



SHASTA COUNTY

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Fire Chief Dennis Beck
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RE: Automatic Aid Agreement with Shasta Lake Fire Protection District

Dear Chief Beck:

I am in receipt of your letter dated August 15, 2016, in which you stated that the Shasta Lake Fire Protection District ("SLFPD") Board of Directors has decided not to sign the new proposed automatic aid agreement with Shasta County.

We are disappointed by this news. The existing agreement between the County and the SLFPD, dated March 12, 1996, is over 20 years old and has not been updated in that time. Significantly, it contains a reference to an "Exhibit A" that is not attached to the agreement and that neither party can now locate. The March 12, 1996 agreement also does not clearly delineate the response areas of either the County or the SLFPD. In order to avoid future disputes, the County believes it is in the interests of both parties to update the agreement to provide clarity on the rights and responsibilities of both parties.

Please note that Section 7, "Term and Termination," of the March 12, 1996 agreement provides that "either party may terminate [the agreement] by giving written notice of termination to the other party at least three (3) months prior to said termination date."

If the County and the SLFPD are unable to agree on an updated automatic aid agreement, the County may have no recourse but to exercise its right to terminate the existing agreement.

We ask that the SLFPD reconsider its decision. Please let me know on or before September 30, 2016 if the SLFPD is interested in renewing discussions for a new automatic aid agreement. After that date, the County will consider its options, including termination of the existing agreement. Attached is the new proposed automatic aid agreement.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Mike Hebrard
Fire Warden
Shasta County Fire Department

Attachment #1 – March 12, 1996 Agreement Between SCFD and SLFPD
Attachment # 2 – New Proposed Automatic Aid Agreement

cc: Chairman of the Board of SLFPD Stephen Morgan
CAO Office
County Counsel