

# FIRESCOPE BOARD MEETING MINUTES



**DATE:** Wednesday, April 10, 2019  
**TIME:** 09:00 AM  
**LOCATION:** Cal OES Mather HQ

## Call to Order

A FIRESCOPE Board of Director's meeting was held on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 3650 Schriever Avenue Mather, CA. 95655. It began at 0924 hours and was presided over by Chief Brian Marshall.

## Attendees

### Voting members in attendance included:

Brian Fennessy, (conference call), FIRESCOPE Vice-Chair  
Brain Marshall, Executive Coordinator, Fire and Rescue, Cal OES  
Joe Tyler, CALFIRE  
David Witt, *representing* Kern County Fire Department  
Al Poirier, *representing* Los Angeles City Fire Department  
Mark Hartwig, Santa Barbara County Fire Dept.  
Bob Baird, U.S Forest Service  
Dustin Gardner, *representing* Ventura County Fire Department  
Tony Bowden, County Fire Depts. North  
Jeff Meston, City Fire Depts. North  
Colin Stowell, City Fire Depts. South  
Rich Webb, Fire Districts North  
Robin Wills, National Park Service  
Jeff Gilbert, Volunteer Fire Departments  
Gene Gantt, *representing* California State Firefighters' Association

### Members not in attendance included:

Daryl Osby, FIRESCOPE Chair, Los Angeles County Fire Department  
Sam Marouk, Dept. of Interior, BLM  
Vacant, Fire Districts South  
Mike Richwine, *acting* State Fire Marshal  
Brian Rice, California Professional Fire Fighters

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## Guests in attendance included:

Mark Ghilarducci, Director, Cal OES  
Jim Johnstone, FIRESCOPE, Cal OES  
Cathy Johnson, FIRESCOPE, Cal OES  
Mike Lococo, Fire and Rescue, Cal OES  
Steve Hart, Fire and Rescue, Cal OES  
Larry Collins, Fire and Rescue, Cal OES  
Lori Lopez, Fire and Rescue, Cal OES  
Joy Budnovich, Fire and Rescue, Cal OES  
Yesenia Serafin, FIRESCOPE, Cal OES  
Dan Johnson, CAL FIRE  
Brook Spelman, CAL FIRE  
Andrew Henning, CAL FIRE  
Shayne Canady, CAL FIRE  
Mike Bradley, CAL FIRE  
Dan Westbrook, CAL FIRE  
Tony Scaldina, U.S Forest Service  
Dave Richardson, LA County Fire - FIRESCOPE Operations Team Chair  
Tim Kelly, La City Fire – FIRESCOPE Task Force Chair  
Kim Zagaris, Fire and Rescue, Cal OES  
Don Trapp, San Bernardino County Fire Department  
Sean Fraley, Kern County Fire Department  
Kyle Heggstrom, Linda Fire  
Tom Rolinski, Southern California Edison  
Jessica Block, UCSD  
Ilkay Altintas, USCD

## Approval of Previous Minutes\*

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous January 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 meeting. Motion was made by Hartwig and seconded by Stowell. Motion approved.

## Cal OES Director's Report

**Cal OES Director's Report was presented by Director Ghilarducci.**

- Significant Recovery Operations from 2018 fire season:
  - Focusing on housing, preclearance, infrastructure replacement.
  - Camp Fire/Paradise - availability of housing is a challenge.
  - Camp Fire area- prediction of 1 ½ years to get all debris cleaned-up and replacing critical infrastructure (water and sewage systems).
  - Woolsey and Hills fire areas- continuing clean-up operations.

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- Legislature:
  - Federal Disaster Supplemental is being held up in congress due to the President's unwillingness to provide additional financial support for Puerto Rico (Hurricane Maria).
    - Also impacts the Midwest floods and tornadoes that impacted Alabama and North Carolina.
  - Washington attempting to get Supplemental Bills approved. Currently asking for 18 billion dollars of additional funding.
  - 110 pieces of legislative items related to Cal OES reference the following topics;
    - Land use planning
    - Preparedness activities
    - Leveraging mitigation
    - Programs to reduce the risk of wildfire
    - New code development
  - 911 system legislation blocked by the Senate.
  
- Drones:
  - Progress made between State of California, OES, CALFIRE, California National Guard, and Department of Defense in regards to the use drones.
  - Attempting to expedite the process of drone deployment by delegating the authority to the CA Attorney General.
  - Progress has been made in discussions with DOD reference the use of DOD satellites.
  
- Budget:
  - Governor Newsom is preparing to allocate preparedness grants (50 million dollars).
    - 20 million will go towards build-out programs (evacuations, shelters, etc.)
    - 30 million to build-out programs that are community based organizations for the resiliency of local communities.
  
- IOU:
  - Working closely with the state's utility companies on the concept of public safety, preventative, and proactive power shut offs in advance of potential fire activity.
  - Working with IOU to develop criteria and protocol.
  - Working with IOU to build out PSA's that will be distributed in the beginning of fire season along with some preparedness kits.
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- Alert and Early Warning guidelines:
  - Alert and warning guidelines for the state were released last week.
  - The guidelines provide some level of consistency throughout all the counties.
  
- Earthquake Early Warning Program:
  - The warning system is on track to be completed by 2019.

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- The warning system will allow a few seconds and up to a minute of warning that an earthquake is on its way.
- Several automated features within the warning system;
  - Fire house doors will roll up automatically
  - Alarms will sound automatically

### CAL FIRE/SFM Update

#### CAL FIRE report presented by Joe Tyler.

- Appointments:
  - Thom Porter- New Director for Cal FIRE.
  - Mike Bradley- New Region Chief for the North
  - Dan Johnson- New Region Chief for the South
  - Toby Anderson- New Legislative Director
- Executive Orders:
  - Executive Order 4-19
    - Moving forward to expedite procurement processes
    - CALFIRE was listed in the executive order as the first agency to undergo the trial process.
  - Executive Order 5-19
    - Mitigating Threat to communities at risk.
    - Executive Order also known as the 45 day reporter/ 45 day plan.
    - 90,000 acres have been identified as priority for fuels mitigation.
  - Senate Bill 901
    - Legislation with the most workload
- Staffing and Budget:
  - Units beginning to staff up.
  - Aircraft will run 10 helicopters and 23 air-tankers.
  - Budget- Increases to HFU staffing and Intelligence Situational Awareness staffing
  - Budget- Increase of engines
  - Budget-Health and Wellness Support
  - Budget-Increase of C-130's.
- Aircraft Exclusive Use Training Program:
  - The reasoning behind having an Exclusive Use Training Program is due to the anticipation of the seven C-130's coming over to CALFIRE.
  - One of the 23 air-tankers will be used as an exclusive use training platform.
  - Currently creating the training platform.
  - Currently only 6 qualified C-130 Initial Attack Captains that are qualified to train.

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- C-130's will require a Pilot, Co-Pilot, and a Flight Engineer at all times.

### **State Fire Marshal update presented by Joe Tyler.**

- Proposed budget of 3.3 million dollars for fireworks disposal has gained traction.
- Ongoing Cap Out rate for funding for contract counties has gained support.
- SB 901-SFM office working with other entities on; burn boss certifications, resource management (mass timber and wood products), utility wildfire mitigation plan work, and other technical adjustments.
- Aircraft- Discussion reference an article published by LA Times reference poor use of tax payer dollars for the use of aircraft. This issue has taken a large amount of time from the SFM office.
- Mike Richwine- is still acting State Fire Marshal.

## **USFS/DOI Update**

### **USFS update was presented by Bob Baird.**

- Furlough has been lifted.
- New Deputy Regional Forester- Tony Scardina
- Training season impacted by furlough.
- Helicopter accident during PSD prescribed burning operations resulted in the loss of life of Helitack Captain Daniel Laird.
- CFAA audit completed.
  - Definitive outcomes of what is reimbursable
  - Reimbursable items outlined
  - All payments will go to Regional office and not all across 18 Forest.
  - Adding two additional budget analysts to assist with invoices
  - USFS has been given a corrective action the Washington office.
  - USFS currently developing a corrective action plan.
    - Develop a plan to clear years 17 and 18.
  - Identifying actual costs vs. average actuals
    - Some departments in the average actuals process were underpaid and some overpaid.
    - Identify actual costs to prevent issues in the future.
  - Focusing on getting ready for 2019 in moving forward.

### **DOI report presented by Robin Wills.**

- DOI does not have an allocation but does have a budget.
  - 11 million dollars short on preparedness funding.

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- Serious Accident Investigation report completed for firefighter who lost his life in the Ferguson fire (Brian Hughes).
  - Share the findings of the report with your firefighters.

### EMS Update

#### EMS Report presented by Mark Hartwig.

- Cal Chiefs continues to address EMS issues reference; bids, fair level plain fields, control of dispatch, and medical control.
- Americare Lawsuit:
  - Appeals court favored the cities for exclusivity rights.
  - US Supreme Court has denied to hear the case.
  - The result of the case being denied leaves the cities in control of exclusivity.
  - Cal Chiefs will continue to work on the issue.

### CFAA Update

#### CFAA update was presented by Marshall and Baird.

- CFAA Agreement:
  - Agreement expires at the end of this year.
  - Unknown what the new agreement is going to include.
  - There are three action items that need attention;
    - Pay bills from last year before we enter a new agreement.
    - What are we doing this fire season?
    - What's going to be in the future? –Conference call set for Friday to set an agenda for the next meeting.
- CFAA Audit:
  - CFAA audit has been completed.
  - US Forest Service is generating an action plan to move forward.
  - Training will need to be scheduled for staff to learn new reimbursement processes and guidelines.
  - Audit findings showed underpayments and overpayments were made.
  - US Forest Service has lost regional authority to enter into agreements with the State of California.
  - More information to follow in the upcoming weeks.

### CWCG Update

#### CWCG update was presented by Robin Wills.

- Federal IMT's:

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- Entering 2019 with 11 Incident Management Teams:
  - 4 Type I Teams
  - 6 Type II Teams
  - 1 short Type II Team
- The plan moving forward for the future is to move to single team and convert to all to Type I teams. Succession plan has been developed by CWCG.

## California Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System

### Mutual Aid System Update presented by Chief Brian Marshall.

- Prepositioning/ Mobilization update:
  - Highly successful program
  - Received 75 million in funding for prepositioning
  - The first 25 million was Cap and Trade monies
  - 78 prepositions in 2018
    - 70 Prepositions related to wildland/wind events
    - 8 prepositions related to mud and debris flows
  - Received an additional 25 million from Cap and Trade and an additional 25 million from the General Fund in funds to purchase fire engines and technology.
  - The intent is to establish 25 million in ongoing funding to support the Prepositioning Program.
  - Legislature is in support of the Prepositioning Program.
  - The Propositioning guidelines scoresheet is currently being refined by a working group.
  - Resources that have been deployed:
    - 499 Fire Engines
    - 48 Water Tenders
    - 36 Dozers
    - 15 Aircraft
    - 9 Hand Crews
    - 72 Dispatchers
    - 125 IMT Members
    - 3 RTF's
    - 8 Swift Water Rescue Teams
  
  - 99 Prepositions have occurred formally since July 2018.
- OES Engine Purchase:
  - 25 Type III fully equipped model 34 being purchased and are due for delivery May 2020. Engines are fleet expansion engines not replacement engines.
  - 81 Type VI fully equipped engines out for bid. Bids are due at the end of this month. Delivery date due June 2020.

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- Replacement Engines:
  - 11 Type I replacement engines have been assigned
  - 12 additional replacement engines. (10 engines currently at OES and the remaining 2 engines will be delivered at the end of the month).
  - 8 engines remain to be built.
- Fire apparatus will be disposed through the Safe Act.
  
- Public Utilities Power Shut Off:
  - OES has been meeting with San Diego Gas and Electric, PG&E, CPUC, CALFIRE, and Utilities reference the power lines during wind events.
  - Director Ghilarducci is requesting the following items:
    - Real time coordination.
    - Sharing and collaborating.
    - Development of common and standardized approach to the planning and preparedness action that are taken by the utilities.
    - Statewide education campaign.
  
- IROC Presentation:
  - PowerPoint presentation given by Lori Forni.
  - IROC replacing ROSS on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.
  
- SCOUT Presentation:
  - PowerPoint presentation on updated SCOUT information given by Caroline Thomas Jacobs.
  
- 2019 Mutual Aid Summit:
  - Topics discussed at the 2019 Mutual Aid Summit;
    - Prepositioning
      - Recommendation made to the agencies to submit their feedback on the prepositioning program.
    - Reviewed the Preposition Score Sheet
    - ROSS/IROC
    - Staffing- How to staff?
    - Mutual Aid Reimbursement System (MARS)
      - Currently in the developing and testing stages
      - Currently on hold due to the CFAA Audit
      - STRESS and CFRIS will roll into MARS
      - Looking for 5 departments to beta test the system
      - Contingency plan- Continue to use Lotus Notes
    - Planning on doing the Mutual Aid Summit on an annual basis.



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### Task Force/Ops Team Report\*

Task Force /Ops Team Report was presented by David Richardson and Tim Kelly.

- FIRESCOPE Predictive Services recognition:
  - Tom Rolinski recognized for his years of service with Predictive Services by Marshall and Baird.
- Task Force Report:
  - Matt Lavesky from OCFA leaving the Task Force and going to be replaced with Chief Rob Capobianco.
  - Moved to a new documents software (Smartsheet).
  - NIMS review for job titles was done.
  - NOPS MAC's exercise has been moved to Cal OES in Mather.
  - Task Force meeting schedule discussed.
- Plan of work:
  - Items that were completed in 2018 got removed from the plan of work and items that were not completed got rolled over to the 2019 plan of work.

- \*Documents submitted for approval:

- 2019 Plan of Work

A motion to approve the 2019 FIRESCOPE Plan of Work. Motion was made by Meston and seconded by Webb. Motion approved.

- FIRESCOPE Messaging and Marketing White Paper
  - Marketing plan and cost analysis included for review.

A motion to approve the FIRESCOPE Messaging and Marketing White Paper. Motion was made by Meston and seconded by Hartwig to accept the report and forward to the Director. Motion approved.

- FIRESCOPE Flagging White Paper

A motion to approve the FIRESCOPE Flagging White Paper. Motion was made by Webb and seconded by Baird. Motion approved.

- FIRESCOPE ICS 225 White Paper

A motion to approve the FIRESCOPE ICS 225 White Paper. Motion was made by Stowell and seconded by Gilbert. Motion approved.

- FIRESCOPE Board of Directors Orientation MACS 410-5

A motion to approve the FIRESCOPE Board of Directors MACS 410-5. Motion was made by Webb and seconded by Bowden. Motion approved.

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- USAR Specialist Group Name Change White Paper
  - Name change to Technical Search and Rescue Group

A motion to approve the USAR Specialist Group Name Change White Paper. Motion was made by Hartwig and seconded by Bowden. Motion approved.

- 2019 California Aviation Asset Spreadsheet

A motion to approve the 2019 California Aviation Asset Spreadsheet. Motion was made by Webb and seconded by Gilbert. Motion approved with modifications in added language at the bottom of page and verification of changes.

- FIRESCOPE Quarterly Briefing Report

A motion to approve the FIRESCOPE Quarterly Briefing Report. Motion was made by Meston and seconded by Baird to move forward with publishing. Motion approved.

### Old Business

**Old Business update was presented by Chief Marshall.**

- Blue Ribbon Commission Update
  - Item moved over to the July meeting.

### New Business

**New Business presentation was presented by Chief Marshall.**

- Cal Chiefs/FIRESCOPE Technology Summit:
  - Several emerging and new technology discussed at the summit.
- General Atomics and WIFIRE Presentation:
  - Presentation given by Fennessy (via teleconference).
  - General Atomics presentation given by Mandiola and Lively.
  - WIFIRE presentation given by Block and Altintas (UCSD).
- \*Fusion Center:
  - A request to endorse the concept of an All Hazard Fusion Center.

A motion for the FIRESCOPE Board of Directors to support an All Hazard Fusion Center. Motion was made by Bowden and seconded by Gilbert. Motion approved.

- Wildland Technology Innovation Summit Review
  - Videos and presentation will be available online at the Fire Tech Summit CPUC website: [Fire Tech Summit](#).
  - For those who missed the summit the report will be available online at the Fire Tech Summit CPUC website: [Fire Tech Summit](#)

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### **Cal OES Fire and Rescue Report**

**Cal OES update was presented by Chief Marshall.**

- Starting an internal strategic plan for Fire and Rescue. The OES Strategic Plan Group will be assisting with the strategic plan.
- April 22-27<sup>th</sup> having an All Hands meeting.
- Adding additional mechanics (considering partnering with a Fire Department with a shop).
- Writing a job description for an Air Coordinator.
- Fire and Rescue would like to host a Wildland Summit in the spring and an All Hazards meeting in the fall.

### **Roundtable**

**Roundtable was presented by all Board of Directors.**

- Nothing to report.

### **Adjournment**

**Marshall moved for the meeting to be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 03:29 p.m.**