



May 8, 2023

California Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System Agencies:

We are pleased to provide your agency with a new cooperative agreement, the [Agreement for Local Government Fire and Emergency Assistance to the State of California and Federal Fire Agencies](#) (California Fire Assistance Agreement (CFAA)).

The CFAA Committee has finalized the amendments to the exhibits of the Agreement to the most recent iteration of the CFAA that began for the term beginning on May 1, 2020 through December 31, 2024.

Topics and information below represent the most recent updates, changes, or additions to the CFAA.

Added Bulldozers and Hand Crews

Cal OES, CAL FIRE, and the Federal Fire Agencies have added bulldozers and hand crews as resources that can be used through the CFAA once local agreement resources are exhausted, or where a local agreement is not in place. There will be a two-hour free period.

(Page 2, Recital 8; Page A-2, Clause A-6; Page I-1, Clause I-9; Page I-3, Clause I-23)

Mutual Aid Reimbursement System (MARS)

Updated language to clarify the process for reimbursement through the new electronic processing system. This system must be used for all reimbursement as of January 1, 2023. We are no longer accepting any hard copy CFAA forms.

(Page 6, Recital 26; Page A-3, Clause A-8.1; Page A-12, Clauses A-40 and A-41; Page C-1, Clause C-2.2.2; Page I-4, Clause I-36)

Hand Crew Configuration

Added language to outline allowable module configuration.

(Page A-2, Clause A-6)

Tribal Fire Department

Added language to clarify how Tribal reimbursement for federal responses will be processed.

(Page A-1, Clause A-2; Page A-11, Clause A-39)

Remove Supplemental Personnel

Effective January 1, 2021, supplemental resources cannot be ordered and requested through the CFAA. All references to Supplemental Personnel have been removed.

(Page A-3, Clause A-8.3 (old); Page A-8, Clause A-17 (old) and A-18 (old); Page I-5, Clause I-43 (old))

Personnel Base Rates

Actual Base Rate(s) calculation removed, and rates will be published on the annual Rate Letter.

(Page A-4, Clause A-14)

Above Straight Time Formula Correction

Corrected all areas within the formulas to include time and one-half reimbursement for personnel, where applicable.

(Page A-4, Clause A-14; Page A-5, Clause A-15.1; Page A-6, Clause A-15.3; Page A-7, Clause A-16)

Exceptions to Staffing

Allow for staffing exceptions to be pre-approved by the requesting/ paying entity during staffing crisis.

(Page A-8, Clause A-18)

Establish Per Diem and Lodging Rates

Deviated from GSA rates and methodology for lodging and per diem. New approval requirements outlined. Rates will now be published on the annual Rate Letter.

(Page A-11, Clause A-35; Page G-1, Clause G-2; Page H-2, Clause H-3)

UEI is now required in lieu of DUNS

Update support references for the transition to the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).

(Page A-14, Clause A-51)

Travel for Out of State Responses

Incorporate exception disclaimer for USDA Forest Service requests and pre-approval for travel expenses for Out of State responses.

(Page G-2, Clause G-2)

Approval for Incident Related Expenses

USDA Forest Service will determine when to use the ICS-213 or S# and document in the resource order.

(Page H-1, Clause H-2)

Add Agency Administrator as Approving Authority

Added Agency Administrator along with Incident Commander, Finance Section Chief, Incident Business Advisor.

(Page A-8, Clause A-18; Page H-1, Clause H-2)

Rental Vehicle Rates

Actual rental rates removed from the Agreement however, a link to the Department of General Services website was added to the Agreement. Rates will now be published in the annual Rate Letter.

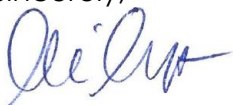
(Page H-3, Clause H-4)

Definitions

Please see Exhibit I for all updates.

If you have questions, please contact the Fire and Rescue Division administrative staff at (916) 845-8711 or by email at cfaareimbursement@caloes.ca.gov. We are so grateful for your support and the important work you provide to the Mutual Aid System.

Sincerely,



Lori Lopez
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