connection with the Camp Fire; and

WHEREAS, City of Sacramento, provided mutual aid assistance consisting of law enforcement personnel, equipment, and materials from November 8, 2018 through May 8, 2019 to assist with law enforcement services in connection with the Camp Fire; and

WHEREAS, City of Sacramento 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 City of Sacramento and Butte County may reimburse all reasonable costs associated with City of Sacramento’s law enforcement mutual aid assistance during the Camp Fire.

BUTTE COUNTY

By: ____________________________
Name: __________________________
Title: __________________________ 
Date: __________________________

City of Sacramento

By: ____________________________
Name: __________________________
Title: __________________________
Date: __________________________