

**Memorandum of Understanding  
Between El Dorado County and the  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection**

WHEREAS, The County of El Dorado proclaimed a local emergency due to the outbreak of the Angora Fire on Sunday, June 24, and the Board of Supervisors ratified said action on Tuesday, June 26; and

WHEREAS, As a result of the Angora Fire, 259 residential structures have been destroyed; and

WHEREAS, As a result of the Angora Fire, serious health and safety hazards currently exist from fire debris, including dead dying and diseased trees and other vegetation which constitute a hazard to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, The expeditious identification, felling, and treatment of hazardous trees and other hazardous vegetation, is in the best interest of the citizens of El Dorado County; and

WHEREAS, On July 2, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, in response to the Angora fire, issued an executive order directing that “the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services and all affected State agencies provide assistance to the County of El Dorado;”

WHEREAS, The Governor’s executive order states that “Support provided by the State for implementation of the California Disaster Assistance Act will include but is not limited to the use of state personnel and state contractors to support recovery operations;”

NOW THEREFORE, the following Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of El Dorado (COUNTY) and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) shall govern activities for the Angora Fire Hazardous Tree and Vegetation Identification and Removal project:

Tree and Vegetation Identification and Removal

1. COUNTY will administer the scope of work and contracts related to hazardous tree identification and removal, as written in the “Scope of Work for the Angora Fire Hazardous Tree and Vegetation Identification and Removal Project” which is made a part of this MOU as Attachment A.
2. CAL FIRE will verify Contractor Licenses and Qualifications in accordance with Attachment A.

3. CAL FIRE will enforce the California Forest Protection Act Rules as they relate to Contractor activities regarding the hazardous tree identification and removal.
4. COUNTY and Cal Fire agree that the determination of hazardous trees to be removed will be made by the registered professional forester retained by the licensed timber operator.

### Funding

1. COUNTY and CAL FIRE estimate the preliminary cost of the Hazardous Tree and Vegetation Identification and Removal project is approximately \$1.5 million.
2. In order to begin hazardous tree and vegetation removal as expeditiously as possible, COUNTY will provide \$1.5 million to initiate the hazardous tree and vegetation identification and removal program.
3. COUNTY will seek reimbursement from the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) for costs related to the Angora Fire Hazardous Tree Identification and Removal Project.
4. COUNTY will seek a Proposition 40 grant from CAL FIRE for removal of dead, dying, and diseased vegetation that does not meet the hazard tree standards of the CDAA.
5. COUNTY will use its best efforts to enforce the provisions of the Right of Entry permit, including but not limited to those provisions regarding any insurance payments made related to hazardous tree removal costs from affected homeowners.

The County of El Dorado Officer or employee with responsibility for administering this Agreement is Gerri Silva, Director of Environmental Management, or successor.

The parties to this agreement warrant and represent that the undersigned individuals executing this agreement on their respective behalf are fully authorized to do so by law or other appropriate instrument and to bind upon said parties the obligations set forth herein.

**COUNTY OF EL DORADO**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Helen K. Baumann, Chair  
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:  
Cindy Keck, Clerk  
of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

**California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

BY

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name  
Title

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Corporate Secretary