

**DATE:** Wednesday, July 6, 2022

Thursday, July 7, 2022

TIME: 1330-1700 Wednesday

0830-1430 Thursday

**LOCATION:** CAL FIRE Headquarters

## Call to Order

A FIRESCOPE Board of Director's meeting was held on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 and Thursday, July 7, 2022, at Cal Fire Headquarters. The meeting began at 1330 hours on July 6, 2022 and 0830 on July 7, 2022. It was presided by Chief Maurice Johnson.

## **Attendees**

## Voting members in attendance included:

Brian Marshall, Executive Coordinator, Fire and Rescue, Cal OES

Aaron Duncan, Kern County Fire Department

Wendy Collins, representing, OSFM

Kristin Crowley, Los Angeles City Fire Department

Anthony Stornetta, representing, Santa Barbara County Fire Department

Dustin Gardner, Ventura County Fire Department

Jeanine Nicholson, City Fire Departments North

Colin Stowell, City Fire Departments South

Jeff Gilbert, Volunteer Fire Departments

Maurice Johnson, Vice-Chair Fire Districts North

Jaime Gamboa, USDA Forest Service

Scott Lucas, Bureau of Land Management

Dan Munsey, Fire Districts South

Mike Richwine, State Fire Marshal

Eddie Sell, California State Firefighters' Association

Daryl Osby, Los Angeles County Fire Department

Brian Fennessy, Chair, Orange County Fire Authority

Joe Tyler, CAL FIRE

#### Members not in attendance included:

Mike Minton, representing, National Park Service Brian Rice, California Professional Firefighters

#### Guests in attendance included:

Mark Ghilarducci, Cal OES, Director
Dave Gerboth, San Diego City Fire Department – Task Force Chair
Al Poirier, Los Angeles Fire Department – Ops Team Chair
Jim Johnstone, FIRESCOPE, Cal OES
Cathy Johnson, FIRESCOPE, Cal OES
Shelley Dorsey, FIRESCOPE, Cal OES

# **Approval of Previous Minutes\***

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 6 & 7, 2022 meeting

Motion: Crowley Seconded: Sell Motion approved

# **Mutual Aid System Status Update**

## Presented by Fennessy/Ghilarducci

- > Need to continually review and assess the health of the system.
- Have been seeing a lot of ups and downs regarding availability of Mutual Aid assets.
- Not all agencies are properly informed of what it means to provide Mutual Aid.
- A financial piece plays into this. Always working to improve and streamline the speed at which agencies get reimbursed.
- > As technology improves, so does the ability to rapidly get all agencies reimbursed.
- Cal OES continues to add resources to be able help facilitate reimbursement and improving our technology to be able to do that in an effective way.
- We have also continued to address and amplify the importance of the Mutual Aid System to elected officials whenever possible. Particularly with our California legislature. That in turn gets manifested into additional resources, the ability to augment OES or Cal Fire or other agencies that may be necessary. It's how we are able to secure the 25 million dollars annually for prepositioning. Also it's how we have been able to secure technology improvements, surveillance aircraft etc...
- > The message is resonating in tandem with the threat that we face.

- Discussed having a Mutual Aid Summit and an information package that goes out to new fire chiefs. This can be accomplished through the orientation document for new fire chiefs. Creating a document for elected officials and city managers. Updating Firefighter I curriculum to include a section on FIRESCOPE and its operations.
- A discussion took place after day 1 of the BoD meeting. A group (Chief Marshall, Chief Johnson, Chief Johnstone, and Chief Fennessy) was put together to address the Mutual Aid issues. Chief Gilbert volunteered to join the group. There will also be a representative from CAL FIRE. The group will bring their ideas and possible solutions back to the October BoD meeting. The plan is to produce a White Paper based on this work.

# Cal OES Director's Update

## Cal OES Director's Report presented by Director Ghilarducci

- > There has been a lot of focus on wildfire preparedness, response, and recovery capabilities.
- Significant investment in seismic response and retrofitting.
- This year, as in previous years, the governor continued to focus resources into our public safety programs at the state level.
- There has been additional investments in fire apparatus programs in regards to continuing to have around 11 million dollars to ensure the ongoing maintenance and replacement of engines in a timely way.
- > Also includes some funding for training. This includes fire and rescue.
- There has been significant funding this year for enhancement of our regional operations throughout the state.
- We also have a couple of new programs. Investment in a new 988 Suicide Hotline interface that is a federal system and all the states are participating.
- ➤ Technology improvements like the FIRIS Program. Pilot program in Orange County. Has moved into a state program jointly managed by Cal Fire and OES. It is actually a Mutual Aid asset. There are two aircraft, one in Mc Clellan and one in Chino.
- > The teams are already working on building products.
- > Beta testing is ongoing with Next Gen S.C.O.U.T.
- ➤ Home hardening received funding again this year. Another joint program between CAL FIRE and OES.
- Received funding to finalize a new Southern California Regional Emergency Operations Center in Costa Mesa. It will be a multi-agency center.

Last year the Governor approved and provided funding for a wildfire forecast and threat intelligence center.

# Cal OES Fire & Rescue Update

## Presented by Marshall

- Next Gen S.C.O.U.T. began rolling out to the first department today -Nevada County Fire Department. They are a super user of S.C.O,U,T. Will start rolling it out to other agencies with one in every region. This should take until the 1st of September. It is an all hazard platform. Rolling it out to fire first. Will eventually include law enforcement, EMS, and Emergency Management.
- The Mutual Aid Reimbursement System (MARS) is live. Adding agencies. It will eventually replace the hard copy F-42.
- For CFAA averaging about 60 days for reimbursement. That is a significant improvement from the past.
- The MARS System should improve system efficiency even more.
- Adding iPads to OES fire apparatus and Incident Support Units to assist in the MARS System. Training will be rolled out.
- The Wildfire Forecast and Threat Intelligence Integration Center (WFTIIC) website is live with an email address for leaving comments on how it can be improved. Chief Marshall will continue to distribute pertinent information.
- We will begin to replace OES Type IIIs starting soon. We have a state contract so it doesn't have to go out to bid.
- There are OES fire engines available for distribution to interested agencies. Four Type I's, five Type III's, and five Type VI's. Let Chief Marshall know if you are interested.
- We have a new initiative partnering with the California Military Department for strike team engines. CAL FIRE is using the Cal Guard for task force rattlesnake. Working on a Strike Team pilot program with the Guard. Meeting scheduled for next week. We do have a pool of interested local government strike team leaders to help manage the program. Trying to get more capacity out there.
- Starting to fund training and evaluation team development for the regional task forces.
- Continuing to preposition resources when there is severe weather events.
- The law enforcement division at OES received 25 million dollars in LE Mutual Aid funding.

- We have a lot of new positions at OES Fire and Rescue. Trying to socialize it. Also, new positions at CSTI.
- CA EMAC Resources assisted in New Mexico.

# **CALFIRE/SFM/SFT Update**

## Update presented by Tyler/Richwine

#### Cal Fire:

- Cal Fire has had significant changes since we last met.
- Have had some changes within the executive team
- The new Chief Deputy Director is Chris Anthony. Deputy Director of Fire Protection is Curtis Brown. Deputy Director of Community Welfare Preparedness and Mitigation is Daniel Berlant. Added a second Communications Deputy Director for Stategic Communications, Tony Andersen. The newest Deputy Director of Legislation is Monika Giebitz. Chief Legal Counsel Bruce Crane will be retiring on September 1st. The new Chief Legal Counsel will be Kelly Welchans. Also, several new Assistant Region Chiefs. Several Unit Chiefs have turned over.
- Still rallying around Mutual Aid.
- O Updated some of the items specific to the CAL FIRE Mutual Aid Letter. Signed by Director Tyler and Director Ghilarducci. Last version was in 2010. No significant changes made to it. Will be updating some links on their website and will make sure that the document is available.
- Handcrew availability continues to be an issue. Currently have 105 crews out of 226 crews. Working on this with some investments from the Governor's office.
- The C130 program is slated to become operational in 2024 or 2025. Six of the seven have been painted In Cal Fire colors.
   Continue to work through the process.
- Have picked up nine of the twelve \$70i Black Hawk helicopters. Seven are in service. Plan to have two of them fly at night this summer. Staffing a helicopter at Mc Clellan and if there is enough activity, the first \$70l will fly tonight.
- Because of past Budget Bill language, we were successful in adding exclusive use aircrafts across the state again this year.
- o Now have approval for ten additional Type I helicopters to be

- placed across the state. Twenty helicopters across the state for exclusive use. Staff is working on the contacts and getting them put in place.
- Staff has been working on ideas for hiring and retention. Have been able to reduce training academies to about three weeks to try to increase the capacity to staff aparatus.
- Had a pool of 30 candidates to go into the Peace Officer Academy this year.
- Wildfire prevention grants, 240 applications. Asking for 241.5 million dollars. With 120 million dollars available.
- Reviewed fire statistics from last year and year-to-date for this year.
- Attended the Wildfire Forest Resilience Task Force meeting.
   Discussed that tree mortality is increasing again. Bark beetle epidemic seems to be coming back.
- Other grants that have been awarded are Wildfire Resilience Block Grants, 10 million dollars for three projects.
- Forest Health Program awarded 98 million dollars in Forest Grant Heath Awards. Another 33 million went to wood products bio energy programs to invest in workforce development and bio energy. Reopening some of the mills.
- Cal Fire's budget will now be about 3.7 billion dollars. About 11,300 people working at the agency. This budget increases personnel by over 1,500 people.
- o Have been funded for 54 additional fire engines that are surge apparatus available as reserves to be able to hold staffing patterns as apparatus are going out of service to rotate them in. The six contract counties will each be funded for two each. There will be ten additional bulldozers that will be put into service moving forward.
- Will be adding eight year round hand crews and convert 16 additional hand crews to year round for response and fire prevention activities with the California Conservation Corps.
   The California Military Department will be adding crews in the Los Pinos Firefighting Center.
- Funded by the legislature to run peak staffing through December 31st of this year.
- o Firefighter Procedual Bill of Rights changed specifically for Cal

- Fire. It now covers seasonal/temporary employees.
- As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, we have welcomed the Oroville Fire Department.

#### State Fire Marshal:

- Additional advancements for Peace Officer and Law Enforcement Program related to use of force.
- o Fire Hazard Severity. Recent legislature will require mapping of all three zones (moderate, high, and very high) within local responsibility areas. For those in incorporated cities or more urbanized counties, expect to get all three zones. The timing for re-mapping is due to fine tuning the science. It is a science based model. Will be bringing the maps to all 56 counties that have SRA in mid August. Then beginning public hearings to allow for public input. There will be a public comment period.
- For residents in cities or counties that have LRA within them, we will be phasing in the LRA maps. Currently around 189 cities and about 25 counties that have LRA very high.
- Local legislation is required by law to adopt those zones and once that occurs, there are some timing requirements to report back a copy of the ordinance. More importantly, the building code chapter 7a will now apply in the high for LRA.
- Currently, a pilot program is occurring within three communities. The team will be putting together recommendations for the Board to look at how we expand that pilot to other communities or we will potentially make it a competitive process for those who are interested.
- Stopped an unlicensed/uninsured group that had contracted firework displays to about 1,000 cities and counties. The week before the fourth of July, those cities and counties had to cancel their shows.
- Seized this year over 150,000 pounds of illegal fireworks. The firework seizure report form is available on the OSFM website.
   Have funding this year to come pick up your fireworks.
- Pipeline Emergency Responders had a California kickoff meeting on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Focus of the meeting was to create a steering committee. The meeting was well attended by Pipeline Operators. Cal Fire was the only fire representation. If you have any questions, reach out to Chief Wendy Collins or Kevin Chan with the Pipeline Safety Division. Next meeting will

be around August 15th.

## State Fire Training:

- Staff has been busy with curriculum development for the past fiscal year. A big part of that was due to the adjustment made a little over a year and a half ago. Due to that the adjustment period would fund more resources into curriculum updates. Ensures that State Fire Training curriculum is relevant.
- Rescue Systems I, II, and III curriculum will be replaced with the Structural Collapse Specialist courses. The new courses are in alignment with NFPA 1006 and also in alignment with the FEMA requirements. Was expected to be approved by the State Board of Fire Service in May but they didn't have a quorum.
- Will be pushing back the retirement dates for Rescue Systems
   I, II, and III courses. Doing a phased retirement. Rescue
   Systems I will retire at the end of this calendar year. Rescue
   Systems II and III will retire June 2023. This is based on State
   Board of Fire Service approval. Anticipated in August.
- Recently updated Confined Space Rescue curriculum. Going to STEAC on Friday.
- Updating Vehicle Extrication and changing the title to Common Passenger Vehicle Extrication. Adding a new Heavy Vehicle Rescue course. Updating Firefighter Survival and Trench Rescue courses. Adding a new Shipbased Firefighter for Land Based Firefighters course. Cadre met two weeks ago.
- o Gearing up for this fiscal year. Cadre starts to meet in August.
- Encourage firefighters to participate on their cadres. SFT pays for travel to Sacramento and meals. Must be on agency time or personal time.
- o Discussed the SFT Strategic Plan. First kickoff to be in August.
- Next STEAC meeting is this Friday. Next SFT meeting is August 15<sup>th</sup>.

# **USFS/DOI Update**

#### Update presented by Gamboa/Lucas/Minton

- ➤ USFS
- o Change in leadership in the national office.

- National Fire Director is Jerry Perez. The Deputy Director is Sarah Fisher.
- In the regional office, Jaime Gamboa is the Director and Yolanda Saldana is the Deputy Director.
- Last month the Chief of the Forest Service, put a pause on all prescribed fire nationally for 90 days. This is due to the incidents that occurred in New Mexico.
- Continue to have gaps in some of our staffing. We have 10 Type I helicopters, 17 Type II, and three Type III. We have 37 Type I hot shot crews, eight Type II IA crews, 13 Type II hand crews, 12 wildfire modules, 29 water tenders, 18 dozers, 193 patrol of fire prevention technician patrol, 17 ECC staff, 33 smoke jumpers, and 238 engines. BIA is staffing some of our stations across the region.

#### ➤ DOI

- Don't have any change in national leadership.
- No change in the state office.
- National director will be visiting Northern California the week of July 18<sup>th</sup>. We be touring Redding, Arcata, Ukiah, and then back to Sacramento.
- o With the infrastructure law came two things that are significant to Wildland Fire. OPM was directed to develop a specific Wildland Firefighter Series for the federal agencies, which they released two weeks ago. Several positions will be moved to the Firefighter series. There have been some exclusions that we are trying to deal with. Dispatchers, Incident Business Specialist, Administration, some aviation positions, and logistics. Those positions may not be covered by special retirement anymore. With that came pay incentives. Firefighter positions receive the incentives.
- This is just a short term fix for compensating and making these positions more attractive and people more retainable.
- Going to focus on Mental Health and Wellness. We have a Clinical Psychologist on retainer from the Reno area.
   Additional are needed.
- Finished up preparedness reviews for staff. The levels aren't great. About 70 percent of what we usually staff. That's not just a California thing. It is happening nationally too.

o Hazard Fuels Pragmatic Environmental Assessment. We can implement fuels projects more rapidly. As opportunities present either with money or physical opportunity. Trying to do this right. Do not want to go to court like a lot of their environmental assessments do. Once we have it done, it's going to open up around 300,000 acres. Hoping to have signatures February 2023.

#### ➤ NPS

- Not much is different in the NPS.
- o The DOI bureaus are also going through a process that we call Workforce Transformation and Workforce Reform. It's looked at the organization that we currently have verses the one that we think can carry us into the future. It's a slow process.
- Trying to ease their way out of temporary employment of fire staff positions.
- Also looking at the support infrastructure and technology.
- Establishing unmanned aerial systems. Modules to actually run
   UAS independently away from our existing modules.
- A position we just completed is a Contracting and Procurement Specialist. That is committed to just Wildland Fire operations for our region. This is a big change for efficacy, particularly through agreements and executing contracts.
- o For the NPS it's not a substantial change in engines and crews. We just don't have the hard infrastructure to take on a lot more engines and crews and we don't have an independent mechanism for addressing facilities outside of our larger agency process.
- At about 83 percent for normal staffing in the entire region and about 80 percent in California and our national parks.
   Constant process of trying to get the vacancies filled.
   Leadership vacancies are all filled. The Regional Director is now Frank Lands.
- Prescribed Fire Program has not really stopped, slowed down, or changed direction.

# **Recognition of Recently Retired Board Members**

Director Bob Baird

- Chief Mark Lorenzen
- Chief Daryl Osby

# FEMA/US Fire Administration/National Fire Academy Update & Coordination with FIRESCOPE Presentation

## Presentation given by Richard Sexton with FEMA

# **Ops Team / Task Force Report**

## Report presented by Poirier/Gerboth

- > Task Force Report
  - The last quarter has been extremely active for the Task Force,
     Specialist Groups, and Subcommittees.
  - All levels of FIRESCOPE have been able to return to all inperson meetings which has improved productivity.
  - The Task Force is fully engaged and on track to complete the items listed in the 2022 Plan of Work.
  - During the joint Task Force/Ops Team Meeting in June, representatives from each subcommittee attended and provided an update on the status of each subcommittee's POW and roster. Thesewere the first in-person reports since January 2020.
- Lithium Ion Batteries Incident Hazards Presentation Rezende
- EIT Subcommittee Update on Incident Personnel Tracking
   Presentation Justin Stockman with Ditto Presentation
- 2022 FOG Manual & App Revision Update
  - o FOG sales are open and shipping.
  - o Usually sales slow down during the summer.
  - o Sales are above the 2017 release numbers.
  - The mobile app is in the Beta phase. Anticipated to be released by the end of July.
  - Future price increase of the FOG are planned due to inflation effecting costs for paper, printing and shipping.
- > 2022 MACS Exercise(s) Review
  - After virtual exercises for two years due to Covid, the MACS exercises returned to in-person.
  - The Northern California MACS exercise was held in April and in May in Southern California.
  - o There was an excellent response and turnout for both events.
  - After action reviews are conducted and used to continually improve the MACS exercises.

- The Task Force is exploring alternative locations for Northern California to increase participation. Possibly the Bay area.
- FIRESCOPE Quarterly Briefing\*

Motion: Gilbert Second: Stowell Approved

- REMS ICS 223 FIRESCOPE Coordination with NWCG for National Standard
  - The REMS Subcommittee had proposed, and it was approved by the BoD for the new REMS standards.
  - Prior to development they engaged with the NWCG on what would be appropriate as a national standard. This was to ensure that they go through the national decision process to reduce California only programs.
  - o Since development they have reengaged with NWCG.
  - Met two weeks ago. Discussed plans and desires to move FIRESCOPE REMS Typing into the national standard and into IROC as a requestable resource.
  - We had the NWCG members of their committee on the meeting as well. The NWCG was supportive of the incorporating the FIREWCOPE standard into the national standard. Will continue to work together with the subcommittee, NWCG and FIRESCOPE to make that happen.
- ➤ US&R OSD Draft ICS 162\*

Motion to table with cost analysis verbiage. Bring back to the October BoD: Fennessy Second: Munsey

Approved

- Civil Disturbance Tasking Update
  - o Informational
- Update of FIRESCOPE Video on Website Homepage 50 Year Anniversary
  - Photos and videos being taken at this meeting to incorporate into the video.
- Wildland Prefire Plan Update
  - Presentation was given by Steve Kennedy from the Wildland Preplan Subcommittee.
  - Updating their work on the BoD tasking for the Wildland Prefire

Plans, use with Next Generation SCOUT, recommendations, and moving forward.

- Subcommittee Updates
  - Information on meeting dates and what each group is working on.
- Ops Team Report
  - Last meeting was a joint meeting with the Task Force in June in San Francisco.
  - o Thank you to San Francisco Fire for hosting.
  - Election of Ops Team Secretary Position Jon O'Brien
  - Chief Poirier is retiring and Chief Kendall, the Vice-Chair will be leading future meetings until an election is held.

# **EMS Update**

## Update presented by Chief Thompson.

- Discussed the EMS Commission and the Community Paramedicine Regulations.
- California Fire Service is getting together to work on the education and training.
- 988 is replacing the Suicide Hotline nationwide. It will take affect in July. The first step is a phone call for crisis response. There a couple of other phases that they will be working on in the coming years. Mobile response and follow up services.
- Director Basnett discussed her strategic plan. She is developing four working groups that will take EMS into the future and map out a plan for the next 5-10 years.
- Discussed an Advisory Committee that is made up of several stakeholders.
- The SB 443 was not be approved. Will be having a legislative planning meeting in October. Will have the right Bill written and ready to go.

# **CFAA Update**

# Update presented by Marshall/Lopez/CFAA Committee Members.

- Reimbursements are taking aproximately 34 days. That is a significant improvement.
- The CFAA Committee has been meeting. We have an agreement and we are working on updates to the agreement. We are striving to

- get the agreement signed this year.
- CFAA is always a challenge and this year hasn't been different.
- Chief Lorenzen spoke about the history of CFAA.
- We are discussing fundamental issues related to exhibits as far as reimbursement is concerned.
- Looking at alternatives for proposals that were put on the table. A follow up meeting needs to occur with the committee and most of the federal agency administrators. They are the decision makers. We have been negotiating in good faith. It has been challenging because some of the decision makers aren't at the table.
- Would like more participants to attend the in-person meetings.

# **CWCG Update**

## Update presented by Gamboa/Tyler/Minton/Lucas/Marshall

- Have had eight activations.
- Back in May there was an effort to bring the Incident Managers together. Both on the STEAC side and the interagency Management Teams. Incident Commanders put together a meeting to discuss how to better work together on multi jurisdictional incidents, incident Command, and neighboring incidents. It was a two day meeting. It went very well. There were notes taken with recommendations. In the process of gathering and reviewing those notes that will be posted.
- Continue to talk about Complex Incident Management. As a nation we are moving in that direction. Looking at how in impacts local government. Would California serve as a pilot program? By 2024 all of the Incident Management Teams nationally should be within Complex Incident Management. Working on issues.
- Have been discussing a joint IMT meeting with STEAC and Interagency Management Teams for 2023. Still working on the logistics.
- The coordinating group has gone to monthly meetings. They met yesterday.
- The five federal agencies decided to host the National CIMTs this year.
- Please fill out the Predictive Services Survey that has been sent out.

## **Old Business**

## Update presented by Fennessy/Marshall/Vail/Rueda

- CICCS Update\*
  - Chief Vail spoke about retired USFS Doug Liesz's accomplishments and how he played a part in FIRESCOPE getting its start.
  - The CICCS Qualifications Guide is on track. Attending the STEAC virtural meeting tomorrow. Hopefully, the Qualifications Guide will be approved. Then it will go to the State Board of Fire Services.
  - The 2022 Qualifications Guide will not have REMS.
- Cal OES Ops Bulletin 1 Compared to Expedited Resource Plan\*
  - Chief Zagaris originally created Ops Bulletin 1.
  - What is Mutual Aid, what are your obligations, and how does it all work?
  - There is Master Mutual Aid. There is no expectation of reimbursement.
  - One reimbursement part of it is the CFAA Agreement.
  - The Expedited Resource Response Plan Pilot Program involves Orange County Fire, Los Angeles County Fire, Los Angeles Fire, Ventura County Fire, and OES.
  - One of the important parts of the Expedited Resource Plan is, you must notify OES. OES wants to be in the loop because we are looking at the statewide picture. We may be counting on resources that have already been assigned.
- Priority Use of OES or LG Fire Apparatus on Prepositions and Mutual Aid Resources
  - In the OES Agreement, if OES calls for mobilizing its equipment, it must be sent.
  - Local government vs. green engines. We just sent Strike Teams to New Mexico. Out of those Strike Teams there was one local government engine because the OES engine was out of service. That local government engine broke down. That local government engine protects that local government community everyday. With EMAC the reimbursement doesn't come as quickly as it is coming through the CFAA. If it is an OES engine, OES will cover the costs.
  - OES engines are required to go out first.
  - Many times the LG engines are going out before the OES engines.
  - A commitment from Cal OES that even if their agreement or if they are asking for LG engines, that it is ok to push out the OES engines first. We really need to clarify that and then make that known to all the

- OES Assistant Chiefs. Need to write something up and make it very clear when the OES engines go out before the local government engines.
- With the contract counties, they have the 9000 series, and they are representing Cal Fire when they go out. That would be a case for red before green.
- Need to write something up and put it up as an Ops Bulletin to talk about those different agreements. Work with Cal Fire and our federal partners to make sure the language is correct. Reinforce that with the dispatch centers during the spring. There are ways that we can socialize this.
- Adding Agencies/Associations to Board Membership MACS 410-4\*
  - > This was discussed at the last meeting.
  - We received a request from the two DOI agencies that are not currently represented. The two DOI agencies were put on hold and are being researched. We received a request from Los Angeles area Fire Chiefs Association to create a small/medium north and south representative on the board. Also, received a request from Cal Chiefs.
  - A lot of the spirited debate focused around Cal Chiefs and where they fit in to MACS 410-4.
  - Adding agencies and updating MACS 410-4 are two separate items on the agenda but they are really tied into one.
  - There was one no vote on it. Because of the way MACS 410-4 is written, there was no mechanism to bring in Cal Chiefs in as a voting member.
  - In discussions going forward, this board is the advisory board to Director Ghilarducci and OES for matters related the the mutual aid system. In discussions with Director Ghilarducci, where do we go with the board in the future? Is the board makeup where it needs to be?
  - The policies and standards have a long history. FIRESCOPE is a critical entity with great historic success. The board has always been designed as a representative form of an organization.
  - Director Ghilarducci suggests doing a refresh of the board, the makeup and who is on it?
  - What is the appropriate representation? Usually when people want representation, there is reasoning behind it. A feeling of not being represented. We need to consider why that is.

- Director Ghilarducci gave direction to have the Board set up a committee between now and the next BoD meeting. To perform a review of the makeup of the board. Provide a set of recommendations of adding agencies/associations to the board. Review the MACS 410-4 and what needs to be updated in the document to reflect the ability to be flexible to address it. Director Ghilarducci doesn't want to add any new members until the review is complete.
- NFPA Update
  - Chief Rueda gave the June 2022 NFPA update.
  - The second period of public comments regarding NFPA Standard 1550 will close January 2023.
  - The committee has a scheduled meeting in the Spring of 2023 to review and deliberate on the suggested comments.
  - NFPA Standards are revised every five years.

## **New Business**

- MACS 410-4 FIRESCOPE By-Laws Revision
  - Move forward to the October BoD.
- Planned Mutual Aid Summit Date TBD
  - Maybe the Summit can be tied in with April BoD meeting in Ventura.
  - > Maybe have it the day before.
  - Then, present to the California Fire Service.

# 2023 Board of Director's Meeting Schedule

January 11 & 12 Sacramento (Cal OES)

April 5 & 6 Ventura

July 5 & 6 El Dorado Hills
October 4 & 5 Santa Barbara

# **Roundtable**

# **Adjournment**

Chief Maurice Johnson moved for the meeting to be adjourned. Approved at 1703 on Day 1 and 1421 on Day 2.