

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN THE  
COUNTY OF EL DORADO  
AND THE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
ERADICATION AND PREVENTION OF ILLICIT CANNABIS (EPIC) PROGRAM**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by the parties regarding the Eradication and Prevention of Illicit Cannabis (EPIC) program for the purpose of identifying agency responsibilities related to illicit cannabis eradication operations conducted in El Dorado County.

**I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The period covered by this Agreement shall be from July 1, 2026, through October 30, 2026.

An eradication team(s) will be assigned to a region that may provide eradication services to El Dorado County and will be comprised of law enforcement personnel from local, state, and federal agencies. The Sheriff will be responsible for carrying out the law enforcement function of the team(s). The EPIC Operations Commander and the Regional Operations Commander (ROC) will be responsible for the overall coordination of team efforts, including general operating procedures and coordinating priorities. EPIC team leaders will be responsible for the timely completion and submission of marijuana seizure reports when the team is involved in a raid. When the eradication team is not involved, the Sheriff will assume this responsibility.

EPIC teams will abide by the law enforcement policies, rules, and regulations as set forth by the Sheriff of the county in which they are working. If a conflict in policy should arise and cannot be resolved, the EPIC Commander and the Sheriff, (or his or her designee), will meet to resolve the conflict.

Personnel assigned to the EPIC program, while operating in El Dorado County, shall be deemed to be continuing under the employment of their jurisdiction and shall have the same powers, duties, privileges, responsibilities, and immunities as are conferred upon them as peace officers in their own jurisdictions.

For the purpose of indemnification of team personnel and their participating agency against any loss, damage, or liability arising out of the services and activities of the teams; personnel assigned by any agency shall be deemed to be continuing under the employment of that agency and covered by workers' compensation to the extent such coverage applies in this situation.

Each agency contributing personnel resources to the teams will be responsible for all salaries and benefits of such employees.

**II. AGENCY COMMITMENTS**

The El Dorado County Sheriff's Department is committed to furnishing a lead deputy while EPIC teams are operational in El Dorado County and be responsible for the disposition of all contraband and evidence seized during EPIC operations. The local jurisdiction shall conduct the investigation and have the responsibility to prosecute any arrested suspects with their District Attorney's Office.

