

**SITE USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN NAPA COUNTY AND  
RUTHERFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
FOR USE OF THE FIRE STATION**

This Site Use Agreement ("Agreement") is made between the RUTHERFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, hereinafter referred to as "RUTHERFORD," and NAPA COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY."

**RECITALS**

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

- (a) COUNTY has entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with RUTHERFORD the provision of volunteer firefighting services.
- (b) COUNTY desires to enter into Site Use Agreement with RUTHERFORD for use of a volunteer fire station facility.

**Section 1. DEFINITIONS**

**RUTHERFORD:** This refers to the non-profit corporation, Rutherford Volunteer Fire Department. This corporation is an independent non-profit public benefit organization that collects monies through donations, fundraising, grants, etc., for the purpose of supporting Rutherford Volunteer Fire Company. This corporation and its activities have no direct affiliation with Napa County Fire Department or the COUNTY.

**COMPANY:** This refers to a Volunteer Fire Company operating within the Napa County Fire Department per Memorandum of Agreement, Napa County Agreement No. 8068 ("MOA"). Rutherford Volunteer Fire Company is one (1) of nine (9) such companies and is operating under a Memorandum of Agreement.

**COUNTY:** This refers to Napa County, which administers the Napa County Fire Department.

**PREMISES:** This refers to the properties located at:

- (a) The building located at 1995 Hwy 29, Rutherford, CA 94573 (APN 027-210-023-000). The property upon which the two (2) bay garage and restroom are situated is owned by COUNTY; and
- (b) 8140 Silverado Trail, Napa, CA 94558 (APN 030-280-020-000). The property upon which a two (2) bay garage is situated is owned by RUTHERFORD.

## Section 2. PREMISES

RUTHERFORD owns and hereby agrees to allow the COUNTY to utilize the PREMISES, in Napa County for the purpose of a Volunteer Fire Station for COMPANY.

## Section 3. TERM

3.1 The term of this Agreement shall coincide with the terms of the MOA with RUTHERFORD. If the MOA is terminated by either party, this Agreement shall also terminate on the same date that the MOA is terminated.

3.2 COUNTY or RUTHERFORD may terminate this Agreement without cause with ninety (90) days written notice to the other party.

## Section 4. COUNTY'S PAYMENT OBLIGATIONS

4.1 RUTHERFORD shall not charge COUNTY rental fees for the PREMISES for the term of this Agreement.

4.2 The following will be paid by COUNTY for the term of this Agreement:

- a. All charges for electricity and natural gas at the PREMISES.
- b. All charges for propane at the PREMISES.
- c. All charges for garbage at the PREMISES.
- d. Monthly charges for telephone/fax line.
- e. Monthly charges for internet service. All COUNTY internet use policies shall be followed.
- f. All charges for fire extinguisher service, repair, and replacement at the PREMISES.
- g. Property and liability insurance under COUNTY insurance plan at the PREMISES.
- h. All charges for water and sewage services at the PREMISES.
- i. All bills for the COUNTY sent from the vendor directly to the Napa County Fire Department at 1125 3rd St. Napa, CA. 94558, Attn: County Finance.

## Section 5. USE OF PREMISES

5.1. COUNTY may use and occupy the PREMISES for the purpose of operating a Volunteer Fire Station for use by COMPANY, storing COUNTY owned and issued fire apparatus and equipment, conducting Napa County Fire Department business, and related incidental uses

5.2 The PREMISES shall be used for no other purpose by COUNTY without the written consent of RUTHERFORD. Other COUNTY business may be conducted at the discretion of RUTHERFORD and shall be requested in writing three (3) days in advance.

5.3 COUNTY shall have access to the PREMISES with a standard key or lock box with keys in it. COUNTY shall make a reasonable attempt to provide a (1) day courtesy notice prior to

entering PREMISES in non-emergency situations. COUNTY shall have immediate access to the PREMISES in emergency situations.

## Section 6. MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

### 6.1 RUTHERFORD's Obligations. RUTHERFORD SHALL:

- a. During the term of this Agreement or any extension of the term, provide and maintain in good repair and tenantable condition, at RUTHERFORD's sole cost and expense, the interior and exterior of the PREMISES, including but not limited to the following: building structural integrity, parking lots, roof, exterior walls, doors, windows, and other outside elements of the PREMISES.
- b. Be responsible for facilitating and paying the costs of ordinary and routine building maintenance. Maintenance of building shall include but is not limited to plumbing, heating, electrical systems, lighting, and ventilation.
- c. Be responsible for compliance with the American with Disabilities Act (42 USC sec 12101) and its related regulations, and the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code section 12940), and California Code of Regulations, title 24. RUTHERFORD may request COUNTY assistance in completing repairs and maintenance required for compliance as defined in Section 7: Alterations to Premises.

### 6.2 COUNTY's Obligations. COUNTY SHALL:

- a. Give RUTHERFORD prompt notice of any damages to or defective conditions located in any part of the PREMISES.
- b. Not be allowed to re-key any locks serving the PREMISES.
- c. Ensure that the COMPANY operating under COUNTY keeps the PREMISES clean and safe and shall be responsible for normal wear and tear.

## Section 7. ALTERATIONS TO PREMISES

7.1 COUNTY, with RUTHERFORD's written consent, may make alterations to the PREMISES as the COUNTY deems appropriate and necessary or as reasonably requested by RUTHERFORD and approved by the COUNTY through the budgeting process. The party responsible for regular maintenance costs associated with alterations made to the PREMISES shall be agreed upon by COUNTY and RUTHERFORD and documented in writing signed by both parties prior to the alterations being made. Upon termination of this Agreement, all improvements made by COUNTY shall automatically become the property of COUNTY unless otherwise agreed to in writing between COUNTY and RUTHERFORD. COUNTY shall be responsible to repair all damages resulting from the installation of funded improvements.

7.2 RUTHERFORD agrees to allow COUNTY to install signage, an exterior 911 phone, and an active station exterior light on the PREMISES at COUNTY's expense. The signage will identify Napa County Fire Department and COMPANY as the occupants of the PREMISES.

## **Section 8. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBLETTING**

8.1 RUTHERFORD's Consent Required. COUNTY shall not assign this Agreement, or any interest therein, and shall not lease or sublet said PREMISES, or any part thereof, or any right or privilege appurtenant thereto, without the written consent of RUTHERFORD with the exception of use of the station by COMPANY. RUTHERFORD'S consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed. Unless such consent has been obtained, any assignment or transfer, or attempted assignment or transfer, of this Agreement, or of any interest therein, or subletting, either by voluntary or involuntary act of COUNTY, or by operation of law or otherwise, shall, at the option of RUTHERFORD, terminate this Agreement. Any such purported assignment, transfer, or subletting without such consent shall be null and void.

8.2 Release of COUNTY. In the event of an assignment of this Agreement, which is approved by RUTHERFORD, whereby such successor in interest agrees to be bound by all the terms, covenants, and conditions of the agreement, COUNTY shall be relieved from all obligations and liabilities occurring thereafter on the part of the new tenant.

## **Section 9. INDEMNIFICATION**

9.1 RUTHERFORD shall indemnify and hold COUNTY harmless from and defend COUNTY against any and all claims of liability for any injury, death, or damage to any person or property occurring in, on or about the PREMISES when such injury, death, or damage is caused in part or in whole by the neglect, fault, or omission of any duty with respect to the same by RUTHERFORD, its agents, contractors, volunteers, or employees. RUTHERFORD shall further indemnify and hold COUNTY harmless from and against any and all claims arising from any breach or default in the performance of any obligation on RUTHERFORD's part to be performed under the terms of this Agreement, or arising from any negligence or wrongdoing of RUTHERFORD, or any of its agents, contractors, volunteers, or employees and from and against all costs, attorney's fees (including fees of County Counsel), expenses, and liabilities incurred in the defense of any such claim or any action or proceeding brought thereon. If an action or proceeding is brought against COUNTY by reason of any such claim, RUTHERFORD, upon notice from COUNTY, shall defend the same at RUTHERFORD's expense provided, however, that RUTHERFORD shall not be liable for damage or injury occasioned by the active or passive negligence or intentional acts of COUNTY or its agents, contractors, volunteers, or employees. COUNTY shall be required to provide notice to RUTHERFORD within ten (10) days of receipt or notice of any claim.

9.2 COUNTY shall indemnify and hold RUTHERFORD harmless from and defend RUTHERFORD against any and all claims of liability for any injury, death, or damage to any person or property occurring in or on the PREMISES when such injury, death, or

damage is caused in part or in whole by the neglect, fault, or omission of any duty with respect to the same by COUNTY, its agents, contractors, volunteers, or employees. COUNTY shall further indemnify and hold RUTHERFORD harmless from and against any and all claims arising from any breach or default in the performance of any obligation on COUNTY'S part to be performed under the terms of this Agreement, or arising from any negligence or wrongdoing of COUNTY or any of its agents, contractors, volunteers, or employees and from and against all costs, attorney's fees, expenses, and liabilities incurred in the defense of any such claim or any action or proceeding brought thereon. If an action or proceeding is brought against RUTHERFORD by reason of any such claim, COUNTY, upon notice from RUTHERFORD, shall defend the same at COUNTY'S expense provided, however, that COUNTY shall not be required to defend nor be liable for damage, injury, or death occasioned by the active or passive negligence or intentional acts of RUTHERFORD or its agents, contractors, volunteers, or employees. RUTHERFORD shall provide notice to COUNTY within ten (10) days of receipt or notice of any claim.

#### **Section 10. INSURANCE COVERAGE**

**10.1** COUNTY shall obtain and maintain "all risk" property coverage and casualty and excess liability policies to cover any first-party or third-party claims for damages by or against the COUNTY resulting from the operation of the PREMISES as a Volunteer Fire Station including use by COMPANY for COUNTY fire department operations. This liability insurance will also cover COUNTY sponsored non-fire related activities. Any deductibles associated with COUNTY provided coverage will be paid by the COUNTY. At RUTHERFORD's discretion, the PREMISES may be used by individuals or organizations for RUTHERFORD, non- COUNTY related COMPANY events, and for public gatherings. Any other organizations or individuals requesting use of the building with RUTHERFORD'S permission shall provide any general liability policy deemed necessary by the Napa County Risk Manager prior to holding any such event or gathering. Said certificate must name the Napa County, its officers, agents, and employees as additional insured.

**10.2** For COMPANY or RUTHERFORD fundraisers, events, and uses not related directly to the operation of the PREMISES as a Volunteer Fire Station or third parties using the facility as described in Section 5.1, above, RUTHERFORD shall obtain liability insurance with a minimum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) of liability coverage to cover such events. Such coverage shall be subject to the reasonable approval of COUNTY's Risk Manager and verified by certificates of coverage. The COUNTY shall be named as an additional insured for any such insurance coverage.

**10.3** Vehicles owned by COUNTY for Napa County Fire Department operations will be insured and maintained by COUNTY.

**10.4** COUNTY will provide all maintenance and repairs needed to all fire/rescue equipment owned and insured by the COUNTY for fire/rescue use.

## Section 11. DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION

11.1 In the event of any damage to or destruction of the PREMISES not caused by COUNTY or COMPANY, RUTHERFORD shall make good faith and diligent efforts to repair or replace facilities on the original site, provided that RUTHERFORD has sufficient funds for repair or replacement from insurance proceeds or other funding sources. If RUTHERFORD does not have sufficient funds for the repair or replacement of the PREMISES, then RUTHERFORD shall not be obligated to repair or replace PREMISES and this Agreement shall terminate.

11.2 Within one hundred twenty days (120) days following the damage or destruction of PREMISES, RUTHERFORD shall notify COUNTY as to whether it will replace the facility, or whether it lacks sufficient funds for the repair or replacement thereof.

## Section 12. DEFAULT

If either RUTHERFORD or COUNTY fails to comply with any of the material provisions of this Agreement, written notice of such default shall be served on the defaulting party pursuant to the notice provisions of Section 13, below, and the defaulting party shall have fifteen (15) days from deposit in the mail of the notice to cure said breach. In the event the default is not cured within the fifteen (15) day period, the noticing party may terminate the Agreement.

## Section 13. NOTICES

All notices required by law or by this Agreement to be given to either party shall be in writing and may be given personally or by certified mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to either party as set forth below.

### COUNTY:

Napa County Fire Department  
1125 Third Street,  
Second Floor Napa,  
CA 94559

### RUTHERFORD:

Rutherford Volunteer Fire Department  
1995 Hwy 29  
Rutherford, CA 94573

→ P.O. Box 160

## Section 14. GOVERNING LAW

All questions with respect to construction of this Agreement and the rights and liabilities of the parties hereto shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. Any dispute arising hereunder or relating to this Agreement shall be litigated in the State of California and venue shall lie in the Napa County.

#### **Section 15. INUREMENT**

Subject to the restrictions on assignments as herein contained, this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of, and shall be binding upon the assigns, successors in interest, personal representatives, and heirs of the respective parties hereto.

#### **Section 16. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This instrument along with any exhibits or attachments hereto constitutes the entire Agreement between RUTHERFORD and COUNTY relative to the PREMISES. This Agreement and any exhibits or attachments may be altered, amended, or revoked only by an instrument in writing signed by both RUTHERFORD and COUNTY. RUTHERFORD and COUNTY agree that all prior or contemporaneous oral agreements between their agents or representatives relative to the agreement of the PREMISES are written into or revoked by this Agreement. If any provision contained in an exhibit or attachment to this Agreement is inconsistent with any other provision herein, the provision contained in the exhibit or attachment shall control, unless otherwise provided in the exhibit or attachment.

#### **Section 17. ATTORNEY'S FEES**

If any legal action is brought by either party for the enforcement or interpretation of this Agreement, for remedy due to its breach, for recovery of the PREMISES, or in any other way arising from the terms of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recovery reasonable attorney fees (including fees of County Counsel), costs, and other litigation expenses which shall become a part of any judgment in the action.




IN WITNESS WHEREOF, COUNTY and RUTHERFORD have executed this Agreement on the day and year set forth below. By their signatures below, each signatory represents that they have the authority to execute this Agreement and to bind the party on whose behalf their execution is made.

RUTHERFORD:

Rutherford Volunteer Fire Department

Dated: 2/9/23

By:   
Mike Monks, Vol. Chief

COUNTY:

NAPA COUNTY

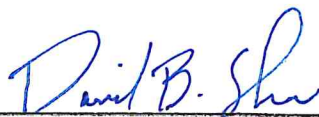
Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

By: BELIA RAMOS JOELLE GALLAGHER  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Reviewed as to Substance  
by County Fire Chief:  
Fire Administrator

 1-26-24  
County Fire Chief / Department Director  
Fire Administrator - David Shaw

Approved as to Form  
County Counsel:

Shana A. Bagley  
Deputy County Counsel

11/28/2023