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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The FIRESCOPE Board of Directors, Operations Teams, Task Force, Specialist Groups and Subcommittees continue working to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the California Fire Service consistent with the organization's mission. The California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Fire and Rescue Services Advisory Committee / FIRESCOPE Board of Directors has approved and initiated new directives at their July 2022 meeting. The dissemination and implementation of new or revised policy, procedural and developmental documents is critical to maintaining the integrity and effective execution of Cal OES Fire and Rescue Branch Operations, the Incident Command System (ICS), the Multi Agency Coordination System (MACS), and the State's Master Mutual Aid System. To that end, this "FIRESCOPE Quarterly Briefing" is designed to inform the California Fire Service and affected stakeholders of material changes, and to provide clarity to the impact associated with new or recently revised FIRESCOPE documents.

### MISSION STATEMENT

"The mission of FIRESCOPE is to provide recommendations and technical guidance to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) on matters involving mutual aid to maintain the FIRESCOPE decision process and to continue the operation, development, and maintenance of the FIRESCOPE Incident Command System (ICS) and the Multi-Agency Coordination System (MACS)".

### FIRESCOPE VISION STATEMENT

The FIRESCOPE vision is to continue national leadership in the development of all-hazard incident and multi-agency coordination systems, to enhance and encourage full participation by the California fire service in the statewide Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System, and to provide a common voice for the California fire service relating to these issues.

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### FIRESCOPE Board of Directors Retirement

Please join in congratulating Chief Osby of the Los Angeles County Fire Department on his well-earned retirement after 38 distinguished years! Chief Osby has been a member of the Board of Directors since his appointment to Fire Chief 11 years ago. Chief Osby has been a guiding force on FIRESCOPE including previously serving as the Board of Directors' Chair. Congratulations Chief, we wish you a long and enjoyable retirement.



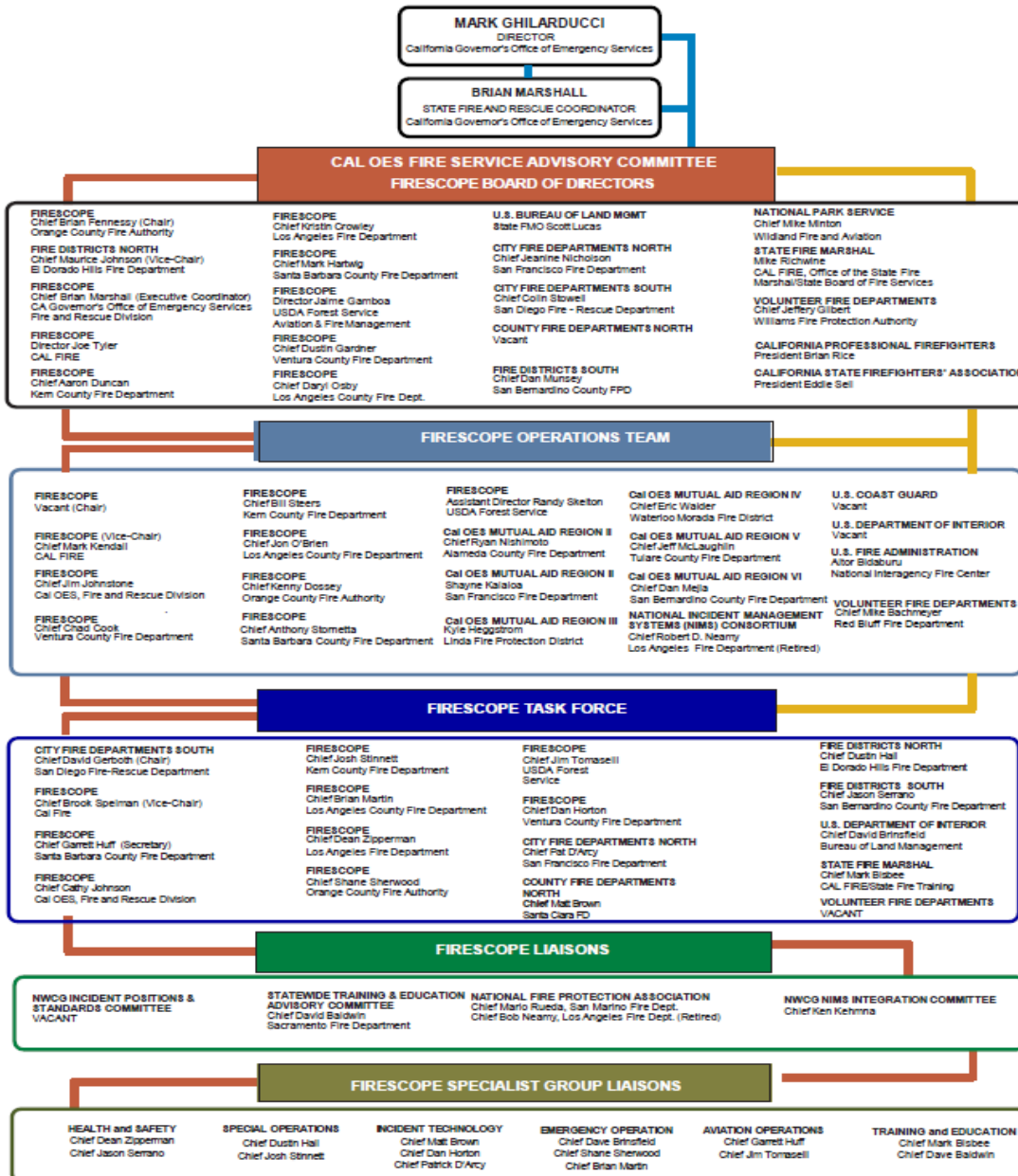
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### FIREScope ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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### California Assisting the Southwest

Dry and windy conditions across the Southwest, particularly Arizona and New Mexico have contributed to an active start to the fire season that is already breaking records. Two fires in New Mexico, the Calf Canyon Fire and Hermits Peak Fire merged to create the largest fire in that state's history burning over 300,000 acres.



After what seems like continuous, historic fire seasons in California that have required the assistance of out of state resources, California was able to reciprocate. The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) was able to facilitate sending California resources to the Southwest via the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). EMAC has been ratified by the U.S. Congress and is law in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands. Through EMAC, states can share resources from all disciplines, protect personnel who deploy, and be reimbursed for mission related costs



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### Southwest Resources

The following Resources from California were sent to the Southwest via EMAC:

- One Cal OES Type III Strike Team from the San Bernardino Operational Area
- One Cal OES Type III Strike Team from the San Diego Operational Area
- One Cal OES Type III Strike Team from the Orange County Operational Area
- One Cal OES Type VI Strike Team from the Orange County Operational Area
- One Cal OES Type VI Strike Team from the Los Angeles Operational Area
- One Santa Barbara County Fire Department Type 2 I/A Handcrew
- One Type 3 Incident Management Team supported by multiple Operational Areas
- Approximately 100 miscellaneous overhead supporting CWCG Type 1 Incident Management Teams.



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### FIRIS Program

The Fire Integrated Real-time Intelligence System (FIRIS) is a program that provides real-time intelligence data and analysis on emerging disaster incidents in California. Funded by the state's taxpayers and through the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), the program supports aircraft, a common operating picture, and near-real-time fire modeling by WIFIRE that is available at the onset of emerging incidents.

The goals of FIRIS are:

- Provide intelligence (fire perimeters, imagery/video, and projections) during response phase (initial attack and extended attack).
- Provide a fire perimeter to response forces, operations centers, and decision makers within 5 minutes of aircraft on-station.
- Provide a fire prediction model within 15 minutes of agency notification of an event and identification of location (source can be dispatch, aircraft, existing sensors) and provide updated/refined models based on collected information.

WIFIRE is embedded in the FIRIS Fusion Center where all available intel is integrated from CAD, AVL, flight radar, mountaintop cameras and ground intelligence to formulate the best inputs to an initial attack fire model.

Additionally, FIRIS is not limited to wildfire incidents. FIRIS is being utilized for all-hazard incidents to improve situational awareness such as off-shore oil spills, train derailments, assessing earthquake damage, civil unrest, etc.



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### 2022 Fire Season SEASONAL Outlooks

Northern Operations

#### **MONTHLY/SEASONAL OUTLOOKS**

ISSUED August 1, 2022 VALID AUGUST - NOVEMBER 2022



\*Significant Fire Potential per Predictive Service Area (PSA)

### **August - November 2022 North Ops Highlights**

- Weather outlook for August to November calls for mixed temperature & precipitation anomalies.
- Flammable alignments between live and dead fuels should occur over extended periods from August through October with fuel conditions improving during November.
- **Significant Fire Potential is Above Normal all elevations & areas during Aug & Sep except for the near Coastal regions due to more persistent onshore wind influence.**
- **Significant Fire Potential is Above Normal from west of the Cascade-Sierra Crest to the Pacific during October then reduces to Normal all areas in November.**

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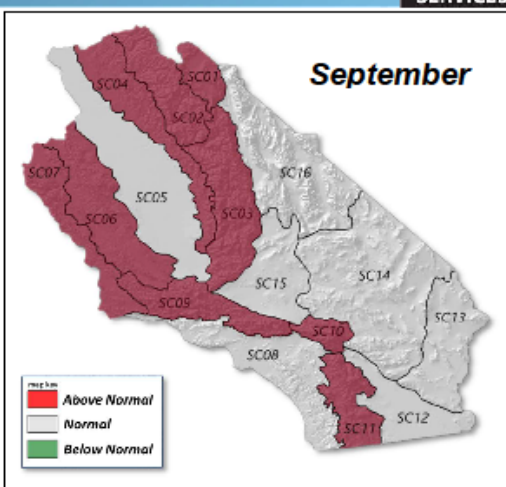
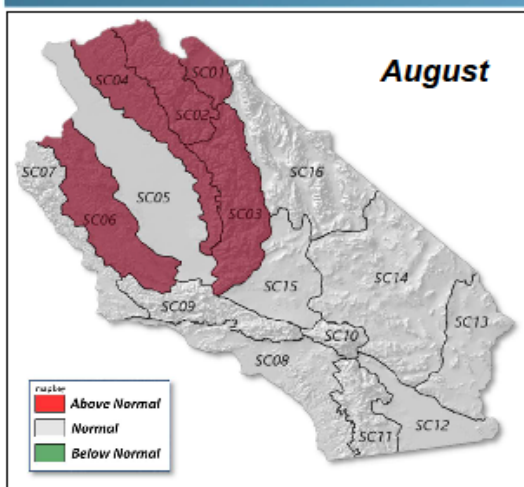
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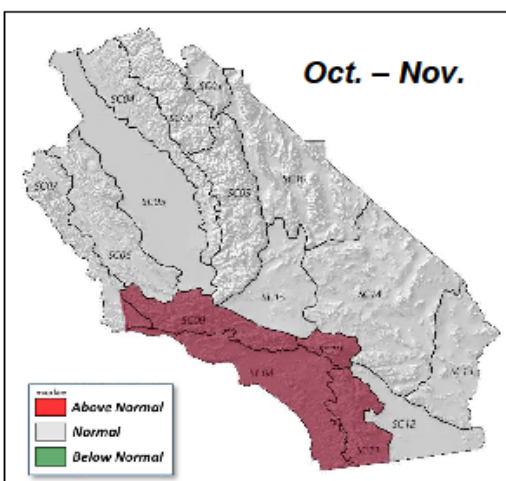
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### **Aug - Nov. 2022 South Ops Highlights:**

- Temperatures will likely average above normal through Oct.
- Monsoon will likely ebb, or end altogether, toward the end of August.
- Several offshore wind events are likely before significant rains arrive in Southern CA.
- Normal number of offshore events expected this fall (see chart on page 4).







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### **New Behavioral Health Positions**

After significant work by the Behavior Health Subcommittee, the National Wildland Coordinating Group has recognized new behavioral health positions. Critical Incident Stress Leader, Critical Incident Stress Member, Critical Incident Stress Clinician, Critical Incident Stress Chaplain, and, Critical Incident Stress Canines, are all critical components of the Critical Incident Peer Support Team (CIPS) system. These new positions are now entered into the Incident Resource Ordering Capability (IROC). Additionally, these positions are now being recognized by the California Incident Command Certification System (CICCS) and historical recognition period open for those that have demonstrated their competence in these positions.

The California Incident Command Certification Systems (CICCS) historical recognition process is used to provide an opportunity for individuals possessing extensive experience to apply for newly created positions. Due to the increasing need for Behavioral Health Positions on incidents the FIRESCOPE Board of Directors has requested an Historical Recognition Process to be implemented prior to the approval of the 2022 CICCS Qualifications Guide. The Process will be open only to the following positions:

- Critical Incident Stress Leader [CISL]
- Critical Incident Stress Member [CISM]
- Critical Incident Stress Clinician [CICL]
- Critical Incident Stress Chaplain [CISC]
- Critical Incident Stress Canine [CISK]

The historical recognition period will last for one calendar year commencing May 1, 2022 and ending on April 30, 2023. Applications must be received by the Operational Area Peer Review Committees prior to the close of the historical recognition period, April 30, 2023. Only experience and training obtained prior to the commencement of the historical recognition period will be considered (prior to May 1, 2022).

Completed applications for Historical Recognition must include:

- A CICCS application signed by the Fire Chief, Training Officer, or their designee.

Peer Review Committees are encouraged to be flexible in considering experience. Local and all-hazard incidents should be included in any review of experience. Appeals of Operational Area Peer Review Committee decisions will follow the same appeals procedures outlined in the CICCS Qualifications Guide.

For further information or questions contact OES Fire and Rescue Division Deputy Chief Scott Vail at [scott.vail@caloes.ca.gov](mailto:scott.vail@caloes.ca.gov) or (530) 748-5438.

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### 2022 FIRESCOPE MACS Exercises

After two years of virtual exercises due to COVID, the FIRESCOPE Task Force conducted the 2022 Multi Agency Coordination Group (MAC Group) Exercises at the Northern California Coordination Center in April and Southern California Coordination Center in May. The Multi- Agency Coordination System (MACS) process is used to prioritize multiple incidents when competing for scarce resources. There was an excellent turnout for both events. After action reviews are conducted and used to continually improve the MACS exercises to ensure valuable training that provides insight into the process to support incidents throughout California.



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### FIRESCOPE ADVISORY MESSAGE

The information contained in this Quarterly Briefing is intended to be widely shared among the California fire service, its federal partners, as well as with other affected stakeholders. Agency Administrators, or responsible representatives, should ensure that this material is thoroughly reviewed and communicated within their respective organizations. Questions may be directed to FIRESCOPE Deputy Chief Jim Johnstone at

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