



**Lassen County  
Board of Supervisors  
Minute Order**

**Tuesday, April 13, 2021**

**LASSEN COUNTY SUPERVISORS:**

**DISTRICT 1 - CHRIS GALLAGHER - VICE CHAIRMAN; DISTRICT 2 - GARY BRIDGES; DISTRICT 3 - JEFF HEMPHILL; DISTRICT 4 - AARON ALBAUGH - CHAIRMAN; DISTRICT 5 - TOM HAMMOND**

**9:01 A.M. CALL TO ORDER**

Present: Supervisors Gallagher, Bridges, Hemphill and Albaugh. Also Present: County Administrative Officer (CAO) Richard Egan, County Counsel Amanda Uhrhammer, and Deputy Clerk of the Board Michele Yderraga.

Supervisor Hammond was absent by prearrangement.

**Present:** 4 - Chris Gallagher, Gary Bridges, Jeff Hemphill and Aaron Albaugh

**Absent:** 1 - Tom Hammond

**Excuse:** 0

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**TITLE III**

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Federal Title III projects, including authorization to post a public notice to initiate the required minimum 45-day period for the public to comment on the projects prior to final award by the Board of Supervisors on or after June 8, 2021.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Positive. Provides for the reimbursement of county costs.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** 1) Approve Federal Title III projects; and 2) authorize 45-day public notice as follows:

From Fiscal Year 2019-2020 county payment:

Funding Request: \$74,295

Project Applicant: Lassen County Sheriff's Department

Proposed Use: Reimbursement for implementing search and rescue, law enforcement, and other emergency response activities performed on

Federal land and paid for by Lassen County, including law enforcement patrols, associated training costs, and equipment purchases directly related to those services.

From Fiscal Year 2020-2021 county payment:

Funding Request: \$59,383

Project Applicant: Lassen Fire Safe Council, Inc.

Proposed Uses: Lassen Fire Safe Council, inc shall carry out Firewise Communities Program assessments and action plans in the amount of \$39,383 (including a proposed 15% administrative fee) and (2) shall develop and carry out community wildfire protection plans before November 15, 2020, in the total amount of \$20,000 (including a proposed 15% administrative fee).

Funding Request: Residual amount of \$44,280 plus approximately \$5,000 in interest.

Project Applicant: Lassen County Sheriff's Department

Proposed Uses: Reimbursement for implementing search and rescue and other emergency response activities performed on Federal land and paid for by Lassen County including law enforcement patrols, associated training costs, and equipment purchases directly related to those services.

Deputy CAO Tony Shaw recommended to approve the Title III projects and gave a detailed report of each project. Supervisor Albaugh asked about future Title III funding and current balances. Deputy CAO Shaw stated this would be the last allocation and future funding had not been reauthorized. Deputy CAO Shaw also stated he was uncertain of the current amount, but the Sheriff's Department had significant unreimbursed cost for the evacuation for the Hog and Gold fires. Firesafe Council Liaison Katlyn Lonergan discussed Title III funding, communication action plans and the purpose of the administration fee. Sheriff Dean Growdon also spoke about Title III and how the funding is spent within the Sheriff's Department. Additional discussion was held.

CAO was absent from 11:30 a.m. - 11:31 a.m.; 11:39 a.m. - 11:42 a.m.

**A motion was made by Supervisor Gallagher, seconded by Supervisor Bridges, that this Action Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Gallagher, Bridges, Hemphill and Albaugh

**Absent:** 1 - Hammond

County of Lassen County )  
State of California ) ss.

I, Michele Ydarraga, Deputy Clerk of the Board of the Board of Supervisors, County of Lassen, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of the minute order of said Board of Supervisors on above date.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Official Seal of the said Board of Supervisors this 2nd day of June, 2021.

By   
Deputy Clerk of the Board, County of Lassen, Board of Supervisors



Email to: [legals@modocrecord.com](mailto:legals@modocrecord.com)

cc: Julie Bustamante, Michele Yderraga, Samantha McMullen, [cjobrien@fs.fed.us](mailto:cjobrien@fs.fed.us)

Hi Nancy,

Please run this Public Notice in your Legal Section on April 15, 2021. Please send invoice to: Samantha McMullen, Lassen County Administration, 221 S. Roop Street, Suite 4, Susanville, CA 96130. If you have any questions, please call me at 251-8333. Thank you.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

PLEASE BE ADVISED that the Lassen County Board of Supervisors at its meeting at 10:20 a.m. on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at the Lassen County Fairgrounds, Jensen Hall, 195 Russel Ave, Susanville, CA, 96130 will consider Secure Rural Schools Act (SRS) Title III projects, as follows:

From Fiscal Year 2019-2020 county payment:

- Funding Request: \$78,163  
Project Applicant: Lassen County Sheriff's Department  
Proposed Use: Reimbursement for implementing search and rescue and other emergency response activities including law enforcement patrols, associated training costs, and equipment purchases directly related to those services.

From Fiscal Year 2020-2021 county payment:

- Funding Request: \$59,383  
Project Applicant: Lassen Fire Safe Council, Inc.  
Proposed Uses: Lassen Fire Safe Council, Inc. shall carry out Firewise Communities program assessments and action plans in the amount of \$39,383 (including a proposed 15% administrative fee) and (2) shall develop and carry out community wildfire protection plans before November 15, 2020 in the total amount of \$20,000 (including a proposed 15% administrative fee).
- Funding Request: Residual Title III funds estimated to be \$44,280 in addition to a to be determined amount of interest revenue of approximately \$5,000.  
Project Applicant: Lassen County Sheriff's Department  
Proposed Uses: Reimbursement for implementing search and rescue and other emergency response activities including law enforcement patrols, associated training costs, and equipment purchases directly related to those services.

All interested persons are invited to attend this meeting and provide public comment. Public comments may also be sent in writing to the Board of Supervisors, c/o Clerk of the Board, 220 S. Lassen Street, Ste 5, Annex, Susanville, CA 96130 or may be hand delivered at the meeting.

For the County of Lassen  
Richard Egan, CAO  
Published 4/15/2021

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED AFTER PUBLISHING THE  
PUBLIC NOTICE OF APRIL 15, 2021  
AND  
PRIOR TO PUBLISHING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA OF JUNE 8, 2021:

- April 15, 2021 – Spalding Community Services District



*Sewer- Recreation & Fire Protection*

## Spalding Community Services District

502-907 Mahogany Way Susanville, CA 96130 • (530) 825-3258

April 22, 2021

Chris Gallagher  
District 1 Supervisor  
221 S. Roop Street, Suite 4  
Susanville, CA 96130

RE: Title III Funds for Firewise Communities

Dear Chris Gallagher:

The Spalding Community Service District is in full support of Lassen Fire Safe Council's request for funds for Firewise communities. It is my understanding the funds would be used to update 9 of the 10 community's action plans and would also assist in Spalding becoming a Firewise community. The "Community Action Plan" is a list of actions the community can take in order to systematically address the recommendations presented in the Assessment.

Benefits of Being a Firewise Community are:

- Access to funding and assistance
- Citizen pride
- Community building
- Learn about Wildfire
- Peace of Mind

The Firewise Communities program teaches people how to adapt to living with wildfire and encourages neighbors to work together and take action to prevent losses. The program encourages local solutions for wildfire safety by involving homeowners and others in reducing wildfire risks by fostering defensible space and resilient structures for homes and communities.

Please accept this letter of support for funding assistance of Title III funds for Firewise Communities through the Lassen County Board of Supervisors.

Respectfully,

Darren Read  
Board Member  
Spalding Community Services District

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN LASSEN COUNTY**

**AND**

**LASSEN FIRE SAFE COUNCIL, INC.**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made between the COUNTY OF LASSEN, a political subdivision of the State of California (hereinafter "COUNTY"), and Lassen Fire Safe Council, Inc., a California non-profit corporation, with a principal place of business at 1825 Main St Susanville, CA 96130 (hereinafter "CONTRACTOR").

This Agreement is made with reference to the following facts and circumstances:

**WHEREAS** COUNTY has need for organizing fire safe programs in the communities of Lassen County,

**WHEREAS** CONTRACTOR desires to provide those services.

In consideration of the services to be rendered, the sums to be paid, and each and every covenant and condition contained herein, the parties hereto agree as follows:

**1. SERVICES.**

The CONTRACTOR shall provide those services described in Attachment "A". CONTRACTOR shall provide said services at the time, place and in the manner specified in Attachment "A".

**2. TERM.**

The term of the agreement shall be for the period of June 8, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

**3. PAYMENT.**

COUNTY shall pay CONTRACTOR for services rendered pursuant to this Agreement at the time and in the amount set forth in Attachment "B". The payment specified in Attachment "B" shall be the only payment made to CONTRACTOR for services rendered pursuant to this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall submit all billing for said services to COUNTY in the manner specified in Attachment "B".

**4. FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT AND OTHER MATERIALS AND OBLIGATIONS OF COUNTY.**

CONTRACTOR shall, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all facilities, equipment, and other materials which may be required for furnishing services pursuant to this Agreement.

**5. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.**

Those additional provisions unique to this Agreement are set forth in Attachment "C".

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**6. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

The general provisions set forth in Attachment "D" are part of this Agreement. Any inconsistency between said general provisions and any other terms or conditions of this Agreement shall be controlled by the other terms or conditions insofar as the latter are inconsistent with the general provisions.

**7. DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES.**

Richard Egan, County Administrative Officer, is the designated representative of the COUNTY and will administer this Agreement for the COUNTY. Tom Esgate is the authorized representative for CONTRACTOR. Changes in the designated representatives shall occur only by advance written notice to the other party.

**8. ATTACHMENTS.**

All attachments referred to herein are attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein. Attachments include:

Attachment A - Services  
Attachment B - Payment  
Attachment C - Additional Provisions  
Attachment D - General Provisions  
Attachment E - No Third Party Beneficiaries

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the dates shown opposite their respective signatures.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTRACTOR  
Lassen Fire Safe Council, Inc,


By:   
Tom Esgate

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY  
County of Lassen

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Egan, CAO

Approved as to form:

  
Amanda Uhrhammer  
Lassen County Counsel

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## ATTACHMENT A

### AGREEMENT BETWEEN LASSEN COUNTY AND LASSEN COUNTY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL, INC.

#### SCOPE OF SERVICES

##### A.1 SCOPE OF SERVICES AND DUTIES.

The services and deliverables to be provided by CONTRACTOR and the scope of CONTRACTOR's duties include the following:

As identified in Exhibit 1, attached, deliverables of Firewise Community Assessments and Actions Plans for:

Lookout  
Day Lassen Bench  
Little Valley  
Stones Bengard  
Spaulding  
Lake Forest  
Clear Creek  
Westwood  
Susanville  
Janesville  
Milford,

and;

Community Wildfire Protection Plan Support/Update.

**END OF ATTACHMENT "A"**



**ATTACHMENT B**

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN LASSEN COUNTY AND  
LASSEN COUNTY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL, INC.**

**PAYMENT**


COUNTY shall pay CONTRACTOR as follows:

A lump sum advance in the amount of Fifty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-three (\$59,383.00) dollars to be made within 30 days following the deposit of Title III revenue into the County Treasury.

**END OF ATTACHMENT "B"**

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN LASSEN COUNTY AND  
LASSEN COUNTY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL, INC.**

1. The deliverables to be provided to the COUNTY by CONTRACTOR include the following:
  - a) As identified in Exhibit 1, and;
  - b) Quarterly progress and financial status reports for activities accomplished in previous three-months and due to the COUNTY by CONTRACTOR from no more than 30 days from the last date of the end of the quarter. The quarterly report shall contain a statement of expenditures and supporting documents (e.g. invoices, agreements, etc.).

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## ATTACHMENT D

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

**D.1. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.** For all purposes arising out of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall be: an independent contractor and CONTRACTOR and each and every employee, agent, servant, partner, and shareholder of CONTRACTOR (collectively referred to as "The Contractor") shall not be, for any purpose of this Agreement, an employee of COUNTY. Furthermore, this Agreement shall not under any circumstance be construed or considered to be a joint powers agreement as described in California Government Code sections 6000, et seq., or otherwise. As an independent contractor, the following shall apply:

D.1.1 CONTRACTOR shall determine the method, details and means of performing the services to be provided by CONTRACTOR as described in this Agreement.

D.1.2 CONTRACTOR shall be responsible to COUNTY only for the requirements and results specified by this Agreement and, except as specifically provided in this Agreement, shall not be subject to COUNTY's control with respect to the physical actions or activities of CONTRACTOR in fulfillment of the requirements of this Agreement.

D.1.3 CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for its own operating costs and expenses, property and income taxes, workers' compensation insurance and any other costs and expenses in connection with performance of services under this Agreement.

D.1.4 CONTRACTOR is not, and shall not be, entitled to receive from or through COUNTY, and COUNTY shall not provide or be obligated to provide the CONTRACTOR with workers' compensation coverage, unemployment insurance coverage or any other type of employee or worker insurance or benefit coverage required or provided by any federal, state or local law or regulation for, or normally afforded to, any employee of COUNTY.

D.1.5 The CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to have COUNTY withhold or pay, and COUNTY shall not withhold or pay, on behalf of the CONTRACTOR any tax or money relating to the Social Security Old Age Pension Program, Social Security Disability Program or any other type of pension, annuity or disability program required or provided by any federal, state or local law or regulation for, or normally afforded to, an employee of COUNTY.

D.1.6 The CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to participate in, or receive any benefit from, or make any claim against any COUNTY fringe benefit program including, but not limited to, COUNTY's pension plan, medical and health care plan, dental plan, life insurance plan, or other type of benefit program, plan or coverage designated for, provided to, or offered to COUNTY's employees.

D.1.7 COUNTY shall not withhold or pay on behalf of CONTRACTOR any federal, state or local tax including, but not limited to, any personal income tax owed by CONTRACTOR.

D.1.8. The CONTRACTOR is, and at all times during the term of this Agreement shall represent and conduct itself as, an independent contractor and not as an employee of COUNTY.

D.1.9 CONTRACTOR shall not have the authority, express or implied, to act on behalf of, bind or obligate the COUNTY any way without the written consent of the COUNTY.

**D.2 LICENSES, PERMITS, ETC.** CONTRACTOR represents and warrants to COUNTY that it has all licenses, permits, qualifications, and approvals of whatsoever nature which are legally required for

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CONTRACTOR to practice its profession. CONTRACTOR represents and warrants to COUNTY that CONTRACTOR shall, at its sole cost and expense, keep in effect or obtain at all times during the term of this Agreement any licenses, permits, and approvals which are legally required for CONTRACTOR to practice its profession at the time the services are performed.

**D.3 CHANGE IN STATUTES OR REGULATIONS.** If there is a change of statutes or regulations applicable to the subject matter of this Agreement, both parties agree to be governed by the new provisions, unless either party gives notice to terminate pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

**D.4 TIME.** CONTRACTOR shall devote such time to the performance of services pursuant to this Agreement as may be reasonably necessary for the satisfactory performance of CONTRACTOR's obligations pursuant to this Agreement. Neither party shall be considered in default of this Agreement to the extent performance is prevented or delayed by any cause, present or future, which is beyond the reasonable control of the party.

**D.5 INSURANCE.**

D.5.1 Prior to rendering services provided by the terms and conditions of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall acquire and maintain during the term of this Agreement insurance coverage (hereinafter referred to as "the insurance") through and with an insurer acceptable to COUNTY. The insurance shall contain the following coverages:

D.5.1.1 Comprehensive general liability insurance including comprehensive public liability insurance with minimum coverage of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and with not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) aggregate; CONTRACTOR shall insure both COUNTY and CONTRACTOR against any liability arising under or related to this Agreement.

D.5.1.2 Workers' Compensation Insurance coverage for all of CONTRACTOR's employees and other persons for whom CONTRACTOR is responsible to provide such insurance coverage, as provided by Division 4 and 4.5 of the California Labor Code.

D.5.2 The limits of insurance herein shall not limit the liability of the CONTRACTOR hereunder.

D.5.3 In respect to any insurance herein, if the aggregate limit available becomes less than that required above, other excess insurance shall be acquired and maintained immediately. For the purpose of any insurance term of this Agreement, "aggregate limit available" is defined as the total policy limits available for all claims made during the policy period.

D.5.4 Except for automobile liability insurance, the insurance shall name the COUNTY and COUNTY's officers, employees, agents and independent contractors as additional insureds and shall include an endorsement that no cancellation or material change adversely affecting any coverage provided by the insurance may be made until twenty (20) days after written notice is delivered to COUNTY.

D.5.5 The insurance policy forms, endorsements and insurer(s) issuing the insurance shall be satisfactory to COUNTY at its sole and absolute discretion. The amount of any deductible payable by the insured shall be subject to the prior approval of the COUNTY and the COUNTY, as a condition of its approval, may require such proof of the adequacy of CONTRACTOR's financial resources as it may see fit.

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D.5.6 Prior to CONTRACTOR rendering services provided by this Agreement, and immediately upon acquiring additional insurance, CONTRACTOR shall deliver a certificate of insurance describing the insurance coverages and endorsements to:

Richard Egan, County Administrative Officer  
221 South Roop Street, Suite 4  
Susanville, CA 96130

D.5.7 CONTRACTOR shall not render services under the terms and conditions of this Agreement unless each type of insurance coverage and endorsement is in effect and CONTRACTOR has delivered the certificate(s) of insurance to COUNTY as previously described. If CONTRACTOR shall fail to procure and maintain said insurance, COUNTY may, but shall not be required to, procure and maintain the same, and the premiums of such insurance shall be paid by CONTRACTOR to COUNTY upon demand. The policies of insurance provided herein which are to be provided by CONTRACTOR shall be for a period of not less than one year, it being understood and agreed that twenty (20) days prior to the expiration of any policy of insurance, CONTRACTOR will deliver to COUNTY a renewal or new policy to take the place of the policy expiring.

D.5.8 COUNTY shall have the right to request such further coverages and/or endorsements on the insurance as COUNTY deems necessary, at CONTRACTOR's expense. The amounts, insurance policy forms, endorsements and insurer(s) issuing the insurance shall be satisfactory to COUNTY in its sole and absolute discretion.

D.5.9 Any subcontractor(s), independent contractor(s) or any type of agent(s) performing or hired to perform any term or condition of this Agreement on behalf of CONTRACTOR, as may be allowed by this Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "SECONDARY PARTIES"), shall comply with each term and condition of this Section D.5 entitled "INSURANCE". Furthermore, CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the SECONDARY PARTIES' acts and satisfactory performance of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

#### **D.6 INDEMNITY.**

County shall not be liable for, and CONTRACTOR shall defend and indemnify COUNTY and its officers, agents, employees and volunteers (collectively 'County Parties'), against any and all claims, deductibles, self-insured retentions, demands, liability, judgments, awards, fines, mechanics' liens or other liens, labor disputes, losses, damages, expenses, charges or costs of any kind or character, including attorneys' fees and court costs (hereinafter collectively referred to as ('Claims')), which arise out of or are in any way connected to the work covered by this Agreement arising either directly or indirectly from any act, error, omission or negligence of CONTRACTOR or its officers, employees, agents, contractors, licensees or servants, including, without limitation, claims caused by the concurrent negligent act, error or omission, of County Parties. However, CONTRACTOR shall have no obligation to defend or indemnify County Parties against claims caused by the active negligence, sole negligence or willful misconduct of County Parties.

**D.7 CONTRACTOR NOT AGENT.** Except as COUNTY may specify in writing, CONTRACTOR shall have no authority, express or implied, to act on behalf of COUNTY in any capacity whatsoever as an agent. CONTRACTOR shall have no authority, express or implied, pursuant to this Agreement to bind COUNTY to any obligation whatsoever.

**D.8 ASSIGNMENT PROHIBITED.** CONTRACTOR may not assign any right or obligation pursuant to this Agreement. Any attempted or purported assignment of any right or obligation pursuant to this Agreement shall be void and of no legal effect.

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**D.9 PERSONNEL.** CONTRACTOR shall assign only competent personnel to perform services pursuant to this Agreement. In the event that COUNTY, in its sole discretion at any time during the term of this Agreement, desires the removal of any person or persons assigned by CONTRACTOR to perform services pursuant to this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall remove any such person immediately upon receiving written notice from COUNTY of its desire for removal of such person or persons.

**D.10 STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE.** CONTRACTOR shall perform all services required pursuant to this Agreement in the manner and according to the standards observed by a competent practitioner of the profession in which CONTRACTOR is engaged. All products of whatsoever nature which CONTRACTOR delivers to COUNTY pursuant to this Agreement shall be prepared in a first class and workmanlike manner and shall conform to the standards of quality normally observed by a person practicing in CONTRACTOR's profession.

**D.11 POSSESSORY INTEREST.** The parties to this Agreement recognize that certain rights to property may create a "possessory interest", as those words are used in the California Revenue and Taxation Code section 107. For all purposes of compliance by COUNTY with Section 107.6 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code, this recital shall be deemed full compliance by the COUNTY. All questions of initial determination of possessory interest and valuation of such interest, if any, shall be the responsibility of the County Assessor and the contracting parties hereto. A taxable possessory interest may be created by this, if created, and the party in whom such an interest is vested will be subject to the payment of property taxes levied on such an interest.

**D.12 TAXES.** CONTRACTOR hereby grants to the COUNTY the authority to deduct from any payments to CONTRACTOR any COUNTY imposed taxes, fines, penalties and related charges which are delinquent at the time such payments under this Agreement are due to CONTRACTOR.

**D.13 TERMINATION.**

D.13.1 COUNTY shall have the right to terminate this Agreement at any time by giving notice in writing of such termination to CONTRACTOR. In the event COUNTY gives notice of termination, CONTRACTOR shall immediately cease rendering service upon receipt of such written notice and the following shall apply:

D.13.1.1 CONTRACTOR shall deliver to COUNTY copies of all writings prepared by it pursuant this agreement. The term "writings" shall be construed to mean and include: handwriting, typewriting, printing, photocopying, photographing computer storage medium (tapes, disks, diskettes, etc.) and every other means of recording upon any tangible thing, and form of communication or representation, including letters, pictures, sounds, or symbols, or combinations thereof.

D.13.1.2 COUNTY shall pay CONTRACTOR the reasonable value of services rendered by CONTRACTOR to the date of termination pursuant to this Agreement not to exceed the amount documented by CONTRACTOR and approved by COUNTY as work accomplished to date; provided, however, that in no event shall any payment hereunder exceed One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Two (\$124,982.00) dollars. Further provided, however, COUNTY shall not in any manner be liable for lost profits which might have been made by CONTRACTOR had CONTRACTOR completed the services required by this Agreement. In this regard, CONTRACTOR shall furnish to COUNTY such financial information as in the judgment of the COUNTY is necessary to determine the reasonable value of the services rendered by CONTRACTOR. In the event of a dispute as to the reasonable value of the services rendered by CONTRACTOR, the decision of the COUNTY shall be final. The foregoing is cumulative and does not affect any right or remedy which COUNTY may have in law or equity.

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D.13.2 CONTRACTOR may terminate its services under this Agreement upon thirty (30) working days written notice to the COUNTY, without liability for damages, if CONTRACTOR is not compensated according to the provisions of the Agreement or upon any other material breach of the Agreement by COUNTY, provided that CONTRACTOR has first provided COUNTY with a written notice of any alleged breach, specifying the nature of the alleged breach and providing not less than ten (10) working days within which the COUNTY may cure the alleged breach.

**D.14 OWNERSHIP OF INFORMATION.** All professional and technical information developed under this Agreement and all work sheets, reports, and related data shall become and/or remain the property of COUNTY, and CONTRACTOR agrees to deliver reproducible copies of such documents to COUNTY on completion of the services hereunder. The COUNTY agrees to indemnify and hold CONTRACTOR harmless from any claim arising out of reuse of the information for other than this project.

**D.15 WAIVER.** A waiver by any party of any breach of any term, covenant or condition herein contained or a waiver of any right or remedy of such party available hereunder at law or in equity shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or any other term, covenant or condition herein contained or of any continued or subsequent right to the same right or remedy. No party shall be deemed to have made any such waiver unless it is in writing and signed by the party so waiving.

**D.16 COMPLETENESS OF INSTRUMENT.** This Agreement, together with its specific references and attachments, constitutes all of the agreements, understandings, representations, conditions, warranties and covenants made by and between the parties hereto. Unless set forth herein, neither party shall be liable for any representations made, express or implied.

**D.17 SUPERSEDES PRIOR AGREEMENTS.** It is the intention of the parties hereto that this Agreement shall supersede any prior agreements, discussions, commitments, representations, or agreements, written or oral, between the parties hereto.

**D.18 ATTORNEY'S FEES.** If any action at law or in equity, including an action for declaratory relief, is brought to enforce or interpret provisions of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees, which may be set by the Court in the same action or in a separate action brought for that purpose, in addition to any other relief to which such party may be entitled.

**D.19 MINOR AUDITOR REVISION.** In the event the Lassen County Auditor's office finds a mathematical discrepancy between the terms of the Agreement and actual invoices or payments, provided that such discrepancy does not exceed one percent (1%) of the Agreement amount, the Auditor's office may make the adjustment in any payment or payments without requiring an amendment to the Agreement to provide for such adjustment. Should the COUNTY or the CONTRACTOR disagree with such adjustment, they reserve the right to contest such adjustment and/or to request corrective amendment.

**D.20 CAPTIONS.** The captions of this Agreement are for convenience in reference only and the words contained therein shall in no way be held to explain, modify, amplify or aid in the interpretation, construction or meaning of the provisions of this Agreement.

**D.21 DEFINITIONS.** Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, or unless the context otherwise requires, the following definitions and rules of construction shall apply herein.

**D.21.1 Number and Gender.** In this Agreement, the neuter gender includes the feminine and masculine, the singular includes the plural, and the word "person" includes corporations, partnerships, firms or associations, wherever the context so requires.

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**D.21.2 Mandatory and Permissive.** "Shall" and "will" and "agrees" are mandatory. "May" is permissive.

**D.22 TERM INCLUDES EXTENSIONS.** All references to the term of this Agreement or the Agreement Term shall include any extensions of such term.

**D.23 SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS.** All representations, covenants and warranties specifically set forth in this Agreement, by or on behalf of, or for the benefit of any or all of the parties hereto, shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of such party, its successors and assigns.

**D.24 MODIFICATION.** No modification or waiver of any provisions of this Agreement or its attachments shall be effective unless such waiver or modification shall be in writing, signed by all parties, and then shall be effective only for the period and on the condition, and for the specific instance for which given.

**D.25 COUNTERPARTS.** This Agreement may be executed simultaneously and in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

**D.26 OTHER DOCUMENTS.** The parties agree that they shall cooperate in good faith to accomplish the object of this Agreement and, to that end, agree to execute and deliver such other and further instruments and documents as may be necessary and convenient to the fulfillment of these purposes.

**D.27 PARTIAL INVALIDITY.** If any term, covenant, condition or provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remainder of the provision and/or provisions shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated.

**D.28 VENUE.** It is agreed by the parties hereto that unless otherwise expressly waived by them, any action brought to enforce any of the provisions hereof or for declaratory relief hereunder shall be filed and remain in a court of competent jurisdiction in the County of Lassen, State of California.

**D.29 CONTROLLING LAW.** The validity, interpretation and performance of this Agreement shall be controlled by and construed under the laws of the State of California.

**D.30 CALIFORNIA TORT CLAIMS ACT.** Notwithstanding any term or condition of the Agreement, the provisions, and related provisions, of the California Tort Claims Act, Division 3.6 of the Government Code, are not waived by COUNTY and shall apply to any claim against COUNTY arising out of any acts or conduct under the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

**D.31 TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.** Time is of the essence of this Agreement and each covenant and term herein.

**D.32 AUTHORITY.** All parties to this Agreement warrant and represent that they have the power and authority to enter into this Agreement in the names, titles and capacities herein stated and on behalf of any entities, persons, estates or firms represented or purported to be represented by such entity(s), person(s), estate(s) or firm(s) and that all formal requirements necessary or required by any state and/or federal law in order to enter into this Agreement are in full compliance. Further, by entering into this Agreement, neither party hereto shall have breached the terms or conditions of any other contract or agreement to which such party is obligated, which such breach would have a material effect hereon.

**D.33 CORPORATE AUTHORITY.** If CONTRACTOR is a corporation or public agency, each individual executing this Agreement on behalf of said corporation or public agency represents and warrants that he or she is duly authorized to execute and deliver this Agreement on behalf of said corporation, in accordance with a duly adopted resolution of the Board of Directors of said corporation or in accordance with the bylaws of said corporation or Board or Commission of said public agency, and that this Agreement is binding upon said

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corporation or public entity in accordance with its terms. If CONTRACTOR is a corporation, CONTRACTOR shall, within thirty (30) days after execution of this Agreement, deliver to COUNTY a certified copy of a resolution of the Board of Directors of said corporation authorizing or ratifying the execution of this Agreement.

**D.34 CONFLICT OF INTEREST.**

**D.34.1 Legal Compliance.** CONTRACTOR agrees at all times in performance of this Agreement to comply with the law of the State of California regarding conflicts of interest, including, but not limited to, Article 4 of Chapter 1, Division 4, Title 1 of the California Government Code, commencing with Section 1090 and Chapter 7 of Title 9 of said Code, commencing with Section 87100, including regulations promulgated by the California Fair Political Practices Commission.

**D.34.2 Advisement.** CONTRACTOR agrees that if any facts come to its attention which raise any questions as to the applicability of this law, it will immediately inform the COUNTY designated representative and provide all information needed for resolution of the question.

**D.34.3 Admonition.** Without limitation of the covenants in subparagraphs D.34.1 and D.34.2, CONTRACTOR is admonished hereby as follows:

The statutes, regulations and laws referenced in this provision D.34 include, but are not limited to, a prohibition against any public officer, including CONTRACTOR for this purpose, from making any decision on behalf of COUNTY in which such officer has a direct or indirect financial interest. A violation occurs if the public officer influences or participates in any COUNTY decision which has the potential to confer any pecuniary benefit on CONTRACTOR or any business firm in which CONTRACTOR has an interest of any type, with certain narrow exceptions.

**D.35 NONDISCRIMINATION.** During the performance of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall not unlawfully discriminate against any employee of the CONTRACTOR or of the COUNTY or applicant for employment or for services or any member of the public because of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status, age or sex. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that in the provision of services under this Agreement, its employees and applicants for employment and any member of the public are free from such discrimination. CONTRACTOR shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code Section 12900 et seq.). The applicable regulations of the Fair Employment Housing Commission implementing Government Code Section 12900, set forth in Chapter 5, Division 4 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations are incorporated into this Agreement by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full. CONTRACTOR shall also abide by the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all amendments thereto, and all administrative rules and regulation issued pursuant to said Act. CONTRACTOR shall give written notice of its obligations under this clause to any labor agreement. CONTRACTOR shall include the non-discrimination and compliance provision of this paragraph in all subcontracts to perform work under this Agreement.

**D.36 JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY.** If any party consists of more than one person or entity, the liability of each person or entity signing this Agreement shall be joint and several.

**D.37 TAXPAYER I.D. NUMBER.** The COUNTY shall not disburse any payments to CONTRACTOR pursuant to this Agreement until CONTRACTOR supplies the latter's Taxpayer Identification Number or Social Security Number by providing COUNTY with a completed IRS Form W-9.

**D.38 NOTICES.** All notices and demands of any kind which either party may require or desire to serve on the other in connection with this Agreement must be served in writing either by personal service or by

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registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, and shall be deposited in the United States Mail, with postage thereon fully prepaid, and addressed to the party so to be served as follows:

If to "COUNTY":

Richard Egan, County Administrative Officer  
221 South Roop Street, Suite 4  
Susanville, CA 96130

If to "CONTRACTOR":

Tom Esgate, Managing Director  
Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc.  
P.O. Box 816  
Susanville, CA 96130

**END OF ATTACHMENT "D".**

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## ATTACHMENT E

### NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES

This Agreement is made solely and specifically among and for the benefit of the parties to it, the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR, and their respective successors and assigns, subject to the express provision of the agreement relating to successors and assigns, and no other person, has or will have any rights, interest, or claims under this Agreement as a third-party beneficiary or otherwise. This Agreement shall not establish any actionable duty of the County or County personnel inuring to any third party or to anyone claiming under or on behalf of such a third party.

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## EXHIBIT 1:

- Letter of March 15, 2021 from Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc. to Lassen County Board of Supervisors:
  - Firewise Community Assessments and Action Plans
  - Community Wildfire Protection Plan Support



## *Lassen Fire Safe Council, Inc.*

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Lassen County Board of Supervisors  
220 S Lassen St # 4  
Susanville, CA 96130

March 15, 2021

Dear County Supervisors,

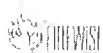
To begin, the Lassen Fire Safe Council wants to thank the Board for the shared successes of recruiting and maintaining FIREWISE communities across Lassen County and the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). In the past 18 years, our partnership has built a cohort of 10 nationally recognized FIREWISE communities with effective Action Plans and in-school wildfire prevention education programs. This partnership has allowed a direct conduit for rural communities to advocate for themselves and plan for treatments that mitigate wildfire risk in areas only locals can contribute. The CWPP is a first stepping stone with many downstream benefits including invaluable public-private partnerships that lead to landscape-scale grants treating thousands of acres across Lassen County reducing hazardous fuel loads, increasing public safety, and supporting the local timber industry.

As planning efforts resume in 2021, the Lassen Fire Safe Council is requesting a total of \$59,383 of Lassen County Title III funds to support Lassen County's Firewise Communities and the Lassen County Community Wildfire Protection Plan in order to uphold past efforts and strengthen partnerships within the County. LFSC requests the funds under (1) and (2) of the Title III Authorized Uses listed below:

- (1) to carry out activities under the Firewise Communities program to provide to homeowners in fire-sensitive ecosystems education on, and assistance with implementing, techniques in home siting, home construction, and home landscaping that can increase the protection of people and property from wildfires;
- (2) to develop community wildfire protection plans in coordination with the appropriate Secretary concerned.

Out of the 10 active Lassen County Firewise Communities, 9 are in need of updating their Community Action Plan by **November 15, 2021** to maintain their Firewise recognition with the National Fire Protection Association. These plans are required to be updated every 5 years. Day Lassen Bench was updated last year with Title III funds provided by Shasta County. In addition, LFSC wants to develop new plans for Westwood, making it our 11<sup>th</sup> Firewise Community. A budget for these plans is attached totaling \$39,383.

In addition, LFSC is requesting funds to support the Lassen County Community Wildfire Protection Plan in 2022. A budget for these activities is attached totaling \$20,000.



We are active participants in FIREWISE Communities USA procedures.

We are hopeful that the County will be able to approve our proposal once Lassen County has received its next allocation of Title III funds which is expected next month. Please let us know if any additional information would be helpful in making a decision.

Thank you,

*Katlyn Lonergan*

Katlyn Lonergan,  
Firewise Communities Liaison  
Lassen Fire Safe Council, Inc.



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