

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES  
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE/  
FIRESCOPE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING OF APRIL 11, 1990 - OES HEADQUARTERS

M I N U T E S   O F   M E E T I N G

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

William Maxfield, Chairman - Chief, Contra Costa County  
Donald Manning, Chief - Los Angeles City Fire Department  
George Lund, Deputy Chief - Ventura County Fire Protection District  
Donald Perry, for Richard Peterson - Santa Barbara County Fire Department  
Jim Radley for Larry Holms - Orange County Fire Department  
Earl Fordham for Michael Freeman, Los Angeles County Fire Department  
Gary Costamagna, Chief - Sacramento City Fire Department  
Ken Blonski for Dick Adams - U.S. Forest Service  
Gary Tokle for James McMullen - State Fire Marshal  
James Brannon, Chief - Linda Fire Protection District  
Loren Pettis, Chief - Montclair Fire Department  
Bill Wirth, Deputy Chief for Richard Aronson - OES Fire and Rescue Division

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Michael Freeman, Chief - Los Angeles County Fire Department  
Richard Aronson, Chief - OES Fire and Rescue Division  
Ken Brown, Chief - Rio Linda - Elverta Fire District  
Dick Adams, U.S. Forest Service  
Chris Cameron, National Park Service  
Harold L. Walt, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection  
James McMullen, State Fire Marshal  
Pat Kidder, U.S. Department of Interior  
Larry Holms, Chief - Orange County Fire Department  
Richard Peterson, Chief - Santa Barbara County Fire Department

SPECIAL ADVISORS PRESENT

Harry Steimer, California State Firemen's Association

SPECIAL ADVISORS ABSENT

Brian Hatch - California Professional Fire Fighters

OTHERS PRESENT

Donald Irwin, Director - OES  
Jim Dykes - CDF representing OES Region VI  
Bill Imboden - Regional Fire & Rescue Coordinator, Mutual Aid Region II  
Bev Passerello - OES Legislation  
Merrill McMurray - Sacramento County Fire Department, Mutual Ad Region IV  
Tom Bender - Waterloo Morada Fire Department  
Stan Lake - CDF representing OPs Team North

Gary Buzzini - CDF representing OES Mutual Aid Region III  
Dick Starr - OES Fire and Rescue Division

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Kim Zagaris - OES Fire and Rescue Division  
Paul Beckstrom - OES Fire and Rescue Division  
Will Brock - OES Fire and Rescue Division  
Margie Self - OES Fire and Rescue Division - Secretary

#### OPENING REMARKS

Chairman Maxfield opened the meeting, welcoming members and guests and introduced Donald Irwin, new OES Director, George Lund, Deputy Chief, Ventura County Fire Department and Paul Beckstrom, new Assistant Chief, OES Fire and Rescue Division.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 1990

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IT WAS MOVED BY CHIEF PETTIS, SECONDED BY CHIEF MANNING AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 10, 1990, MEETING, AS SUBMITTED.

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#### OPERATIONS TEAM REPORT

Dick Starr gave an overview of the packet enclosures sent by Mike Scherr. Dick pointed out the 410-4 MACS Booklet. This is a draft to be submitted at the July meeting for Committee approval and will be sent out to the Advisory Board Committee Members prior to the meeting. The next item concerned the ICS module for Urban Search and Heavy Rescue. The next item in the packet is a list of names of those people who will be part of the specialist group. There is an organization chart (FIREScope Decision Process), the purpose of which is to show the relationship of the OES USAR Advisory Committee to the FIREScope Decision Process.

The next document is the FIREScope Decision Process, Voting Members illustrating the organization by departments and functions. Another document, an organization chart illustrating the people assigned to these sub-functions. The final enclosure is a listing of those members of the OES USAR Advisory Committee.

Stan Lake reported the Ops Team North met on March 22. Discussions at that meeting included completion of the formation of the Search and Rescue Specialist Groups and review the decision process documents. Final approval will be requested at the next meeting. A lengthy discussion of the 5-year plan that this body voted on 2 years ago and discussions with OES it was felt that the document needed to be made current. A mini group made up from members of both ops teams will meet in May. Ops Team South is meeting April 26, 1990 in Riverside to select their representatives. A very good briefing was given by Dan Francis, CDF, Fire Academy Administrator on what's going on at NWCG with the ICS working team and the training workshops.

Chairman Maxfield had a questions regarding the meeting that was held in Shell Beach. There was discussion at that meeting regarding eliminating the Ops team North and South and just having one Ops Team.

Stan answered that needs to be looked at. It was an idea that has not had a good chance for review.

#### LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Bev Passerello passed out the latest Legislative Update. There are several bills that are left over from the special session regarding the Loma Prieta Earthquake. 6 or 7 bills will impact the Fire Services.

SB 359 is the Urban Search and Heavy Rescue equipment problems. The bill now addresses immunities from liability for Urban Search and Heavy Rescue Teams. State Fire Marshal and Office of Emergency Services are required draw up some standards.

SB 377, the State Fire Marshal's Fire Safety and Burn Prevention Program was passed through the Senate and is at the Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

There are two pieces of Federal Legislation moving through Congress. One is the clean air act which will specifically impact the State's Community Right to Know, EPA, Title III Programs. The other one is the federal highway transportation act which will have an even more critical impact on Community Right to Know and hazardous materials reporting and significantly weakens the accident reporting requirements for railroads.

There is a lot of earthquake legislation and it all impacts the way the fire services do business. Some of it takes the first responder authority away from everybody that presently has it and gives it to the State Lands Commission. Bev strongly recommends comments by this Committee.

#### STATUS REPORT ON HEAVY RESCUE

Bill Wirth said that after the Loma Prieta event, Assemblyman Norm Waters came forward and said that he would like to assist in getting OES the funding to phase the 15 heavy rescue fire vehicles in over a one year period. Right now OES has a tentatively approved budget change proposal to phase 15 in over 10 years. This is all still in the "iffy" stages and it has a long way to go to get into the budget and before the governor to see if he pencils it out or leaves it in. There is a possibility that we could receive a windfall and get 15 units all in one fiscal year.

#### USAR ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Don Irwin told the Committee that OES has a BCP regarding the equipment issue and establishing the teams. OES also had a BCP in on the apparatus to phase in 15 over the 10 year period. The Department of Finance and the Governor have given approval. The other issue is on the heavy rescue units with Assemblyman Waters. The Legislative Analyst has a problem with that. The May 8 Assembly hearing will determine if the legislature want to support that concept.

#### APPARATUS SUB-COMMITTEE SURVEY REPORT

Mike Dacy said that at the last meeting, he gave a highlight of the survey. The report is included the package.

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### ICS TRAINING

Dick Starr, speaking for Mike Scherr presented a letter from the Department of Agriculture and Forestry Service to the OCC. This letter concerns the meeting on May 14, the purpose of which is review the National Fire Academy ICS and I-220 for acceptance in the California Fire Service. Paul Beckstrom explained that the issue is the National Fire Academy's model of the Incident Command System course which is equivalent to I-220.

### COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT REPORT

On February 15, 1990 the representative from Forest Agencies and OES met. They examined the body of the Cooperative Agreement since it lapses on June 30. The most significant change is the fact that BLM and National Parks Service want to become parties to the agreement. They have already agreed to the terms. It will be ready for statewide mail out as soon as signatures are completed. The statewide survey has been completed as prescribed in the agreement and the result was \$519 for 24-hour shift for personnel.

### EARTHQUAKE REIMBURSEMENT

The OES Disaster Assistance Division's recommended use of the Cooperative Agreement as the best method by which to submit for reimbursement because it had precedence and acceptance by governmental agencies. Fire and Rescue Division generated the invoices and submitted them as a package. FEMA didn't agree with the 24-hour period. Finally, on April 4, the FEMA referees agreed to accept the package...No exceptions. The amount was \$492,000. Fema will pay 75% and the State will pay 25%. The FEMA review board still has to look at it. They don't anticipate problems.

### MAPPING UPDATE

Dave Kehrlein talked about some of the projects that he's involved in such as the nuclear power plant project. They will be testing the equipment in a state operations center environment using modems and some remote terminals, passing map information back and forth during an exercise and monitoring messages with the computer. OES has an agreement with the State Fire Marshal's Office to digitize and map the gas liquid petroleum pipelines throughout the state. On April 10, he met with the mapping specialty group in Riverside. It was a small group of fire community and several people from other parts of the Southern California community. Paul Raber, from Orange County, is promoting a project by Southern California Gas to map their entire service region, which is all of Southern California minus San Diego County. They're going to do this on a highly accurate map base, using geo-positioning devices every half mile in order to make sure the map is extremely accurate. Every place on the map will be accurate within 2 feet.

#### TASK FORCE APPOINTMENT - ICS/FIREGROUND COMMAND MERGER

Dick Starr shared a memo from Jim Jeffery to Mike Scherr containing names of the four members of the task force and reminding that this Committee needs to appoint a liaison to the task force.

Chairman Maxfield said that Rich Peterson has agreed to be the liaison to the National Fire Academy. The four people that are listed on this memo will be the technical people who will look at the two documents and bring them in line. Chief Peterson will be our liaison with Alan Brunacini.

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IT WAS MOVED BY CHIEF FORDHAM AND SECONDED BY CHIEF MANNING AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPOINT RICH PETERSON AS LIAISON TO THE NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY AND ACT AS LIAISON TO ALAN BRUNACINI.

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#### DISASTER ASSISTANCE DIVISION REPORT

Charles Wynne gave an overview of the response efforts to the Loma Prieta Earthquake. His Division is trying to attack the disaster from the recovery side by writing better DSR's at the beginning so they can move the money faster.

At least two fire departments have historic preservation issues involved in their rebuilding and reconstruction sites. Instead of waiting for the appeal 2 years later, because no one was available to address it at the time of the disaster, the National Historic Trust and the State Historic Preservation Officer were involved in the field in Mountain View, Santa Cruz and San Francisco so that they could work on the historic preservation issues right at the time of the disaster.

There are \$5.6 billion in disaster costs. \$3.3 billion will effect the individuals and \$2.3 billion will be damage to public facilities and response costs. Of that \$2.3 billion, \$1.2 billion is FEMA eligible.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Bill Teie said that California has the potential for a serious fire season. The State has had only 40 - 60% of normal rain. The snow pack is only 37% of normal. Owens Valley has shut off all water going to Los Angeles. Colorado has cut back. There will be a lot of rationing.

Gary Buzzini said Northern California is not as bad as Southern California. Our problems are compounded by amount of dwellings built in the water shed areas in the last 13 years, the amount of bug killing. Every other tree in the north end of Tahoe Basin is dead.

Bill Teie said that in some areas there won't be enough fuel to carry a fire but in others it will be bad. We'll be testing the mutual aid system come summertime.

SENATOR CAMPBELL PRESENTATION

Chairman Maxfield presented a plaque to Senator Campbell expressing the Committee's appreciation for his efforts on behalf of our Committee.

NEXT MEETING

Chairman Maxfield said that the next meeting will be on July 11, 1990 at OES Headquarters. He also said that Bill Teie will bring a program to our next meeting about the things that Forestry is doing getting ready for the 90's.

There being no further business, Chairman Maxfield adjourned the meeting at 1:30.