

**PLACER COUNTY
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: David Boesch, County Executive Officer
by John McEldowney, Program Manager, Emergency Services

DATE: October 21, 2014

SUBJECT: Volunteer Fire Assistance Program Agreement

ACTION REQUESTED

1. Adopt a Resolution approving five Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Program agreements, totaling \$28,575, for the purchase of wild land firefighting equipment, and authorize the Emergency Services Program Manager to sign and execute the agreements on behalf of Placer County.

BACKGROUND

The U.S. Forest Service is the national administrator of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978, which awards funds to volunteer fire organizations under the Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Program. Statewide, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is responsible for grant approval, funds distribution and specifying grant terms and conditions.

In May of this year, Placer County Fire applied for five VFA grants on behalf of four County Zone of Benefits (ZOB); Western Placer Fire CSA ZOB 76 (Thermalands, Paige, Fowler), Dutch Flat Fire ZOB 150, Dry Creek Fire CSA ZOB 165, North Auburn/Ophir Fire ZOB 193, as well as Fire Protection Appn 22160 (Auburn, Colfax, Alta, Lincoln). The applications were approved by CAL FIRE in the amount of \$5,735 for ZOB 76, \$5,635 for ZOB 150, \$5,735 for ZOB 165, \$5,735 for ZOB 193, and \$5,735 for Fire Protection Appn 22160.

Each grant award requires a 50% local match, therefore, your Board's approval of the agreements means that these five ZOB's are each able to purchase over \$11,000 worth of equipment at a 50% discount.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the County General Fund as a result of this action. Current year required matching funds are available in the Fire Protection Fund Final Budgets, as well as CSA Zones 76, 150, 165, and 193.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution
Volunteer Fire Assistance Program Agreement (5)

**Before the Board of Supervisors
County of Placer, State of California**

In the matter of:

Resol. No: _____

A RESOLUTION APPROVING FIVE VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AGREEMENTS FOR PLACER COUNTY FIRE, AND AUTHORIZING JOHN MCELLOWNEY, PROGRAM MANAGER, EMERGENCY SERVICES, TO SIGN AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF PLACER COUNTY.

The following **RESOLUTION** was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held **OCTOBER 21, 2014** by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Clerk of said Board _____

WHEREAS, fire protection in some of the unincorporated area of Placer County is provided by volunteer fire companies managed by Placer County Fire/California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (PCF/CAL FIRE); and

WHEREAS, the United States Forest Service, under the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978, awards funds through CAL FIRE to volunteer fire organizations under the Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Program which requires a 50% local match; and

WHEREAS, Placer County Fire applied for five VFA grants which were subsequently approved as follows: \$5,735 to Western Placer Fire CSA ZOB 76 (Thermalands, Paige, Fowler), \$5,635 to Dutch Flat Fire CSA ZOB 150, \$5,735 to Dry Creek Fire CSA ZOB 165, \$5,735 to North Auburn/Ophir Fire CSA ZOB 193 as well as \$5,735 to Fire Protection Appn 22160 (Auburn, Colfax, Alta, Lincoln).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer that the VFA awards to the Zone of Benefits and Fire Protection Appn listed above are hereby approved, and that John McEldowney, Program Manager, Emergency Services, is authorized to sign and execute the agreement.

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DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Natural Resources Agency

Agreement for the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program of the
Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into **ON THE LAST SIGNATORY DATE ON PAGE 6**, by and between the STATE of California, acting through the Director of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection hereinafter called "STATE", and _____

_____ hereinafter called "LOCAL AGENCY", covenants as follows:

RECITALS:

1. STATE has been approved as an agent of the United States Department of Agriculture, (USDA), Forest Service for the purpose of administering the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act (CFAA) of 1978 (PL 95-313, United States Code, Title 16, Chapter 41, Section 2010 et seq., Volunteer Fire Assistance Program), hereinafter referred to as "VFA", and
2. The VFA has made funds available to STATE for redistribution, under certain terms and conditions, to LOCAL AGENCY to assist LOCAL AGENCY to upgrade its fire protection capability, and
3. LOCAL AGENCY desires to participate in said VFA.

NOW THEREFORE, it is mutually agreed between the parties as follows:

4. **APPROVAL:** This Agreement is of no force or effect until signed by both parties and approved by the Department of General Services, if required. LOCAL AGENCY may not commence performance until such approval has been obtained.
5. **TIMELINESS:** Time is of the essence in this Agreement.
6. **FORFEITURE OF AWARD:** LOCAL AGENCY must return this Agreement and required resolution properly signed and executed to STATE at the address specified in paragraph 11, with a postmark no later than December 1, 2014 or LOCAL AGENCY will forfeit the funds.

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7. GRANT AND BUDGET CONTINGENCY CLAUSE: It is mutually understood between the parties that this **Agreement** may have been written for the mutual benefit of both parties before ascertaining the availability of congressional appropriation of funds, to avoid program and fiscal delays that would occur if the **Agreement** were executed after that determination was made.

This **Agreement** is valid and enforceable only if sufficient funds are made available to the STATE by the United States Government for the State Fiscal Year 2014-15 for the purpose of this program. In addition, this **Agreement** is subject to any additional restrictions, limitations, or conditions enacted by the Congress or to any statute enacted by the Congress that may affect the provisions, terms, or funding of this **Agreement** in any manner.

The parties mutually agree that if the Congress does not appropriate sufficient funds for the program, this **Agreement** shall be amended to reflect any reduction in funds.

The STATE has the option to invalidate the **Agreement** under the 30-day cancellation clause or to amend the **Agreement** to reflect any reduction in funds.

8. REIMBURSEMENT: STATE will reimburse LOCAL AGENCY, from funds made available to STATE by the Federal Government, an amount not to exceed \$5635 on a 50/50 matching funds basis, for the performance of specific projects and/or purchase of specific items identified in Exhibit(s) A, Application for Funding, attached hereto. **Reimbursement will be only for those projects accomplished and/or items purchased between THE LAST SIGNATORY DATE ON PAGE 6 and JUNE 30, 2014.** This sum is the sole and maximum payment that STATE will make pursuant to this Agreement. **LOCAL AGENCY must bill STATE, in triplicate, at the address specified in paragraph 11, with a postmark no later than August 31, 2015 in order to receive the funds.** The bill submitted by LOCAL AGENCY must clearly delineate the projects performed and/or items purchased. A vendor's invoice or proof of payment to vendor(s) must be included for items purchased.
9. LIMITATIONS: Expenditure of the funds distributed by STATE herein is subject to the same limitations as placed by the VFA, upon expenditure of United States Government Funds. Pursuant to Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 3016.32 subject to the obligations and conditions set forth in that section; title to any equipment and supplies acquired under this **Agreement** vests with the LOCAL AGENCY. For any equipment items over \$5,000, the federal government may retain a vested interest in accordance with paragraph 16 below.
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LOCAL AGENCY shall not use VFA Funds as matching funds for other federal grants, including Department of Interior (USDI) Rural Fire Assistance grants, nor use funds from other federal grants, including USDI Rural Fire Assistance grants, as matching funds for VFA Funds.

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11. ADDRESSES: The mailing addresses of the parties hereto, for all notices, billings, payments, repayments, or any other activity under the terms of the Agreement, are:

LOCAL AGENCY: _____

Attention: _____

Telephone Number(s): _____

FAX Number: _____

E-mail _____

STATE:

**Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Cooperative Fire Programs, Room 1653-2A
P. O. Box 944246
Sacramento, California 94244-2460
PHONE: (916) 653-6179
FAX (916) 653-9708**

12. PURPOSE: Any project to be funded hereunder must be intended to specifically assist LOCAL AGENCY to organize, train, and/or equip local firefighting forces in the aforementioned rural area and community to prevent or suppress fires which threaten life, resources, and/or improvements within the area of operation of LOCAL AGENCY.
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17. EQUIPMENT INVENTORY: Any single item purchased in excess of \$5,000 will be assigned a VFA Property Number by the STATE Sacramento Property Office. LOCAL AGENCY shall forward a copy of the purchase documents listing the item, brand, model, serial number, any LOCAL AGENCY property number assigned, and a LOCAL AGENCY contact and return address to STATE at the address specified in paragraph 11. The STATE Sacramento Property office will advise the appropriate STATE Unit and LOCAL AGENCY contact of the VFA Property Number assigned.
18. AUDIT: LOCAL AGENCY agrees that the STATE, the Department of General Services, the Bureau of State Audits, or their designated representative shall have the right to review and to copy any records and supporting documentation pertaining to the performance of this **Agreement**. LOCAL AGENCY agrees to maintain such records for possible audit for a minimum of three (3) years after final payment, unless a longer period of records retention is stipulated. LOCAL AGENCY agrees to allow the auditor(s) access to such records during normal business hours and to allow interviews of any employees who might reasonably have information related to such records. Further, LOCAL AGENCY agrees to include a similar right of the State of California to audit records and interview staff in any subcontract related to performance of this **Agreement**. (GC 8546.7, PCC 10115 et seq., CCR Title 2, Section 1896).
19. DISPUTES: In the event of any dispute over qualifying matching expenditures of LOCAL AGENCY, the dispute will be decided by STATE and its decision shall be final and binding.
20. INDEMNIFICATION: LOCAL AGENCY agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless, the STATE, its officers, agents, and employees, from any and all claims and losses, accruing or resulting to any and all contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, laborers, and any other person, firm or corporation furnishing or supplying work services, materials, or supplies in connection with the performance of this **Agreement**, and from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any person, firm or corporation who may be injured or damaged by LOCAL AGENCY in the performance of this **Agreement**.
21. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS: LOCAL AGENCY will comply with the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 and will provide a drug-free workplace by taking the following actions:
 - a. Publish a statement notifying employees that unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited and specifying actions to be taken against employees for violations.

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- b. Establish a Drug-Free Awareness Program to inform employees about:
- 1) the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - 2) the person's or organization's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - 3) any available counseling, rehabilitation and employee assistance programs; and,
 - 4) penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
- c. Every employee who works on the proposed **Agreement** will:
- 1) receive a copy of the company's drug-free workplace policy statement; and,
 - 2) agree to abide by the terms of the company's statement as a condition of employment on the **Agreement**.

Failure to comply with these requirements may result in suspension of payments under the **Agreement** or termination of the **Agreement** or both and LOCAL AGENCY may be ineligible for funding of any future State **Agreement** if the department determines that any of the following has occurred: (1) the LOCAL AGENCY has made false certification, or violated the certification by failing to carry out the requirements as noted above. (GC 8350 et seq.)

22. **TERM:** The term of the **Agreement** SHALL COMMENCE ON THE LAST SIGNATORY DATE ON PAGE 6 and continue through June 30, 2015.
23. **TERMINATION:** This **Agreement** may be terminated by either party giving 30 days written notice to the other party or provisions herein amended upon mutual consent of the parties hereto.
24. **AMENDMENTS:** No amendment or variation of the terms of this **Agreement** shall be valid unless made in writing, signed by the parties and approved as required. No oral understanding or **Agreement** not incorporated in the **Agreement** is binding on any of the parties.
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the last signatory date below.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY
AND FIRE PROTECTION

LOCAL AGENCY

By: _____
Signature

By: _____
*Signature

_____ Dan Sendek
Printed Name

Printed Name

_____ Staff Chief
Title
Cooperative Fire Programs

**Title

Last Signatory Date

***Date

*Ensure that the officer signing here for LOCAL AGENCY IS THE SAME Officer authorized in the Resolution to execute this Agreement.

**Ensure that the title entered here IS THE SAME title used in the Resolution for the Officer who is executing this Agreement.

***Ensure that the date LOCAL AGENCY signs IS THE SAME DATE as the Resolution date OR LATER.

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| AMOUNT ENCUMBERED BY THIS DOCUMENT \$5,635 | PROGRAM/CATEGORY (CODE AND TITLE) Support | | | FUND TITLE Federal |
| | (OPTIONAL USE) Vendor # | | | |
| PRIOR AMOUNT ENCUMBERED FOR THIS AGREEMENT \$0 | ITEM 3540-001-0001 | CHAPTER 25 | STATUTE 2014 | FISCAL YEAR 14/15 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT ENCUMBERED TO DATE \$5,635 | OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE (CODE AND TITLE) 14-9214-418.99-92527 | | | |
| I hereby certify upon my own personal knowledge that budgeted funds are available for the period and purpose of the expenditure stated above. | | | T.B.A. NO. | B.R. NO. |
| SIGNATURE OF CDF ACCOUNTING OFFICER X | | | DATE | |

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LOCAL AGENCY: COUNTY OF PLACER
175 FULWEILER AVE.
AUBURN, CA 95603
Attention: Shelley Beninga
Telephone Number(s): (530) 886-4622
FAX Number: (530) 889-4023
E-mail sbeninga@placer.ca.gov

STATE: **Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
 Cooperative Fire Programs, Room 1653-2A
 P. O. Box 944246
 Sacramento, California 94244-2460
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY
AND FIRE PROTECTION

LOCAL AGENCY

By: _____
Signature

By: _____
*Signature

_____ Dan Sendek
Printed Name

Printed Name

_____ Staff Chief
Title
Cooperative Fire Programs

**Title

Last Signatory Date

***Date

*Ensure that the officer signing here for LOCAL AGENCY IS THE SAME Officer authorized in the Resolution to execute this Agreement.
**Ensure that the title entered here IS THE SAME title used in the Resolution for the Officer who is executing this Agreement.
***Ensure that the date LOCAL AGENCY signs IS THE SAME DATE as the Resolution date OR LATER.

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| AMOUNT ENCUMBERED BY THIS DOCUMENT \$5,735 | PROGRAM/CATEGORY (CODE AND TITLE) Support | | | | FUND TITLE Federal |
| | (OPTIONAL USE) Vendor # | | | | |
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY
AND FIRE PROTECTION

LOCAL AGENCY

By: _____
Signature

By: _____
*Signature

_____ Dan Sendek
Printed Name

Printed Name

_____ Staff Chief
Title
Cooperative Fire Programs

**Title

Last Signatory Date

***Date

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| SIGNATURE OF CDF ACCOUNTING OFFICER X | | DATE | | |

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DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Natural Resources Agency

Agreement for the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program of the
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Title
Cooperative Fire Programs

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- 13. COMBINING: In the event funds are paid for two or more separate, but closely related projects, the 50/50 cost-sharing formula will be applied to the total cost of such combined projects.
- 14. OVERRUNS: In the event that the total cost of a funded project exceeds the estimate of costs upon which this Agreement is made, LOCAL AGENCY may request additional funds to cover the **Agreement** share of the amount exceeded. However, there is no assurance that any such funds are, or may be, available for reimbursement. Any increase in funding will require an amendment.
- 15. UNDERRUNS: In the event that the total cost of a funded project is less than the estimate of costs upon which this **Agreement** is made, LOCAL AGENCY may request that additional eligible projects/items be approved by STATE for **Agreement** funding. However, there is no assurance that any such approval will be funded. Approval of additional projects/items, not listed on the Exhibit A application, made by STATE, will be in writing and will require an amendment.
- 16. FEDERAL INTEREST IN EQUIPMENT: The Federal Government has a vested interest in any item purchased with VFA funding in excess of \$5,000 regardless of the length of this **Agreement**, until such time as the fair market value is less than \$5,000. The VFA percentage used to purchase the equipment will be applied to the sale price and recovered for the Government during the sale. This percentage will remain the same even following depreciation.

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The Federal Government may not have to be reimbursed if the disposal sale amounts to a fair market value of less than \$5,000. LOCAL AGENCY will notify STATE Sacramento Property Office of the disposal of such items.

17. EQUIPMENT INVENTORY: Any single item purchased in excess of \$5,000 will be assigned a VFA Property Number by the STATE Sacramento Property Office. LOCAL AGENCY shall forward a copy of the purchase documents listing the item, brand, model, serial number, any LOCAL AGENCY property number assigned, and a LOCAL AGENCY contact and return address to STATE at the address specified in paragraph 11. The STATE Sacramento Property office will advise the appropriate STATE Unit and LOCAL AGENCY contact of the VFA Property Number assigned.
18. AUDIT: LOCAL AGENCY agrees that the STATE, the Department of General Services, the Bureau of State Audits, or their designated representative shall have the right to review and to copy any records and supporting documentation pertaining to the performance of this **Agreement**. LOCAL AGENCY agrees to maintain such records for possible audit for a minimum of three (3) years after final payment, unless a longer period of records retention is stipulated. LOCAL AGENCY agrees to allow the auditor(s) access to such records during normal business hours and to allow interviews of any employees who might reasonably have information related to such records. Further, LOCAL AGENCY agrees to include a similar right of the State of California to audit records and interview staff in any subcontract related to performance of this **Agreement**. (GC 8546.7, PCC 10115 et seq., CCR Title 2, Section 1896).
19. DISPUTES: In the event of any dispute over qualifying matching expenditures of LOCAL AGENCY, the dispute will be decided by STATE and its decision shall be final and binding.
20. INDEMNIFICATION: LOCAL AGENCY agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless, the STATE, its officers, agents, and employees, from any and all claims and losses, accruing or resulting to any and all contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, laborers, and any other person, firm or corporation furnishing or supplying work services, materials, or supplies in connection with the performance of this **Agreement**, and from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any person, firm or corporation who may be injured or damaged by LOCAL AGENCY in the performance of this **Agreement**.
21. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS: LOCAL AGENCY will comply with the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 and will provide a drug-free workplace by taking the following actions:
 - a. Publish a statement notifying employees that unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited and specifying actions to be taken against employees for violations.

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- b. Establish a Drug-Free Awareness Program to inform employees about:
- 1) the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - 2) the person's or organization's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - 3) any available counseling, rehabilitation and employee assistance programs; and,
 - 4) penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
- c. Every employee who works on the proposed **Agreement** will:
- 1) receive a copy of the company's drug-free workplace policy statement; and,
 - 2) agree to abide by the terms of the company's statement as a condition of employment on the **Agreement**.

Failure to comply with these requirements may result in suspension of payments under the **Agreement** or termination of the **Agreement** or both and LOCAL AGENCY may be ineligible for funding of any future State **Agreement** if the department determines that any of the following has occurred: (1) the LOCAL AGENCY has made false certification, or violated the certification by failing to carry out the requirements as noted above. (GC 8350 et seq.)

22. **TERM:** The term of the Agreement SHALL COMMENCE ON THE LAST SIGNATORY DATE ON PAGE 6 and continue through June 30, 2015.
23. **TERMINATION:** This Agreement may be terminated by either party giving 30 days written notice to the other party or provisions herein amended upon mutual consent of the parties hereto.
24. **AMENDMENTS:** No amendment or variation of the terms of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing, signed by the parties and approved as required. No oral understanding or Agreement not incorporated in the Agreement is binding on any of the parties.
25. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:** LOCAL AGENCY, and the agents and employees of LOCAL AGENCY, in the performance of this Agreement, shall act in an independent capacity and not as officers or employees or agents of the STATE or the Federal Government.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this **Agreement** as of the last signatory date below.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY
AND FIRE PROTECTION

LOCAL AGENCY

By: _____
Signature

By: _____
*Signature

Dan Sendek
Printed Name

Printed Name

Staff Chief
Title
Cooperative Fire Programs

**Title

Last Signatory Date

***Date

*Ensure that the officer signing here for LOCAL AGENCY IS THE SAME Officer authorized in the Resolution to execute this **Agreement**.
Ensure that the title entered here IS THE SAME title used in the Resolution for the Officer who is executing this **Agreement.
***Ensure that the date LOCAL AGENCY signs IS THE SAME DATE as the Resolution date OR LATER.

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| AMOUNT ENCUMBERED BY THIS DOCUMENT \$5,735 | PROGRAM/CATEGORY (CODE AND TITLE) Support | | | FUND TITLE Federal |
| | (OPTIONAL USE) Vendor # | | | |
| PRIOR AMOUNT ENCUMBERED FOR THIS AGREEMENT \$0 | ITEM 3540-001-0001 | CHAPTER 25 | STATUTE 2014 | FISCAL YEAR 14/15 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT ENCUMBERED TO DATE \$5,735 | OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE (CODE AND TITLE) 14-9214-418.99-92527 | | | |
| <i>I hereby certify upon my own personal knowledge that budgeted funds are available for the period and purpose of the expenditure stated above.</i> | | T.B.A. NO. | B.R. NO. | |
| SIGNATURE OF CDF ACCOUNTING OFFICER X | | DATE | | |

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