



FIRESCOPE

CAL OES FIRE AND RESCUE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FIRESCOPE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Cal OES Headquarters
3650 Schriever Avenue
Mather, CA 95655

April 13, 2016, 10:00 A.M.

Members Present

Ken Kehmna – Vice-Chair, Santa Clara County FD
 Mark Ghilarducci – California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services, Director
 Kim Zagaris – Executive Coordinator, Fire and Rescue, Cal OES
 Ken Pimlott – CAL FIRE
 Richard Webb – Linda Fire Protection District
 Eric Peterson – Santa Barbara County Fire Department
 Jeff Meston—City Fire Departments North
 Jeff Bowman – Orange County Fire Authority
 Mark Lorenzen – Ventura County Fire Department
 Rich Webb –Linda Fire Protection District
 Steve Kovacs—Volunteer Fire Departments
 Mike Esparza – California State Fire Association (CSFA)
 Mike Richwine – *representing* Office of State Fire Marshal
 Shawna Legarza-- U.S. Forest Service (USFS)
 Joseph Castro – *representing* Los Angeles City Fire Department
 Sam Marouk –Department of Interior, BLM
 Brian Marshall – Kern County Fire Department
 Mark Hartwig – *elect* San Bernardino County Fire

Members Absent

* Matthew Johnson – National Park Services (NPS)
 *Ralph Terrazas – Los Angeles City Fire Department
 * Tonya Hoover-- Office of State Fire Marshal
 *Lou Paulson – California Professional Firefighters
 * Daryl Osby –Chairperson FIRESCOPE Board of Directors, Los Angeles County Fire Department

Guests Present

Brian Young –Orange County Fire Authority
 Ralph Domanski – FIRESCOPE, Cal OES
 Ish Messer – Fire and Rescue, Cal OES
 Elaine Smith – FIRESCOPE, Cal OES
 Sean Fraley – Kern County Fire Department
 Mike Hebrard – CAL FIRE Region III Coordinator

Dave Teter— CAL FIRE
 Thom Porter – CAL FIRE Region VI Coordinator
 Dennis Mathisen -- CAL FIRE

1) Welcome, Introductions, Logistics *Meeting commences @ 10:10 ****

Kehmna

Meeting called to order at 10: a.m. Self-introductions begin.

2) Approval of January 13, 2016 Minutes *

ACTION ITEM – Motion made by Bowman to approve the January 13, 2016 FIRESCOPE Board of Directors meeting minutes. Pimlott seconds the motion. Motion approved.

3) Cal OES Director’s Report

Mark Ghilarducci

- 1) Drought Update
 - a. The Director reported an estimated \$3.7 billion dollars in funding for drought assistance.
 - b. The Governor’s Drought Task Force continues to meet however; weekly meetings being reduced to monthly meetings until further notice.
 - c. Budget support for Fire and Rescue will provide assistance to augment the needs of:
 - i. HazMat Advisory Panel throughout California
 - ii. Staffing not limited to but inclusive of engines and fleets with the intent to meet the Blue Ribbon recommendations automatic vehicle locator (AVL) systems in the engines
 1. Collaborative effort with CALFIRE SCOUT PROGRAM to link with existing NICS programs. (Intent to increase real-time situational awareness maximizing efforts. More definitive presentation at **July 13, 2016** FIRESCOPE board meeting.
 - iii. Governor has a budget proposal to mitigate the **tree mortality** situation; and factors not limited to the drought/bark-beetle infestation.
- 2) Security
 - a. The Director alerted the participants of the increasing threat of “home-grown” violent extremism, where it is proliferating, and the need for intervention training (citing the recent San Bernardino incident).
- 3) Task Force on Climate Change
 - a. Blue Ribbon recommendations continue to be reviewed
 - b. On going evaluations of climate adaptations with emphasis on drought impact

4) CAL FIRE / SFM UPDATE

Pimlott/Richwine

CAL FIRE

Pimlott

- 1) **Budget:**
 - a. Governor’s budget shows support:
 - i. For technology and situational awareness providing assistance to the AVL platform – SCOUT
 - ii. Staffing to offset the increased workload, earlier support staffing, drought augmentation, etc.

- iii. Air Resources dates pushed back to late-May or early-June. Helicopter assets have been obtained for peak season focused but not limited to Central Coast needs.
 - iv. March saw 400 firefighters engaged in 'back to basics' fuels treatment prevention training
- 2) Thom Porter appointed to coordinate efforts with PG&E, public utilities, etc. targeting high hazards, and life threatening situations into a two-tier structure.
 - 3) Discussion occurred following the subject of managing the forest for long-term resulting in questions regarding:
 - Depressed land values
 - Insurance company support
 - The changing landscape
 - Impact of the Bark beetle
 - Fire Hazard challenge
 - 4) **Nationally:**
 - a. Federal and State teams will be meeting concurrently in **Sacramento** the week of **April 25, 2016**.
 - i. Joint Incident Command Day planned **April 29, 2016** (unconfirmed)

STATE FIRE MARSHALL

Richwine

- 1) **Mobile Fueling:*** Discussion following the briefing on the topic of Mobile Fueling included:
 - Spill mitigation
 - Tank Compliance (underground /above-ground storage tanks approved use)
 - Fire Department Authority
 - Specific Code language
 - Multiple counties with differing regulations
 - Proposed collaborative effort to educate farmers (farm boards, CDFA, State Agriculture board)
- 2) **Fireworks:**
 - Governor's budget does not include funding
 - Discussion stalled between the Governor's office and industry about future management of fireworks.
 - Clean Harbor and existing funds will be utilized until funds are depleted.

5) USFS/DOI Update

Legarza/Marouk

USFS

- 1) **Personnel Movement:**
 - a. Barbara Granger-- Prevention
 - b. IB Management Staffing
 - c. Seasonal Hiring is happening
 - d. Second permanent fire hire is progressing
- 2) **Budget** – no change
 - a. Resources – same/no change
- 3) **Tree Mortality:**
 - a. Managing estimated 50,000 dead trees on the ground
 - b. Priority public safety via campgrounds, roads, and field breaks, etc.
 - c. Reassessments: Viability of remote stations such as Blue Canyon factor in Regional task focus; Make sure Everyone Comes Home; **Stop, Think, Talk, Act**, campaign

Doi

Marouk

Budget flat

National BLM creating six Veteran Hand-crews (four new and two experienced)

Drone usage concerns discussed i.e. IR flights and mapping

6) FIRE DISTRICTS SOUTH SELECTION

Bowman

Selection Panel member Chief Bowman announced the panels choice to replace the vacant seat for Fire Districts-South, (vice Metcalf). Mark Hartwig was selected to represent –Fire Districts-South, unanimously selected by committee based on body of work. Upon approval by the director, accepted; and was welcomed to the FIRESCOPE Board of Directors.

7) EMS Update

Hartwig

- 1) Discussion centered on Cal Chiefs' position endorsing OES governing Mobile Field Hospitals.

Concerns included:

- What is the need
- What is the costs
- EMS/Private Contract utilization
- EMS function w/Fire Operational Area

Director Ghilarducci requested a meeting with Chief Hartwig

- 2) The latest Cal Chiefs positions are available at the website Legislative section for Cal Chiefs.
- 3) Regionalization of SETNA was discussed
- 4) A brief discussion regarding the vacant FIRESCOPE seat on the Cal Chiefs EMS Tactical Committee concluded with Chief Hartwig's acceptance to be the FIRESCOPE representative.

8) CFAA UPDATE-

Zagaris

- 1) Committed to Reciprocal Act 9 (reimbursement by Federal partners)
- 2) OES to fund local government; then submit claim and receive reimbursement from USFS
- 3) This will result in the necessity of requiring "Salary Surveys" being signed by **ALL Agencies in the State that participate in the Mutual Aid System and seek reimbursement.**

9) CWCG Update

Marouk/Zagaris

- a) New CWCG chair -- Shawna Legarza
- b) Co-chair – Dave Teter (CAL FIRE)
- c) Discussions related ICMT- website, note taker, facilitator, planning calendar, and agenda, brief of operations group.
- d) The Central Coast IMT is temporarily unavailable because the Ventura County IC retired. The IMT will be available when a qualified Agency IC is assigned to the Team.
- e) Ops Team requirement proposed full time local government (may supplement)
 - i) How many are Federal, fulltime, trainees
 - ii) Joint meeting last week of April

- f) NMAC letter will be coming out to address AD authority
 - i) All letters coming out on Monday
 - ii) Revamped the existing CWCG charter

10) HAZARDOUS MATERIAL BY RAIL/HSR Update

Zagaris

- a) Fee structure being discussed
- b) Emergency regulations pushed and approved followed by Standard regulations
- c) Fee based program hazmat by rail
- d) Developments are monitored for compliance with Proposition 26 criteria
- e) Training issues

11) 2016 FIRESCOPE Goals and Objectives

Osby/All

Item deferred to the next meeting

12) California Fire Service Task Force on Climate Impacts

-Blue Ribbon Commission Update*

Bowman

- 1) The facilitator, Chief Bowman of the Blue Ribbon Summary Committee reported on the group's selection by consensus of the top 7 items to address and how each is progressing. (refer to handout/members of the Sub-group/committee for details)
 - a. Sub-group: Jeff Meston, Brian Marshall, Steve Kovacs, Eric Peterson, Ken Pimlott, Mike Esparza, Jeff Bowman, Facilitator.
 - b. Discussions ensued following each item.
 - c. Chief Lorenzen volunteered to work with the group addressing Item #1.
 - d. Chief Legarza offered to assist Chief Marshall with Item #7 dealing with Communications and Information Technology (radio caches for first responders).
 - e. **May 1, 2016, Deadline** set for a **final cover draft** in preparation for presentation to the Climate Task Force.
 - f. **May 25, 2016** is the next scheduled **Climate Task Force meeting**.

Break for Lunch Break called @ 1307. Meeting resumed @ 1325.

13) Task Force/OPS Team Report *

Richardson/Fraley

- 1) Status of 2016 FOG Revision Update
 - The Taskforce Chair reported on the status of the 2016 FOG revision (see handout)
- 2) **REMS**
 - The presentation made at the San Diego Risk Management Summit will be made at the Federal team meetings.
- 3) **Membership/Roster changes:**
 - State Fire Marshal (vacancy Task Force)
 - Cal Fire (vacancy Task Force)
 - Cal OES (Vacancy Task Force)
 - New Volunteer representative – Eric Holly (Stanislaus OES)
- 4) Ops Team New Chairperson—Dave Richardson, Los Angeles Fire Department

- 5) Task Force enrolled in next week NIMS refresh webinar

14) New Business

Zagaris

- 2) NIMS Refresh Review*
 - a. National engagement period will conclude at **5:00 pm EDT on May, 2016.**
 - b. **FEMA** hosting 60-minute engagement webinars highlighting key proposed changes to NIMS
 - i. Participant questions and input welcome (all webinars open to community)
 - c. See handout for details.
 - d. Thirty-days to review recommended to have the 130 page document reviewed by Ops & Task force.

15) Old Business

Vail

- 1)– CICCIS Update – CICCIS is working on a revision to the Type 3 Command & General Staff positions, making them less restrictive. The CICCIS Task Force found:
 - a. Obtaining FEMA PTBs is difficult.
 - b. Recommendation to use the AHIMT PTBs
 - c. Historical recognition for type 3 positions needs to continue until July 31, 2016
 - d. A preliminary draft of the revised 2014 CICCIS Qualifications Guide is being reviewed by the Task Force, final draft hopefully by May.
- 2) Type III Team Update
 - a. Shared with the members the qualifications and changes to the All Hazard Type III positions.
 - b. If nationally mobilized, this should happen using the Cal OES ordering system under CFAA.

16) Cal OES Fire & Rescue Report

Zagaris

- 1) **Type III Engines:** In the budget proposal for FY 16/17, there is money to purchase more Type III engines. The plan is to purchase the additional engines identified in the 2004 Blue Ribbon Commission Report.
- 2) Chief Zagaris asked the group for their input on the idea of purchasing Type 6 Engines instead of Water tenders. His opinion is the Cal OES Water tenders are not being utilized and the type 6 engines may be utilized more. They are considerably less expensive than either the Type IIIs or the Water tenders.
- 3) Chief Zagaris shared some examples of what the Type 6 engines might look like.

17) Roundtable

- **Castro-** Spike in Emergency Room activity recently up 2% in the City of Los Angeles, while homelessness has increased 20-30%; The Fire Department has a pilot program Staffing two units in the city with a Nurse Practitioner and a Paramedic to respond to medical aids. So far the program is a success and cuts down on ER visits. Currently Los Angeles City is recruiting for an estimated 400 firefighters in the next few years.
- **Richardson-** Hiring to fill 200 vacancies;
- **Zagaris-**Our big question is: How can we get more resources on the road, not enough resources we need more engines, its important do our best to get things done working together.
- **Pimlott** –Starting on May 2nd we kick off “Wildfire Awareness Week” along with the “Ready Set, Go Program”
- **Esparza**–National Public Safety Telecommunications Week - APRIL 10-16, 2016
- **Domanski** – MACS training @ North Ops (Redding), April 20, 2016;
 - MACS training at South Ops (Riverside), April 18, 2016
- MACS training revamped to a more hands on mini-MAC exercise

18) Meeting adjourned @ 2:07pm

The next Cal OES Fire and Rescue Advisory Committee/FIRESCOPE BoD Meeting will take place at **Burbank Fire Department Training Center in Burbank, California** on **July 13, 2016**. The ***agenda setting*** conference call for the meeting will be **June 30, 2016 @ 1600**.

***-Denotes documents supporting this agenda item are included with packet.**

******-out of sequence