

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) BETWEEN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY and
ORANGE COUNTY IN RESPONSE TO EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE RE 2018 STORM 1
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, this event and associated conditions will collectively be referred to as STORMS 2018 Santa Barbara County incident; and

WHEREAS, On January 8, 2018, a series of STORMS impacted Santa Barbara County including areas burned by the Thomas Fire. The Thomas Fire which began on December 4, 2017 is the largest wildfire in California history burning approximately 281,900 acres. The Thomas Fire burned significant portions of critical watersheds posing serious risks of flooding and debris flow to major population centers.

WHEREAS, A Flash Flood Warning for portions of Santa Barbara County area including the Whittier, Alamo and Thomas Fire burn scars was issued in anticipation of flash flooding with mud and debris flows impacting Carpinteria and Montecito. At approximately 0400 hours Carpinteria and Montecito were heavily impacted with fallen trees and power lines, major flooding, major road closures, major natural gas leaks, multiple structure on fires, flooded structures, persons trapped in structures requiring rescue and reports of multiple missing persons, and

WHEREAS, the mud and debris flows that swept through these areas of Santa Barbara County, resulted to date, 21 fatalities, 129 destroyed single family residences, and 307 damaged single family residences, and major damages to utilities services, including water and sewer systems, electrical power and gas lines, public safety communications and telephone lines, and;

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2018, Santa Barbara County proclaimed the existence of a local emergency for the January 2018 STORM Santa Barbara County incident, and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors ratified the Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency on January 9, 2018; and

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2018 the Governor of the State of California, Edmund G. Brown Jr., ratified the declared a State of Emergency in accordance with California Emergency Services Act, and authorized disaster funding in support of these disaster events, and

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2018, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) expanded the federal disaster assistance made available to the State of California due to the Thomas Fire, to include assistance relating to the impacted areas from the mud and debris flow associated with the heavy rains of the January 2018 STORM Santa Barbara County incident. (DR-4353); and

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WHEREAS, the “Inter-Region Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Medical and Health Disaster Assistance” was activated among the signatories within Mutual Aid Regions I and VI of the California Office of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, mutual assistance resources were requested by Santa Barbara County Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator in accordance with the “Inter-Region Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Medical and Health Disaster Assistance” for mutual assistance from Mutual Aid Regions I and VI, in accordance with the California Department of Public Health and the California Emergency Medical Services Authority Regional Disaster Medical Health Specialist (RDMHS) program, to provide mutual assistance in support of the January 2018 STORM Santa Barbara County incident, and

WHEREAS, California’s Public Health and Medical Emergency Operational Plan delineates the current state policy concerning Medical and Health Mutual Aid (Assistance); and

WHEREAS, Orange County provided mutual assistance consisting of environmental health services personnel, equipment, and materials during the period of January 24, 2018 through February 4, 2018, to provide emergency response support in connection with the January 2018 STORM, Santa Barbara incident, and

WHEREAS, Orange County agrees to document all of its mutual assistance costs related to the January 2018 STORM, Santa Barbara County incident, and submit to Santa Barbara County as soon as practicable;

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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED to by and between Santa Barbara County and Orange County that Santa Barbara County shall reimburse all reasonable mutual assistance costs associated with January 2018 STORM Santa Barbara County incident.

DATE: COUNTY OF ORANGE

NAME
TITLE

DATE: COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

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