

Memo To: El Dorado County Air Pollution Control District

Dave Johnson, Air Pollution Control Officer

From: Steering Committee, The Fire MOU Partnership

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The Fire MOU Partnership is an expanding collaborative partnership in California with the sole purpose to expand the appropriate use of fire on the California Landscape.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this MOU is to document the cooperation between the parties to increase the use of fire to meet ecological and other management objectives including the protection of public health and community safety.

The Fire MOU Partnership was initiated in the fall of 2015 with twelve partners including the Forest Service, CAL FIRE, numerous regional fire safe councils and NGO partners.

The agreement was for five years and in 2021 we have initiated a renewal of the original agreement for another five-year period. We are reaching out to additional important stakeholders including CA Air Resource Board, numerous County Air Districts, additional NGOs, State Parks and Recreation and others to encourage becoming a Fire MOU Partner.

The Fire MOU Partnership is solely driven by our purpose and all commitments are voluntary. There are no legally binding obligations and not exchange of fund via this partnership agreement. The Fire MOU Partnership has three emphasis areas: Fire Restoration Workforce Capacity Building, Fire Policy and Fire Communication & Outreach.

We are asking the El Dorado County Air Quality Management District to join us along with other Air Districts due to the nexus between fire, smoke, and public health to help build awareness of fire's role in the California landscape and how citizens can best protect themselves from the damaging fire events we have seen in the recent past.

The 2021 revised Fire MOU agreement is available electronically and we suggest that Dave Johnson, Air Pollution Control Officer be the signatory. We are happy to discuss this opportunity in more detail if needed.

Sincerely,

The Fire MOU Partnership Steering Committee

For more information see <https://firerestorationgroup.org/the-fire-mou-partnership-1>