

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ONTARIO AIRPORT HOLIDAY INN

August 15, 1984

In Attendance: M. Barrows, USFS, T/F Chairman W. Medigovich, OES
R. Praytor, OES R. N. Griggs, CDF RE6
B. Vandevort, SFM R. Barrows, OES
S. Masson, VNC R. King, LAC
M. Sellers, VNC G. Greffenins, USFS, SFO
D. Perry, SBC D. Montague, USFS, SF
D. Manning, LFD B. Spada, USFS-PSW Berkeley
G. Johnson, LFD R. Manzo, OES
C. Creasey, LFD M. Scherr, OES
J. W. Englund, LAC J. Letson, CDF

I. Metting Opening

The meeting was opened on a positive note when the Board Chairman, W. Medigovich (OES) informed the group on how supportive the legislature is toward State Fire Service and Public Service. Also on an informational note, W. Medigovich told the group about his tour through the security system set up for the Olympics. He said he was both amazed and excited about the state of the art technology he saw applied on the Olympic security. He mentioned that the use of computerized mapping and structure data bases coupled with computer graphics has enormous potential in fire service application.

The minutes of the September 30, 1983 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by D. Manning (LFD) that these minutes be approved as is. There was a second for motion and all members voted in favor of the motion.

II. Orthophoto Mapping

R. Barrows (OES) briefly summarized the contents of the Mapping Status Report. R. Barrows mentioned that there seems to be a lot of positive interest being generated toward Orthophoto Mapping by a variety of agencies and this would be an opportune time to consider the issue of a Mapping Coordinator position being created. M. Scherr (OES) stated that the State Mapping Advisory Committee is also showing a great deal of interest in Orthophoto Mapping and mentioned that various agencies have mentioned they may be willing to contribute funds toward establishing a centralized map reproduction and control function.

J. Englund (LAC) asked what type of input was being received from Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties on the testing of the Response Books developed.

M. Scherr mentioned that there were some problems being encountered

and D. Montague (USFS) explained briefly what some of the problems were and why these problems might be occurring.

J. Englund (LAC) then recommended that the Board make a decision on hiring a Mapping Coordinator.

J. Letson (CDF) noted that he understood the final paragraph on page 3 of the Mapping Status Report (dated August 15, 1984) to mention that the position has been approved and budgeted for in the \$160,000 OES Budget.

R. Barrows (OES) then explained to J. Letson and the Board that the money was solely for the completion and extension of the Orthophoto Mapping project. Also, that item A in the final paragraph of the report mentioned was a misnomer.

J. Englund then recommended that the coordinator position matter be pursued and also suggested getting a FIREScope person on the State Mapping Advisory Committee.

R. Barrows informed the Board that M. Scherr (OES) is currently representing FIREScope on the State Mapping Advisory Committee until a Mapping Coordinator is hired.

R. Barrows (OES) asked J. Letson (CDF) if his agency would be willing to provide about \$15,000 towards hiring a Mapping Coordinator. J. Letson (CDF) said at present his agency could probably provide such funds for that position.

R. Barrows (OES) mentioned that the amount needed for this position was around \$55,000 and that OES would be willing to provide some funds toward establishing the position.

R. Barrows said that since it seemed the general feelings of the Board strongly support creating the position and completing the Southern California Orthophoto Mapping Project, a high priority be set on this issue.

J. Englund (LAC) made a motion that a high priority be set on completing the Orthophoto project and pursuing a Mapping Coordinator position. D. Montague second the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

III. Operations Team Executive Summary Report

R. Barrows explained to the Board what purpose the Executive Summary Report was going to serve and why it was created. He said it was to cover what was the best way to proceed with the program projects or if any of these projects should be halted.

R. Barrows mentioned that Senator Campbell, OES Director and other State legislators were fully in support of the FIREScope program and a decision from the Board of Directors is needed on buying off what the

Executive Summary Report is saying.

W. Medigovich (OES) said it would a shot in the arm to the FIREScope Program if the level funding was kept up or boosted.

At this point, there was a discussion about the contents of the Proposal (page 4, Executive Summary Report). This discussion involved the proposed amounts listed under items 1 and 2 of the Proposal.

D. Montague (USFS) stated that FIREScope has to start looking at state of the art technology and see how this technology can best be implemented into the programs current needs. The case in point, Radio Caches.

R. Griggs (CDF) then said if the current budget period of 18 months is persued, interest and excitement for the FIREScope Program could begin to diminish. He Also mentioned that it was time to consider going ahead with program development and get out of the current maintenance posture the program is in.

W. Medigovich mentioned that he wants to be able to provide Emergency Services information to state legislators and public. Also he mentioned that there has to be adequate training in all areas of Emergency Services.

S. Masson (VNC) said he was fully in support of proceeding with immediate funding, rather than waiting for the full budgeting period to take its course.

R. Barrows then asked the Board to make their recommendations on the proposal and if the amount being sought should be persued of if it should be reduced. The amount currently being persued is \$200,000. This issue concerns seeking funding for the immediate future, pointing out the independent assessment of current data and state of the art technology for the ADP project (\$50,000).

D. Montague wanted the Board to know that the amount of \$60,000 mentioned in the proposal for Communications, did not include buying anything in the interim.

R. Barrows mentioned to the Board that at the last Operations Team meeting it was agreed that one of the Radio Caches would be purchased.

W. Medigovich recommended that the total package be persued and that if there are any problems with the legislature accepting it, there be an alternate plan ready.

A motion was made that the Board of Directors concur in the need to move forward with the FIREScope Program and with the proposal to establish state sponsorship. The Board also recommends that the Director of the Office of Emergency Services, in the interest of emergency preparidness, request immediate augmentation to the OES Budget in the amount of \$200,000 for Fiscal Year 1984-85 (ref. Executive Summary, page 4 item 1 and 2). Further recommendations are

for the Director of OES to obtain the assistance of the governor and legislature in getting this augmentation approved for the FIREScope Program. Board of Directors members agree to travel and voice support to whom ever if necessary. The motion was second and the motion was carried unanimously.

IV. Extension of FIREScope

D. Montague briefly summarized the letter from B. Tonguet (OES) to R. Barrows (OES) concerning FIREScope Extension in Northern California. He mentioned that the United States Forest Service (USFS) and the California Department of Forestry (CDF) both support the expansion of FIREScope to Northern California.

R. Barrows said there currently is no committee to deal with the extension of FIREScope. Also that OES has budgeted for a redundant computer system for FIREScope and for the purpose of extending FIREScope statewide. He mentioned that the current Board of Directors cannot make decisions for the implementation of the system on a statewide basis and that OES did not budget to purchase terminals for all northern agencies wanting to participate in the statewide program.

D. Perry (SBC) felt that using the word MACS in the second paragraph of this letter was inappropriate in regards to statewide application.

This issue was then clarified by D. Montague (USFS) and R. Barrows (OES), stating the word MACS was used because this letter was only intended to be presented to the FIREScope Board of Directors and if this or a letter like this is to be used for statewide distribution, the word MACS would be removed and submitted for approval by the Board.

D. Manning (LFD) pointed out that some of the representatives listed for the Coordination Committee may not really be needed for the group and there may be other agencies not listed that should be included.

R. Barrows simply stated that the intention of the letter was to inform the Board that the plans were under way to implement a statewide program like FIREScope and that the concept of a committee like the one mentioned in the letter was to be created. He did emphasize that someone has got to move forward with the project and feels that the Board can provide valuable input concerning the proposal for the extension of FIREScope statewide.

W. Medigovich stated, he would like to have some feedback or recommendations from all members of the Board concerning the letter from B. Tonguet on the FIREScope extension by September 15, 1984 and these recommendations be directed to Chief R. Barrows.

A motion accepting the concept of a statewide extension of FIREScope was made and second. All members unanimously approved of this motion. It must be noted that it was the concept that was accepted and not the actual document.

V. Orange County F.D. Inclusion into Decision Process

There was a discussion on the issue of having Orange County Fire Department (ORC) accepted as a full partner agency. There was an argument in support of accepting ORC, but with the condition of approaching the matter cautiously in order to avoid an influx of applications for admission as full partners from other agencies.

D. Manning (LFD) recommended that criteria be established and used in determining who could become a full partner in the future.

D. Montague (USFS) recommended that all members of the Board look at the possibility of expanding FIREScope at the same time they are making recommendations for the CALFIRMS Project.

D. Perry (SBC) made a motion that ORC be accepted as a full member and that the Chairman of the Board of Directors draft up an acceptance letter. Also that the Operations Team work on creating either a committee to establish criteria for future requests to join FIREScope as members or establishing the criteria themselves. D. Manning (LFD) second the motion and the Board unanimously approved it.

VI. Computer for OES Sacramento

R. Barrows informed the group on the status of the redundant computer system for FIREScope being installed at OES's Sacramento office. This system is currently scheduled to be another Prime Computer or a computer that will be 100% compatible with the current Prime 550 Computer at the Operations Coordination Center Computer Room in Riverside.

VII. General Budget - OCC FY 84/85

M. Scherr passed out a handout with the figures for the current budget and a copy of the proposed budget for FIREScope North.

R. Barrows then explained the budget in detail. He also discussed the current problems with the photocopy machine located at the OCC Sitstat Room.

R. Barrows then suggested that the Board recommend having the current photocopy machine replaced by leasing a better machine with money from this years approved budget. With the stipulation that the Board look real hard at purchasing a new machine and include the costs in next years budget.

The Board then made the recommendation that M. Scherr (OES) go out and lease a new photocopy machine in the immediate future with funds from the current budget.

VIII. Open Discussion

W. Medigovich opened the floor for discussion on anything concerning OES and FIREScope. He again mentioned that the legislature is still

looking to be provided with any information concerning the FIREScope program.

R. Barrows wanted all the members present to know that he felt this Board of Directors meeting has to be one of the best and productive meetings he has attended. D. Manning (LFD) also expressed the same feelings as R. Barrows. S. Masson (VNC) then commented that the reason might be the fact that this was a joint meeting of the FIREScope Board of Directors and the Operations Team.

D. Montague's closing comment was that he felt the group set aside it's traditionality and is looking at FIREScope with a modern and enthusiastic outlook.

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