



## WILDLAND CONTRACT AREA OPERATIONAL PLAN

Between

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY and FIRE  
PROTECTION (CAL FIRE),  
Riverside Page | 10 Unit,

And City of Lake Elsinore

OPERATING PLAN

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## OPERATING PLAN

### 1. OVERVIEW

This Operating Plan, from now on referred to as PLAN, is between the California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection, Riverside Unit, from now on referred to as CAL FIRE, and the City of Lake Elsinore, Fire Department, from now on referred to as CITY. It has been developed to address the Agreement for Protection of Wildlands within a Local Agency, from now on called AGREEMENT, between CAL FIRE and CITY for wildland fire protection within the CITY limits.

### 2. AUTHORITY

The PLAN is required of both CAL FIRE and CITY as part of the AGREEMENT dated July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

### 3. PURPOSE

This PLAN will provide the Unit Chief of CAL FIRE and the Fire Chief of CITY a means for executing the AGREEMENT and is hereby attached as Exhibit B with appendices B-1 and B-2 to that AGREEMENT.

### 4. PROPOSAL

The proposal of this plan is to:

1. Wildland fires within the contract area or mutual threat zone:
  - a) Regardless of which agency Company Officer is on the scene of the incident first, the first arriving Company Officer shall;
  - b) Assume command,
  - c) Establish jurisdiction,
  - d) Determine threats with potential,
  - e) Provide a report on conditions,
  - f) Formulate and effect a plan of action,
  - g) Prioritize control objectives,
    - a. Life, Property and Natural Resources,
  - h) Request additional resources as appropriate,
  - i) Establish the Unified Ordering Point.
2. The Unified Ordering Point will be the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Riverside Unit Emergency Command Center (RRCC).

3. Regardless of which agency Chief Officer is on the scene of the incident first;
  - a) The first arriving Chief Officer will transition command from the initial attack incident commander.
  - b) Announce and assume command of the fire.
  - c) Establish an Incident Command Post. All wildland fires will be managed via a Unified Command structure that will afford all agencies jurisdictional responsibility to establish a common set of objectives and strategies.

## 5. DEFINITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

See AGREEMENT for definitions and descriptions of general terms. This PLAN does not allow either agency to operate outside the limitations in the AGREEMENT.

## 6. PROCEDURES

- a) Fire Reporting/ Reports-When CITY receives a report of a wildfire within the area of the AGREEMENT, it shall promptly notify the RR Unit Emergency Command Center (ECC). Each agency will process its appropriate reports and make the information available, upon request of the other agency, in no more than 60 days.
- b) Incident Management- The Incident Command System (ICS) will be used to manage wildfires within the area of the AGREEMENT. Unified Command will be implemented with a CAL FIRE representative and a CITY representative.
- c) Fires within the area of the AGREEMENT- Each agency will maintain a Preplanned Initial Attack Response (PIAR) for fires within the area of the AGREEMENT. See Appendices B-1 and B-2. Immediate cooperation between agency dispatch centers will occur to ensure prompt response of appropriate resources into the fire area. CAL FIRE resources will be ordered through the ECC according to the AGREEMENT terms. A CAL FIRE Incident Commander or Agency Representative shall authorize any augmentation of the preplanned CAL FIRE response with CAL FIRE resources.
  - a. Augmentation of the preplanned response may require a post-incident audit. The audit will seek to demonstrate that adjacent CAL FIRE Direct Protection Areas (DPA's) were threatened or that the augmentation was justified as cost-efficient. Local government and private resources will be ordered through the CITY dispatch center (DISPATCH) to ensure proper utilization of the Master Mutual Aid Agreement.
- d) Mutual Aid- All initial attack resources will be considered mutual aid for the purpose of this AGREEMENT.
- e) Initial Attack-Initial attack resources will always be based on the closest resources concept identified in the PIAR. See Appendices B-1 and B-2.

- f) Move-up & Cover-Station coverage will be exchanged between both agencies when appropriate. To prevent long-term coverage problems for either agency, the covering agency's engines will be replaced with the covered agency's resources as soon as it is practical to do so.

C. Fire Information: Unified Command-

1. Both agencies will enter into a unified command structure to manage the incident by establishing a common set of incident objectives and strategies. This will be accomplished without losing or abdicating agency authority, responsibility, or accountability. A Unified Ordering Point will be identified and established.
2. Representatives of both agencies will meet as needed to discuss procedures for governing and the locations of potential information centers. Both agencies will strive to maintain a roster of certified Public Information Officers for use during emergencies.
3. The Unified Command will determine which agency will provide the Lead Information Officer. Typically, it will be the agency with the most significant commitment of resources to the incident.

- D. Representatives of CAL FIRE and CITY of the Battalion Chief or higher rank may order resources directly from the ECC or DISPATCH when an immediate need arises. These resources may include engines, fire crews, and bulldozers, per the AGREEMENT. Resources sent in response to these requests will conform to the closet resources concept.

7. ADMINISTRATION

The CAL FIRE Unit Chief and the CITY Fire Chief, or their designees, along with representatives from the CAL FIRE ECC and CITY DISPATCH, will meet annually to discuss, review, and update the following items: procedures for reporting fires, procedures to dispatch resources to fires within the area of the AGREEMENT, procedures to dispatch resources to fires along the boundaries of the area of the AGREEMENT, and exchange general or specific information which would affect the other agency.

- a) PLAN objectives are being met.
- b) PLAN is achieving the desired results

7. APPROVAL:

This PLAN is approved and authorized as Exhibit B Attachment 3 of the AGREEMENT between CAL FIRE and CITY:

FOR CAL FIRE:

California Department of Forestry  
& Fire Protection  
Riverside Unit  
210 W. San Jacinto Ave  
Perris, CA 92570

FOR City of Lake Elsinore:

City of Lake Elsinore  
Address: 130 S. Main Street  
Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

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PREPLANNED INITIAL ATTACK RESPONSE  
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

City of Lake Elsinore WILDLAND FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT

	Dozer	Engines	Chief Officer	Hand Crews	Copter	Air Attack	Air Tanker
Low	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
Med	2	4	2	2	1	1	2
High	2	7	2	4	1	1	2

**State Resource Proximity**

Fire Engines <sup>1</sup>			
	Facility	Identifier	Type
1.	Lake Elsinore FFS, 410 W. Grahams Ave, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530	E3173/E3166	III
2.	Temecula FFS, 28330 Mercedes St., Temecula, CA 92590	E3167/E3171	III
3.	Perris FFS, 210 W. San Jacinto, CA 92570	E3168/E3176	III
4.			
5.			
6.			
State Hand Crews <sup>1</sup>			
1.	Los Pinos, 39251 Ortega Hwy, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530	LPC1, LPC2, LPC3, LPC4	I
2.	Norco, 3195 Western Ave, Norco, CA 92860	NRC1/NRC2	I
3.	Rainbow, 8215 Rainbow Heights Rd., Fallbrook, CA 92028	RBW1, RBW2, RBW3	I
4.			
5.			
State Bulldozers <sup>1</sup>			
1.	Perris FFS, 210 W. San Jacinto, CA 92570	TD3141	II
2.	Hemet Ryan Air Attack Base, 4710 W. Stetson Ave, Hemet, CA 92545	TD3140	II
3.	Beaumont FFS, 1550 E. 6 <sup>th</sup> St., Beaumont, CA 92223	TD3142	II
State Air Attack <sup>1</sup>			
1.	Hemet Ryan Air Attack Base, 4710 W. Stetson Ave, Hemet, CA 92545	A310	
2.			
State Rotor -wing <sup>1</sup>			
1.	Hemet Ryan Air Attack Base, 4710 W. Stetson Ave, Hemet, CA 92545	H608	I
2.			

State Fixed-wing <sup>1</sup>		
1.	Hemet Ryan Air Attack Base, 4710 W. Stetson Ave, Hemet, CA 92545	T72/T73 III
2.		

## APPENDIX B-1

<sup>1</sup>Depends upon the actual location of the incident

PREPLANNED INITIAL ATTACK RESPONSE  
FIRE DEPARTMENT

City of Lake Elsinore WILDLAND FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT

	ENGINES	ENGINES	WATER TENDERS	OFFICER
Low	3	0	0	1
Med	3	0	0	1
High	3	0	0	1

CAL FIRE resources are not included in wildland response resources.

**Local Government Resource Proximity**

Fire Engines			
	Facility	Identifier	Type
1.	Fire Station 97, 41725 Rosetta Canyon Dr, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530	Q97	I
2.	Fire Station 94, 22770 Railroad Canyon, Rd, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530	E94	I
3.	Fire Station 85, 29405 Grand Ave, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530	E85	I
4.	Fire Station 11, 33020 Maiden Ln, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530	E11	I
Water Tenders			
1.	Riverside Co. Fire Station 3	WT3	II
2.	Riverside Co. Fire Station 4	WT4	II
3.	Riverside Co. Fire Station 96	WT96	II
Local Government Hand Crews			
1.	N/A		
2.	N/A		
Local Government Bulldozers			
1.	N/A		
Local Government Air Attack			
1.	N/A		



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Local Government Rotor-wing		
1.	N/A	
Local Government Fixed-wing		
1.	N/A	

APPENDIX B-2

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