

**POST-EVENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
AND
San Bernardino County Animal Care and Control
PERTAINING TO ASSISTANCE PROVIDED UNDER THE EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT MUTUAL AID (EMMA) PLAN**

WHEREAS, in early January 2025, multiple wildfires resulting from a windstorm within the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles metropolitan area caused severe destruction, prompted numerous evacuation orders and road closures, and severely impacted the provision of City services, including, but not limited to, animal control services (this event and associated conditions will be collectively referred to as the “2025 Windstorm and Fire Weather”); and

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2025, the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles (“Mayor”) declared a state of local emergency relating to the 2025 Windstorm and Fire Weather; and

WHEREAS, also on January 7, 2025, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a state of emergency in response to the 2025 Windstorm and Fire Weather; and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2025, the President of the United States (“President Biden”) issued a Major Disaster Declaration in order to support ongoing emergency response efforts, and ordered that federal funding be available for such efforts;

WHEREAS, President Biden authorized the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) to reimburse 100 percent of specified costs, including debris removal and lifesaving and life sustaining activities such as fire suppression, and search and rescue to locate survivors, household pets, and service animals requiring assistance; and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2025, the Mayor issued an updated declaration of local emergency; and

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2025, the Los Angeles City Council unanimously resolved that there exists a local emergency resulting from the 2025 Windstorm and Fire Weather, and ratified the Mayor’s Declaration of Local Emergency (Council File # 25-0030);

WHEREAS, the State of California’s Emergency Management Mutual Aid (“EMMA”) Plan delineates the current state policy concerning Emergency Management Mutual Aid; and

WHEREAS, the EMMA Plan describes the standard procedures used to acquire emergency management mutual aid resources and the method to ensure coordination of emergency management mutual aid planning and readiness; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager of the Department of Animal Services (“General Manager”), as the chief of the Animal Regulation Division of the City’s Emergency

Operations Organization, is the Operational Area Emergency Management Mutual Aid Coordinator for animal control in the City of Los Angeles during an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the EMMA Plan provides, in pertinent part, “[w]hen an emergency develops or appears to be developing which cannot be resolved by emergency management resources within an Operational Area, it is the responsibility of the Operational Area Mutual Aid Coordinator to provide assistance and coordination to control the problem;” and

WHEREAS, the EMMA Plan provides, in pertinent part, “[a] request for emergency management mutual aid requires the approval of an authorized official of the Requesting Jurisdiction;” and

WHEREAS, the General Manager requested the mutual aid assistance of the ***San Bernardino County Animal Care and Control***, pursuant to the EMMA Plan to provide emergency management support in connection with the 2025 Windstorm and Fire Weather; and

WHEREAS, ***San Bernardino County Animal Care and Control*** provided emergency management mutual aid consisting of emergency management personnel, equipment, and/or materials during the period of **January 16, 2025, through January 31, 2025** to assist with search and rescue of household pets in connection with the 2025 Windstorm and Fire Weather;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED by and between the City of Los Angeles and ***San Bernardino County Animal Care and Control*** that the City of Los Angeles may reimburse reasonable costs associated with the ***San Bernardino County Animal Care and Control*** emergency management mutual aid assistance during the 2025 Windstorm and Fire Weather.

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original, and such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same Agreement. The parties shall be entitled to sign and transmit an electronic signature of this Agreement (whether by facsimile, PDF or other mail transmission), which signature shall be binding on the party whose name is contained therein.

Requesting Jurisdiction

By _____
(Signature)

Name: Annette G. Ramirez
Title: Interim General Manager
Agency: City of Los Angeles
Jurisdiction:
Date:

Providing Agency

By _____
(Signature)

Name: Dawn Rowe
Title: Chair, Board of Supervisors
Agency: San Bernardino County
Jurisdiction:
Date: