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CAL FIRE AEU Enters Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement with the Lockwood Fire Protection District

CAMINO – On March 1st 2018, the Lockwood Fire Protection District entered into a cooperative fire protection agreement known as the “Amador Plan” with the CAL FIRE Amador El Dorado Unit. Under this agreement, the CAL FIRE Amador El Dorado Unit will staff a Fire Engine 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, year around to serve the residents and the surrounding areas of the Lockwood Fire Protection District with emergency response to medical aides, traffic accidents, structure fires, hazardous materials spills, over the bank rescues, and wildland fires.

The Amador Plan is a cost sharing agreement in which Lockwood Fire Protection District pays a portion of the personnel costs which will keep, in this case, Dew Drop Fire Station 10 staffed during the winter months when CAL FIRE might normally down staff due to the decreased threat of wildfires. The agreement is mutually beneficial as it provides additional staffing in the winter months allowing CAL FIRE to continue working on Fuel Reduction and other fire prevention projects in the Lockwood Fire Protection District and surrounding areas.

These types of cost sharing agreements were developed in Amador County several years ago to provide cost effective fire protection to the county and still exist in many counties throughout California and exemplifies the collaborative relationship between Local and State Government.

Jan Hewitt, Board President of Lockwood Fire Protection District: We are looking forward to working together with CAL FIRE as we continue our efforts to provide the highest level of emergency service to our community.