

CONTRACT ROUTING SHEET

Date Prepared: 3/19/07

Need Date: _____

PROCESSING DEPARTMENT:

Department: CAO/Proc. & Contracts

CONTRACTOR:

Name: Auburn Lake Trails Fire Safety & Improvement Council

Dept. Contact: Dustin Bailey

Address: 1400 American River Trail

Phone #: 5833

Cool, CA 95614

Department: _____

Phone: (530) 866-8398

Head Signature: Bonnie H. Rich
Bonnie H. Rich

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EL DORADO COUNTY COUNSEL
[Signature]

CONTRACTING DEPARTMENT: CAO

Service Requested: Title III Fire Prevention, Education & Planning

Contract Term: 1 year Contract Value: \$18,390.00

Compliance with Human Resources requirements? Yes No: _____

Compliance verified by: _____

COUNTY COUNSEL: (Must approve all contracts and MOU's)

Approved: Disapproved: _____ Date: 3-26-07 By: [Signature]

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PLEASE FORWARD TO RISK MANAGEMENT. THANKS!

RISK MANAGEMENT: (All contracts and MOU's except boilerplate grant funding agreements)

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ASSIGNMENT
DATE 03/20/2007
ATTORNEY ED KUHLE
DEPT. INDEX NO. 026100
BY: [Signature]

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FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR

TITLE III COMMUNITY PROJECTS #638-S0711

This Agreement known as FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR TITLE III COMMUNITY PROJECTS, made and entered into by and between the County of El Dorado, a political subdivision of the State of California (hereinafter referred to as "County"), and Auburn Lake Trails Fire Safety and Improvement Council, a California non-profit corporation (hereinafter referred to as "Recipient");

RECITALS

WHEREAS, County and Recipient have each recognized a compelling need to mitigate the effects of a catastrophic wildfire within communities of El Dorado County, Auburn Lake Trails, and to that end, Recipient has agreed to cooperate with County to form a partnership to undertake education, planning, and mitigation activities designed to increase the protection of people and property from wildfires.

WHEREAS, County is a participating county under Public Law 106-393, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (HR 2389), and pursuant to County Resolution No. 244-2003 has elected to set aside funds received under the program for special projects specifically authorized under Title III of HR 2389 (hereinafter referred to as "Federal Forest Reserve Funds").

WHEREAS, Recipient has applied for, and County has approved, funding to undertake one or more projects which are designed to meet the criteria for Title III County Projects for Fire Education and Planning as adopted by El Dorado County pursuant to the requirements and conditions for use of Federal Forest Reserve Funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, County, and Recipient mutually agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

Designation of Project and Use of Funds: County will contribute the sum of \$18,390.00 of Title III Federal Forest Reserve Funds to Recipient for use solely to undertake and complete designated County Projects as approved by County. Such projects shall be identified on Exhibit "A", which is affixed to and by this reference made a part of this Agreement. In no event shall County be financially obligated for amounts greater than the total amount specified on Exhibit "A" and this Article. Reimbursement for travel shall be in accordance with Exhibit "C", marked "Board of Supervisors Policy D-1", incorporated herein and made by reference a part hereof.

ARTICLE II

Payment of Funds:

1. Commencing on the 10th day of the next full month immediately following execution of this Agreement, and each 10th of the month thereafter, Recipient shall submit to County a statement of expenditures against the project(s), noting the actual costs incurred and the percentage completion of the Project. Such statement shall be accompanied by detailed records of expenditures, including but not limited to receipts, invoices, purchase orders, or other documentation as appropriate, and shall be substantially in form as displayed in Exhibit "B" to this Agreement, and shall be signed under penalty of perjury by an authorized official of Recipient.
2. Each project budget is an estimate, and Recipient has discretion to move funds between line items within each project budget.

ARTICLE III

Term: This Agreement shall become effective when fully executed by both parties hereto and shall cover the period of June 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, or when all funds are expended by County, whichever comes first.

ARTICLE IV

Audit: Recipient will keep and maintain an accurate financial account, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principals, and meeting the requirements of the Federal Forest Reserve Fund program, of all funds expended for each project. Recipient shall maintain records, books, documents, and other evidence, accounting procedures and practices sufficient to reflect properly all direct and indirect costs of whatever nature claimed to have been incurred in the performance of this Agreement, including matching costs and expenses, all of which will be deemed to constitute "records" for purposes of this section. Such accounting records shall be available for inspection by the County's designee, during normal business hours at the offices of Recipient, or offices of its financial consultant.

Recipient shall preserve and make available its records for a period of five (5) years from the date of final payment under this Agreement, and for such longer period, if any, as is required by applicable statute, by any other provision of this Agreement, or by either of the following:

1. If this Agreement is terminated or partially terminated, all of the records relating to work terminated shall:

- (a) be preserved and made available for a period of five (5) years from the date of any resulting final settlement; or
 - (b) at the sole option of the County, immediately become the property of the County and shall be delivered by Recipient to County.
2. If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit or other action involving the records has been started before the expiration of the five (5) year period, the records shall be retained until completion of the action and resolution of all issues which arise from it, or until the end of the regular five (5) year period, whichever is later.

ARTICLE V

Compliance With Applicable Law: Recipient will comply with all Federal, State, and local laws and ordinances which are applicable to the Project, including but not limited to: prevailing wage and competitive bidding requirements, license requirements, equal opportunity and non-discrimination laws, building codes, and CEQA, NEPA, land use, planning, and zoning regulations.

ARTICLE VI

Independent Liability: Recipient is, and shall be at all times, deemed independent and shall be wholly responsible for the acts of Recipient's employees, associates, and contractors in connection with respect to the Project(s) covered by this Agreement.

ARTICLE VII

No Third Party Beneficiary: Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create any rights of any kind or nature in any party not a named party to this Agreement.

ARTICLE VIII

Termination: County may terminate this Agreement in the event Recipient ceases to operate, or otherwise becomes unable to substantially perform any terms or conditions of the Agreement. In the event of early termination of the Agreement, access Recipient to any and all funds not previously disbursed shall cease effective upon the termination date.

ARTICLE IX

Notice to Parties: All notices to be given by the parties hereto shall be in writing and served by depositing same in the United States Post Office, postage prepaid and return receipt requested. Notices to County shall be addressed as follows:

COUNTY OF EL DORADO
330 FAIR LANE
PLACERVILLE, CA 95667
ATTN: CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Or to such other location as County directs.

Notices to Recipient shall be addressed as follows:

AUBURN LAKE TRAILS FIRE SAFETY & IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL
1400 AMERICAN RIVER TRAIL
COOL, CA 95614
ATTN: BILL CAVE, PRESIDENT

Or to such other location as Recipient directs.

ARTICLE X

Indemnity: Recipient shall defend, indemnify, and hold the County harmless against and from any and all claims, suits, losses, damages, and liability for damages of every name, kind, and description, including attorneys fees and costs incurred, brought for, or on account of, injuries to or death of any person, including, but not limited to workers, County employees, and the public, or damage to property, or any economic or consequential losses, which are claimed to or in any way arise out of or are connected with each Project covered by this Agreement. This duty of Recipient to indemnify and save County harmless includes the duties to defend set forth in California Civil Code Section 2778, and survives the expiration of the term of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XI

Insurance: Recipient shall provide proof of a policy of insurance or self insured program satisfactory to the El Dorado County Risk Manager and documentation evidencing that Recipient maintains insurance or self-insurance that meets the following requirements:

- A. Full Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance covering all employees of Recipient as required by law in the State of California.
- B. Commercial General Liability Insurance of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage.
- C. Automobile liability insurance of not less than the minimum required by the State of California in the event motor vehicles are used by Recipient in performance of the Agreement.
- D. Recipient shall furnish a certificate of insurance satisfactory to the El Dorado County Risk Manager as evidence that the insurance required above is being maintained.

1. County, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers shall be included as additional insured, but only insofar as the operations under this agreement are concerned. This provision shall apply to the general liability policy.
2. Recipient shall ensure that its subcontractors maintain a policy(s) of insurance that meets above insurance requirements, including El Dorado County as additional insured.
3. The insurance shall be issued by an insurance company acceptable to the Risk Management Division of County, or be provided through partial or total self-insurance likewise acceptable to the Risk Management Division of County. Recipient agrees that the insurance required above shall be in effect at all times during the term of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XII

Change to Agreement: This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the parties hereto. Said amendments shall become effective only when in writing and fully executed by duly authorized officers of the parties hereto.

ARTICLE XIII

Administrator: The County Officer or employee with responsibility for administering this Agreement is Laura S. Gill, Chief Administrative Officer, or successor.

ARTICLE XIV

Authorized Signatures: The parties to this Agreement 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 to the obligations set forth herein.

ARTICLE XV

Partial Invalidity: If any provision of the Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will continue in full force and effect without being impaired or invalidated in any way.

ARTICLE XVI

Venue: Any dispute resolution action arising out of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, litigation, mediation, or arbitration, shall be brought in El Dorado County, California, and shall be resolved in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Recipient waives any removal rights it might have under Code of Civil Procedure Section 394.

ARTICLE XVII

Time is of the Essence: The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that time is of the essence.

ARTICLE XVIII

Taxpayer Identification: Recipient's tax identification number is 20-3262737.

ARTICLE XIX

The Buy American Act: This Act encourages recipients of federal grant funds to purchase American-made equipment and products. In the case of any equipment or product that may be authorized to be purchased with financial assistance provided using funds made available in this act, it is the sense of Congress that entities receiving the assistance should in expending the assistance, purchase only American-made equipment and products.

ARTICLE XX

Nondiscrimination: Recipient shall not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religious beliefs, creed, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, or disability for any service related to this specific grant or any other service funded by or provided by Recipient.

ARTICLE XXI

Drug-free Workplace: Recipient agrees to start or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by publishing a statement notifying employees about the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of controlled substances is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition; establishing an on-going drug-free awareness program to inform employees; and notifying the employee that as a condition of employment under the grant the employee will abide by the terms of the drug-free workplace.

ARTICLE XXII

Entire Agreement: This document and the documents referred to herein or exhibits hereto are the entire agreement between the parties and they incorporate or supersede all prior written or oral Agreements or understanding

REQUESTING CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR/DEPARTMENT HEAD CONCURRENCE:

By: Laura S. Gill Dated: 3/30/07
Laura S. Gill
Chief Administrative Officer

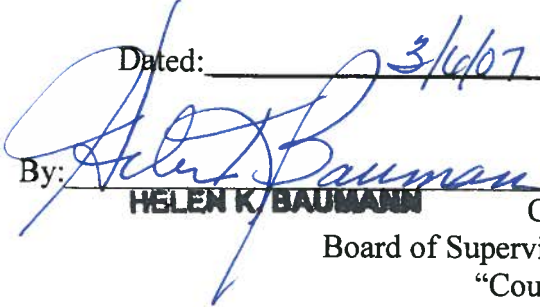
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the dates indicated below, the latest of which shall be deemed to be the effective date of this Agreement.

--- COUNTY OF EL DORADO ---

Dated: 3/6/07

By: 
HELEN K. BAUMANN Chair
Board of Supervisors
"County"

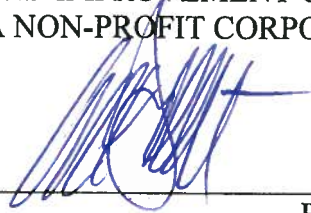
ATTEST:
Cindy Keck
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By:  Dated: 3/6/07
Deputy Clerk

--- RECIPIENT ---

Dated: _____

AUBURN LAKE TRAILS FIRE SAFETY AND IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL
A CALIFORNIA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

By: 
Bill Brandt
President
"Recipient"

By: 
Corporate Secretary

Dated: May 2, 2007

EXHIBIT "A"

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: 07-918-066

Project Purpose

Our 2002 Mission Statement can best sum up the purpose of this Project:

“To reduce the risk of loss of life and property in Auburn Lake Trails (ALT) and adjacent areas through the promotion of fire safety, education, prevention, and suppression; to improve ALT’s watershed; and to promote environmental protection within ALT.”

As stated in the Executive Summary, our twelve (12) year, strictly volunteer Residential Risk Assessment program has experienced much disparity in assessments. Though improvements were made and progress was achieved, our efforts have not gained the complete concurrence and resident endorsement sufficient to make them 100% successful. Given our location in a Wildland Urban Interface (WUI), we simply must effectively continue a more advanced, personalized, yet standardized, more productive program to engage our homeowners and generate education and change. If awarded this Grant, ALT will have earned a well-deserved boost in further protecting our ALT residents and their homes, and we will also offer further proof that we are thoughtful stewards of our environment and our Community.

The aim of the Auburn Lake Trails Fire Safety and Improvement Council is to become “The Model” for all Fire Safe Councils within the County of El Dorado.

With this Grant, the ALT-FSIC will have the necessary funds to continue to improve and professionalize our 12 year old, existing “12 Point Volunteers in Prevention (VIP) Residential Inspection Program” which was handled by volunteer residents. Your Grant will give us a boost towards gaining greater homeowner concurrence and commitment to the concept of bearing responsibility for fuel reduction on their own properties. It will enable the utilization of a properly trained Chief Coordinator/Manager (CC/M) and Risk Educators (REs) who will conduct newly improved, comprehensive, and measurable “Residential Risk Assessments” of all ALT properties with the proper work force.

Once the Grant funds are in hand, weather permitting, a specific timetable for a specific implementation plan will immediately be initiated beginning with those properties

previously deemed in critical need of immediate fuel reduction. Dated and numbered Property Inspection Files will be completed on each property. These files will be of a historical nature containing all Risk Assessment Inspections, Work Orders, dated, "Before and After" color photographs, and other pertinent data. These files will be a permanent record of the improvements in property conditions.

In conjunction with our concerted efforts to expand our resident outreach capabilities, the CC/M, with the cooperation of ALT-POA will also continue to implement professional Town Hall education programs for ALT residents to motivate, inspire, and promote resident involvement and consensus building with the community we all share and love. We will educate residents on the need for clearing debris and fuel load around their homes in order to comply with the 100 feet Defensible Space standard. Information on pruning, clearing, and safety techniques will be made available.

Monthly closed-circuit TV utilizing on going Power Point presentations will be programmed. Central to the proper utilization of these presentations and our overall primary educational goals will be the ongoing partnering with local, state, and federal agencies – such as the El Dorado County Fire District (EDCFD), the California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF), the United States forest Service (USFS), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), the Auburn State Recreational Area (ASRA), the Eldorado National Forest (EDNF), and the newly formed American River Watershed Group (AWRG), who all share stewardship of the entire Cool, California, area and beyond to the American River Canyon, which holds the North, Middle, and South Forks of the American River. Key personnel from these partners are committed to assist with ongoing training and education/outreach efforts. This active, continued partnering with all associated entities would be helpful in gaining ALT residents' concurrence and collaboration enabling us to coordinate collaboration between all stakeholders. Collaborative efforts with these many agencies have been exemplified by the active involvement of the ALT-FSIC officers and Directors in countywide fire agency and County and State Fire Safe Councils.

Long-term strategies will include further financial assistance from the ALT-POA to maintain control and management of noxious weed control, pond management, and maintenance of the 300 feet wide Perimeter Shaded Fuel Break (PSFB), which is to be expected.

By design, these projects are designed to fully comply and compliment both the ALT Fire Safety & Fuels Reduction Plan, dated June 5, 2003, and the ALT Community Wildfire Protection Plan, dated October, 2005, as well as the El Dorado County Wildfire Protection Plan, dated November 2004. Moreover they are fully compliant

with protecting our adjacent Auburn State Recreation Area (ASRA) as well as the BLM and EDNF acreage and surrounding communities.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: 07-918-066

F. PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Performance/success measures will be immediately determined as fuel loads on ALT properties are reduced by ALT residents/owners. They will be further defined, measured and observable by the scope of "work completed" both with fuel load reduction and compliance of the 100 feet Defensible Space standard as verified by "Before and After" color photographs. Risk Educators will be responsible for rewarding each resident who has achieved full compliance with a Fire Safe Compliant Certificate. Names and photographs of all Compliant residents will be listed in the ALT monthly newsletter, "TrailViews". Inspection results on all ALT properties will be accurately maintained on the ALT-POA database for future reference. Achieved results will be shared with ALT's Board of Directors on a bi-weekly basis.

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G. Budget

Risk Educators (REs)

Field Equipment	300	
ID Badges & Vests	500	
Brochures & Handouts	1,000	
Travel: Max. \$50 ea. @.40/mi.	<u>1,000</u>	
SUB-TOTAL		2,800

Coordination & Management

Salary: Chief Coordinator/Mgr.		
6 mos. @ \$1,883.33/mo.	11,300	**
Workers Comp. Ins., etc.	3,240	
Travel Expenses (@.40/mi.)	500	
6 mos. Office/phone/Internet @\$50/mo.	300	
Office supplies	<u>250</u>	
SUB-TOTAL		<u>15,590</u>

PROJECT TOTAL

\$ 18,390

EXHIBIT "B"

Dated:

Ms. Laura S. Gill
Chief Administrative Officer
County of El Dorado
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, California 95667

RE:

Dear Ms. Gill:

This letter will certify that as of the above date _____ has completed _____% of the _____ Project at the approximate cost indicated. Through the last day of the preceding month, _____ has made payments in the total sum of \$_____, of the funds granted to it by the County of El Dorado. (Optional, for matching fund projects, as appropriate:) This will further certify that as of the above date, the _____ has advanced \$_____ in matching funds from the (state grant source) and \$_____ of funds from the _____.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing certification is true and correct. Executed the date written above in El Dorado County, State of California.

By: _____

(Print Name)

(Print Title)

EXHIBIT C



COUNTY OF EL DORADO, CALIFORNIA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY

Subject: TRAVEL	Policy Number D-1	Page Number: 1 of 14
	Date Adopted: 12/22/1987	Revised Date: 05/25/1999

BACKGROUND:

This policy applies to County officers and employees as well as members of boards and commissions required to travel in or out of county for the conduct of County business. This policy also provides for expenses of public employees from other jurisdictions when specifically referenced in policy provisions set forth below.

For ease of reference, the Travel Policy is presented in the following sections:

1. General Policy
2. Approvals Required
3. Travel Participants and Number
4. Mode of Transport
5. Reimbursement Rates
 - a. Maximum Rate Policy
 - b. Private Auto
 - c. Meals
 - d. Lodging
 - e. Other
6. Advance Payments
7. Compliance -- Responsibility of Claimant
8. Procedures



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POLICY:

1. General Policy

- a. County officers and employees should not suffer any undue loss when required to travel on official County business, nor should said individuals gain any undue benefit from such travel.
- b. County officers or employees compelled to travel in the performance of their duties and in the service of the County shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses for transportation, parking, tolls, and other reasonable incidental costs, and shall be reimbursed within maximum rate limits established by the Board of Supervisors for lodging, meals, and private auto use. "Actual and necessary expenses" do not include alcoholic beverages.
- c. Travel arrangements should be as economical as practical considering the travel purpose, traveler, time frame available to accomplish the travel mission, available transportation and facilities, and time away from other duties.
- d. Employees must obtain prior authorization for travel, i.e., obtain approvals before incurring costs and before commencing travel.
- e. Receipts are required for reimbursement of lodging costs, registration fees, public transportation and for other expenses as specified, or as may be required by the County Auditor-Controller.



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- f. Requests for travel authorization and reimbursement shall be processed using forms specified by the County Auditor and Chief Administrative Office.
- g. The Chief Administrative Officer may, at his or her sole discretion, authorize an exception to requirements set forth in this Travel policy, based on extenuating circumstances presented by the appropriate, responsible department head. Any exception granted by the Chief Administrative Office is to be applied on a case-by-case basis and does not set precedent for future policy unless it has been formally adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

2. Approvals Required

- a. Department head approval is required for all travel except by members of the County Board of Supervisors. Department heads may delegate approval authority when such specific delegation is approved by the Chief Administrative Officer. However, it is the expectation of the Chief Administrative Officer that department heads take responsibility for review and approval of travel.
- b. Chief Administrative Office approval is required when travel involves any of the following:
 - (1) Transportation by common carrier (except BART), e.g., air, train, bus.
 - (2) Car rental.
 - (3) Out-of-county overnight travel.
 - (4) Members of boards or commissions, or non-county personnel.



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(5) Any exceptions required for provisions within this policy, e.g., travel requests not processed prior to travel, requests exceeding expense guidelines or maximums.

c. It remains the discretion of the Chief Administrative Officer as to whether or not costs of travel which were not authorized in advance will be reimbursed, and whether or not exceptional costs will be reimbursed.

3. Travel Participants and Number

a. Department heads and assistants should not attend the same out-of-county conference; however, where mitigating circumstances exist, travel requests should be simultaneously submitted to the Chief Administrative Office with a justification memorandum.

b. The number of travel participants for each out-of-county event, in most instances, should be limited to one or two staff members, and those individuals should be responsible for sharing information with other interested parties upon return.

c. If out-of-county travel involves training or meetings of such technical nature that broader representation would be in the best interest of the County, the department head may submit a memo explaining the situation to the Chief Administrative Office, attached to travel requests, requesting authorization for a group of travelers.

d. Board of Supervisors members shall be governed by the same policies governing County employees except for the following:



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- (1) A member of the Board of Supervisors requires NO specific authorization.
- (2) The following expenses incurred by a member of the Board of Supervisors constitute a County charge:
 - (a) Actual expenses for meetings and personal travel, necessarily incurred in the conduct of County Business. This includes but is not limited to mileage incurred while traveling to and from the Board members' residence and the location of the chambers of the Board of Supervisors while going to or returning from meetings of the Board of Supervisors.
- e. Non-County personnel travel expenses are not normally provided for since only costs incurred by and for county officers and employees on county business are reimbursable. However, reimbursement is allowable for county officers (elected officials and appointed department heads) and employees who have incurred expenses for non-county staff in the following circumstances.
 - (1) Meals for persons participating on a Human Resources interview panel when deemed appropriate by the Director of Human Resources.
 - (2) Conferences between County officials and consultants, experts, and public officials other than officers of El Dorado County, which are for



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the purpose of discussing important issues related to County business and policies.

- (3) Transportation expenses for a group of County officers and employees and their consultants, and experts on a field trip to gain information necessary to the conduct of County business.
- (4) Lodging expenses for non-county personnel are NOT reimbursable except when special circumstances are noted and approved in advance by the Chief Administrative Office. Otherwise, such expenses must be part of a service contract in order to be paid.

4. Mode of Transport

- a. Transportation shall be by the least expensive and/or most reasonable means available.
- b. Private auto reimbursement may be authorized by the department head for county business travel within county and out of county. Reimbursement shall not be authorized for commuting to and from the employee's residence and the employee's main assigned work site, unless required by an executed Memorandum of Understanding between the County and a representing labor organization, or one-time, special circumstances approved by a department head.
- c. Out of county travel by county vehicle or private vehicle may be authorized if the final destination of the trip does not exceed a four (4) hour driving distance from the County offices. Any exception to this policy must receive



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prior approval from the Chief Administrative Officer. If air travel would be more economical, but the employee prefers to drive even though travel by car would not be in the County's best interest, the County will reimburse transportation equal to the air travel; transportation costs over and above that amount, as well as any extra days of lodging and meals, etc., will be considered a personal, not reimbursable cost of the traveler.

- d. Common carrier travel must be in "Coach" class unless otherwise specifically authorized in advance by the Chief Administrative Officer. Generally, any costs over and above coach class shall be considered a personal, not reimbursable expense of the traveler.

- (1) Rental cars may be used as part of a trip using public transportation if use of a rental car provides the most economical and practical means of travel. The use of a rental car must be noted on the Travel Authorization in advance and authorized by the Department Head and Chief Administrative Officer. Justification for the use of the rental car must accompany that request. Rental car costs will not be reimbursed without prior authorization except in the case of emergencies. Exceptions may be granted at the sole discretion of the Chief Administrative Officer or designated CAO staff.

5. Reimbursement Rates

- a. Maximum rates for reimbursement may not be exceeded unless due to special circumstances documented by the department head and approved by the Chief Administrative Officer. The amount of any reimbursement



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above the maximum shall be at the sole discretion of the Chief Administrative Officer.

b. Private Auto

Travel by private auto in the performance of "official County business" shall be reimbursed at the Federal rate as determined by the Internal Revenue Service.

Mileage for travel shall be computed from the employee's designated work place. If travel begins from the employee's residence, mileage shall be calculated from the residence or work place, whichever is less. (For example, an employee who lives in Cameron Park and drives to a meeting in Sacramento, leaving from the residence will be paid for mileage from the residence to Sacramento and back to the residence.)

The mileage reimbursement rate represents full reimbursement, excluding snow chain installation and removal fee, for expenses incurred by a County officer or employee (e.g., fuel, normal wear and tear, insurance, etc.) during the use of a personal vehicle in the course of service to El Dorado County.

c. Meals

Actual meal expenses, within maximum allowable rates set forth below, may be reimbursed routinely out-of-county travel, and for in-county overnight travel. Meals will not be provided for in-county travel or meetings which do not involve overnight lodging, unless special circumstances are involved such as the following:



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- (1) When meals are approved as part of a program for special training sessions, conferences, and workshops;
- (2) when employees traveling from the western slope of the county to Lake Tahoe and vice-versa are required to spend the entire work day at that location;
- (3) when the Director of Human Resources deems it appropriate to provide meals to a Human Resources interview panel;
- (4) when Senior Managers and/or Executives of El Dorado County or the El Dorado County Water Agency meet with executives of other governmental agencies, community organizations, or private companies in a breakfast, lunch or dinner setting in order to conduct County business. While such meetings are discouraged unless absolutely necessary to the efficient conduct of County or Water Agency business, such expenses for County managers require approval by the Chief Administrative Officer.

Actual costs of meals may be reimbursed up to a total of \$40 per day without regard to how much is spent on individual meals (e.g., breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks), and without receipts. If an employee is on travel status for less than a full day, costs may be reimbursed for individual meals within the rates shown below.

Breakfasts may be reimbursed only if an employee's travel consists of at least 2 hours in duration before an employee's regular work hours. Dinner



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may be reimbursed if travel consists of at least 2 hours in duration after an employee's regular work hours.

Maximum Allowable Meal Reimbursement

Breakfast	\$8.00
Lunch	\$12.00
Dinner	\$20.00
Total for full day	\$40.00/day

d. Lodging

- (1) Lodging within county may be authorized by a department head if assigned activities require an employee to spend one or more nights in an area of the county which is distant from their place of residence (e.g., western slope employee assigned to 2-day activity in South Lake Tahoe).
- (2) Lodging may be reimbursed up to \$125 per night, plus tax, single occupancy. The Chief Administrative Office may approve extraordinary costs above these limits on a case by case basis when the responsible department head and Chief Administrative Office determine that higher cost is unavoidable, or is in the best interest of the County.
- (3) Single rates shall prevail except when the room is occupied by more than one County employee. However, nothing in this policy shall be construed to require employees to share sleeping accommodations



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while traveling on County business. In all travel, employees are expected to secure overnight accommodations as economically as possible and practical.

- (4) Lodging arrangements should be made, whenever possible and practicable, at hotels/motels which offer a government discount, will waive charges to counties for Transient Occupancy Tax, or at which the County has established an account. When staying at such a facility, the name of the employee and the department must appear on the receipt of the hotel/motel bill.

e. Other Expenses

All other reasonable and necessary expenses (i.e., parking, shuttle, taxi, etc.) will be reimbursed at cost if a receipt is submitted with the claim. Receipts are required except for those charges where receipts are not customarily issued, for example, bridge tolls and snow chain installation and removal fees. When specific cost guidelines are not provided by the county, reasonableness of the expense shall be considered by the department head and Chief Administrative Officer before deciding whether to approve.

Reasonable costs for snow chain installation and removal may be claimed and reimbursed. The purchase cost of snow chains would not be an allowable charge against the county.

6. Advance Payments



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The Auditor may provide advance funds for estimated "out of pocket" expenses up to seventy-five percent (75%), but no less than \$50.00. The "out of pocket" expenses may include meals, taxi and public transportation, lodging, parking, and pre-registration costs.

7. Compliance - Claimant Responsibility

It is the responsibility of the claimant to understand and follow all policies and procedures herein in order to receive reimbursement for mileage, travel and expense claims. Any form completed improperly or procedure not followed may result in the return of a claim without reimbursement.

8. Procedures:

- a. Authorization to incur expenses must be obtained as set forth in this County policy, and as may be directed by the department.
- b. Requests for advance funds for anticipated travel expenses itemized on the Travel Authorization Request form are obtained by indicating this need on that form prior to processing the request.
- c. Forms which require Chief Administrative Office approval should be submitted to the Chief Administrative Office, after department head approval, at least 7 to 10 days prior to travel to allow time for processing through County Administration and Auditor's Department.
- d. Cancellation of travel, requires that any advanced funds be returned to the Auditor Controller's office within five (5) working days of the scheduled



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departure date. If the advance is not returned within this time frame, the employee could jeopardize their standing to receive advances in the future.

- e. Travel Claims are due to the Auditor within 30 days after completion of travel. Personal Mileage and Expense Claims are due to the Auditor within 15 days after the end of each calendar month. The due date may be extended if deemed appropriate by the County Auditor. Claims must itemize expenses as indicated on claim forms, and must be processed with receipts attached.
- f. Reimbursements will be provided expeditiously by the County Auditor upon receipt of properly completed claim forms. The Auditor's Office shall promptly review claims to determine completeness, and if found incomplete, will return the request to the claimant noting the areas of deficiency.
- g. Personal Mileage and Expense Claim forms should be completed for each calendar month, one month per claim form. These monthly claims are due to the Auditor within 15 days following the month end; however, the deadline may be extended if deemed appropriate by the County Auditor. If monthly amounts to be claimed are too small to warrant processing at the end of a month (i.e., if cost of processing would exceed the amount being claimed), the claims for an individual may be accumulated and processed in a batch when a reasonable claim amount has accrued. In any event, such claims shall be made and submitted to the County Auditor for accounting and payment within the same fiscal year as the expense was incurred.
- h. Expense Claim Form



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For the purpose of travel and meeting expenses, the claim form is to be used for payments to vendors. The employee must obtain Department Head approval and submit the claim to the Auditor's Office within sixty (60) days of the incurred expense.