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SUBJECT: Proposed Revision of MACS 410-2

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SUMMARY

The purpose of this white paper is to propose revisions to RESOURCE DESIGNATION SYSTEM MACS 410-2 to update the numbering system for CAL FIRE Contract Counties 9000 Series Strike Teams. The proposed changes aim to align with the additional positions and allocated funding outlined in the recent Contract Counties Annual Operating Plan. Specifically, this paper focuses on updating the numbering system for the CAL FIRE Contract Counties 9000 Series Engines, Dozers, and Crew Strike Teams to ensure clarity, efficiency, and effectiveness in emergency response operations within the State of California

Background:

The Mobilization and Assignment of Contract Services (MACS) 410-2 document serves as a foundational guideline for coordinating emergency response efforts within California. This document outlines the structure and organization of Strike Teams, which are essential units in managing and containing emergencies such as wildfires, natural disasters, and other incidents.

As part of the ongoing efforts to enhance emergency response capabilities, CAL FIRE has recently allocated additional positions and funding to the Contract Counties to bolster the effectiveness and to mirror the CAL FIRE Units. To reflect these updates accurately, it is imperative to revise the numbering system for Strike Teams, particularly those involving Engines, Dozers, and Crews.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Proposed Revisions:

Strike Teams:

Currently, Engine 9000 Series Strike Teams are designated with numerical identifiers (e.g., Engine Strike Team 1, Engine Strike Team 2, and so forth). To align with the recent expansions in staffing and resources, it is proposed to revise the numbering system as follows:



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For Engine, Dozer, and Crew Strike Teams.

KRN Strike Teams 9320 - 9321 → KRN Strike Team 9470 - 9479

SBC Strike Team 9322 - 9323 → SBC Strike Team 9380 - 9389

VNC Strike Team 9324 - 9325 → VNC Strike Team 9370 - 9379

LAC Strike Team 9326 - 9327 → LAC Strike Team 9360 - 9369

ORC Strike Team 9328 - 9329 → ORC Strike Team 9320 - 9329

MRN Strike Team 9150 → MRN Strike Team 9150 - 9159

FINDINGS

The proposed revisions to the numbering system for Engine, Dozer, and Crew Strike Teams offer several benefits:

Clarity and Organization: The use of additional identifiers enhances clarity and organization, making it easier for stakeholders to identify and coordinate Strike Teams during emergencies.

Scalability: The increased numbering block allows for scalability, accommodating future expansions in staffing and resources without requiring significant revisions to the numbering system.

Consistency: By aligning the numbering system across different types of Strike Teams, consistency is maintained, facilitating smoother communication and collaboration among emergency response teams.

Resource Allocation: Clear and distinct identifiers enable efficient resource allocation, ensuring that personnel and equipment are deployed effectively to mitigate emergencies in the state of California.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the proposed revisions to MACS 410-2 for Contract Counties Strike Teams aim to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of emergency response operations. By updating the numbering system for Engine, Dozer, and Crew Strike Teams to reflect recent expansions in staffing and resources, Contract Counties can better coordinate and manage emergency incidents, safeguarding communities, and infrastructure more effectively. Implementation of these revisions will contribute to improved preparedness and response capabilities within Contract Counties.

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