

NOTES FROM THE OPERATIONS TEAM MEETING APRIL 18 and 19, 1978

## Attendees:

U.S. Forest Service

Earl Anderson  
 Bob Irwin  
 Richard Millar  
 Chuck Mills  
 Charles Philpot

California Dept. of Forestry

Mike Harris  
 Mike Schori

Santa Barbara County  
 Bob Halliburton

Office of Emergency Services

Dick Barrows  
 Roger Land  
 Mike Scherr

Ventura County

George Lund  
 Stan Masson

Los Angeles County

Stan Barlow  
 Gene Vickery

Los Angeles City

Glenn Dinger

The Aerospace Corp.

Hugh Carmichael

Systems Development Corp.

Terry Haney

I. Report From The Task Force

The completed slide tape has been received and reviewed. SDC will prepare masters.

The Task Force has met with Mike Renslow, USFS, and agency mapping experts to discuss progress on orthophoto mapping program.

Plans for the ICS exercise were underway. No problems were encountered in getting the teams underway. Exercises were scheduled as follows;

Exercise A, SBNF and SBRU	May 30 and June 1
Exercise B, ANF and L.A. Co.	June 13, 14, and 15
Exercise C, LPNF, Ven. Co., and S.B. Co.	May 23, 24, and 25

The Task Force had also reviewed and updated many ICS documents and forms, and supported the training group in development of lesson plans for ICS unit training.

The Operations Team reviewed the ICS Incident Command System Test Incident Procedures. Most recommended changes were minor. The Operations Team supported the concept of mixed agency Command Teams and agreed to try and make it work.

## II. System Development Corporation

Terry Haney reviewed the description of the baseline design to be used by Aerospace in performing the cost/benefit analysis. A significant amount of discussion took place regarding staffing of the OCC under the various operating modes. A rework of the manning was suggested to try and relate the proposed manning to current manning. SDC suggested that the functional job description for each position be critically reviewed and agreed to before the specific numbers are attached. Some additional studies by the Forest Service, OES, and CDF are required to ascertain what jobs are now being done by OCC personnel which are extra jobs and not FIREScope related.

## III. The Aerospace Corporation

Hugh Carmichael presented a summary of the work accomplished under the four tasks of the Aerospace contract. The major task, the economics effectiveness evaluation, was proceeding through the data collection phase. Data on the effectiveness of FIREScope functions to reduce both damage and suppression costs was still a major concern. A second concern was to determine the primary rationale within each agency to justify the O&M expenditures throughout the lifetime of the FIREScope systems. Aerospace will continue to work with agency personnel to narrow in on these concerns.

## IV. Review of O&M Costs

Bob Irwin reviewed the preliminary estimates of partner O&M costs for an expected FIREScope Program budget of \$3.7 million for FY '79. Most of the expenses to be incurred by the partners would continue to be of the "in-kind" variety to support decision teams and specialist groups during FY '79. Of particular concern was the support of the Communications Working Group now being formed to resolve some of the questions on communications before final design and acquisition can be started. The Operations Team supported the general philosophy of operation through FY '79. A preliminary budget for operation of the OCC was also discussed. This budget reflected some increase in the expected operations of the OCC during FY '79. Although the increase in operations appeared justifiable, the format of the budget needed rework to conform with fiscal year constraints of the funding sources. The Forest Service and OES will rework the budget to reflect these constraints and present it to the Operations Team at the next meeting.

## V. Proposed Computer Demonstration

At the request of the Board of Directors, the FIREScope Program Office was asked to report on a method of demonstration of the computer systems within the Core Area. A demonstration program was

presented which would exercise some of the functions of the FIRE-SCOPE Information Management System using the limited data base of the Core Area. It was pointed out that the demonstration had several drawbacks such as:

- A possible 1- to 2-year delay in implementation of FIRE-SCOPE at a resulting overall cost increase.
- The demonstration would not test the complex interactions of all FIRESCOPE elements.

A consensus was not reached by the Operations Team as to a recommendation to be delivered to the Board of Directors. A rewrite of the demonstration program discussion was suggested to more clearly state the advantages and disadvantages and cost and schedule impacts. The Program Office will prepare a new writeup for submittal to the Operations Team at the next meeting.

VI. Request for Resolution of Standard Reporting Procedures Between the Agencies and the OCC

An impasse had been reached by the Task Force in trying to resolve methods of reporting primary suppression resource status to the OCC. A significant amount of discussion took place with a resolution by the Operations Team that efforts should be continued by the Task Force to come up with a standard procedure. Los Angeles City and Los Angeles County Task Force members were asked to continue efforts in this regard within their own agencies. If a final standard could not be agreed to by the Task Force, the matter would be brought to the Board of Directors.

VII. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Operations Team was scheduled for May 30 and 31, 1978, at the Riverside Fire Laboratory.

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