

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FIRESCOPE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Minutes of the Meeting
February 5, 1997
Riverside, California**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gary Costmagna - Chief, Sacramento City Fire Department
Neil R. Honeycutt, Chief - Office of Emergency Services
William R. Bamattre, Chief - Los Angeles City Fire Department
Keith Simmons, Chief - Santa Barbara County Fire Department
Ronny J. Coleman - State Fire Marshal - CDFFP
James E. Sewell, Chief - Ventura County Fire Department
Douglas Sporleder, Chief - Santa Clara County Fire Department
Russell Richards, Chief - Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District
Patrick Kidder, State Fire Management Officer - Bureau of Land Management
Roger K. Purdie, Chief - Vista Fire Department
Stewart W. Gary, Chief - Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department

MEMBERS ABSENT

Richard Andrews, Director - Office of Emergency Services
James Brannon, Chief - Linda Fire Protection District
Richard A. Wilson, Director - CDF FP
P. Michael Freeman, Chief - Los Angeles County Fire Department
Daniel J. Clark, Chief - Kern County Fire Department
Jose Cruz, Director - U.S. Forest Service, Region V
Larry Holmes, Chief - Orange County Fire Authority

OTHERS PRESENT

Bruce Ward, Deputy Director - Office of Emergency Services
Pat Cooney, Assistant Chief - Office of Emergency Services
Gary Pavusko, Deputy Chief - Office of Emergency Services
John Linder, Assistant Chief - Office of Emergency Services
Mark Ghilarducci, Deputy Chief - Office of Emergency Services
Kim Zagaris, Assistant Chief - Office of Emergency Services
Michael Antonucci, Assistant Chief - Office of Emergency Services
Ray Manzo, Data Processing Manager I - Office of Emergency Services
Don Weiss, Associate Programmer Analyst - Office of Emergency Services
John Bowles, Branch Manager of IT Branch - Office of Emergency Services
Ken Chancellor, OES IT Branch - Office of Emergency Services
Bob Crawford, Computer Consultant - Office of Emergency Services

Glen Newman, Region Chief - California Department of Forestry
 Mike Dougherty, Assistant Director, Southern Operations - U.S.F.S.
 Ron McClain, Deputy Chief - Montecito Fire Protection District
 Robert Martines, Operations Chief - California Department of Forestry
 George Ewan, OCC Riverside - U.S. Forest Service
 Ray Quintanar, Deputy Director - U.S. Forest Service
 Ralph Alworth, Division Chief - California Department of Forestry-South Area
 Steve Sherrill, Chief Deputy - Los Angeles County Fire Department
 Donald Anthony, Deputy Chief - Los Angeles City Fire Department
 Gary Gilbert, Region Chief - California Department of Forestry
 Dave Driscoll, Area Chief - California Department of Forestry
 Jim Radley, Deputy Chief - Orange County Fire Authority

OPENING REMARKS/INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 9:25 a.m. by Chairman Gary Costamagna. Self-introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 9, 1996 MINUTES

James Sewell moved that the minutes of the October 9, 1996 meeting be approved as written. William Bamattre seconded, and the motion was passed by unanimous vote.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Bruce Ward, representing Office of Emergency Services (OES) Director Richard Andrews introduced; Roger K. Purdie, Vista Fire Department, and Stewart Gary, Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department.

Director Andrews was redirected by the Governor's Office to chair the Flood Emergency Action Task Force (FEAT).

Chair Gary Costamagna welcomed the new members to the Board. He added his thanks to the many fire service agencies that assisted the Sacramento City Fire Department during the flood emergency.

OES DIRECTORS REPORT

Deputy Director Bruce Ward outlined the OES involvement in the flood emergency, December 28, 1996, thru January 31, 1997. He commented that this was the first time the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) had been used on a statewide basis. A few minor problems arose, they will be addressed by the SEMS maintenance system.

*E-FUND
 Engine Recommendations - By August.*

OES FIRE AND RESCUE BRANCH REPORT

OES Chief Neil Honeycutt presented the OES Fire and Rescue report, beginning with the Fire and Rescue Branch's new patch, and a copy of the Vision and Mission Statement the OES Fire and Rescue staff recently developed. He outlined the Strategic Planning process the branch has been involved in for the past year.

OES Fire and Rescue Branch moved over 100 Strike Teams for the October Fire Siege in Southern California last October. The Fire Branch has been working on the reimbursement for all of the 1996 Fire Season. Chief Honeycutt outlined the Information Technology needs for his branch, and introduced the Sacramento IT staff at the meeting today.

He discussed the OES Fire and Rescue response to the Winter Flood Emergency, the Joint Air Operations Section, and the Hazardous Materials Coordination functions conducted at OES Headquarters.

Assistant Chief Patrick "Pat" Cooney was introduced. Pat will be working in FIREScope (North) for Deputy Chief Gary Pavusko.

FIREScope/Administration Report

Deputy Chief Gary Pavusko

Operations Report

Neil Honeycutt for Deputy Chief Paul Beckstrom

Special Operations Report:

Deputy Chief Mark Ghilarducci reported on the National US&R Program developments. Five California Fire Departments submitted applications to become US&R Teams, three of which were forwarded to Washington for final review. The applications will be evaluated and the announcement regarding the new teams will be made in March or April. The three California applications were from Ventura County, Kern County, and Los Angeles County.

Mark reported on the progress being made in the US&R Dog Program. He then gave an extensive report on the OES Fire and Rescue Operations during the Winter Storm-Flood emergency. OES Swiftwater Rescue Teams were involved in over 215 rescues during the flood operations.

OES INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BRANCH

John Bowles, Branch Manager for OES IT Branch, gave an overview of the current programs used by OES; including Lotus Notes, Mission Tracking, Resource Tracking, and GIS. He described some of the applications the new system will have available, including the ICS 209 (and others).

Bob Crawford presented some applications for Lotus Notes, the program of choice for OES. He discussed the F-42 Manual processing system and how this will be automated. OES Fire and Rescue Branch has been working on the reimbursement process since May, and will continue until it is completed. Bob has been hired to finalize the program for the Fire Branch. Assistant Chief, Kim Zagaris commented on the process he has been working on to make this program workable. Raymond Manzo and Don Weiss commented on the activities they are involved with converting the PRIME computer programs and the new Lotus Notes applications to replace them.

OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL REPORT

Ronny J. Coleman reported on the current activities in his office. He gave a detailed overview of the California Fire Census, and recent updates, with some details on various sections; such as Hazardous Materials, EMS, and other statistical information. The 1997 Census will be out in September or October.

Ralph Alworth commented on the \$30,000 US Forest Service Grant provided to California for ICS updates.

A motion was made for the FIREScope Board to support the use of these funds for integrating ICS into all of the California Fire Service curriculum made by Douglas Sporleder. Russell Richards seconded the motion and motion was passed by a unanimous vote. The Board thanked the U.S. Forest Service for their generosity.

Chief Ronny Coleman concluded his comments with an update on the integration of CSFM into CDF, and the standards of Cover Concept being taught by Chief Stewart Gary. New member Stewart Gary gave a brief description of this program to the board.

1997 FLOOD OPERATIONS (Open Report by Members of the Board)

Chief Russell Richards gave a report on flood operations in Stanislaus County. He commented on the success of SEMS in coordinating operations between agencies in the county.

Chair Gary Costamagna gave a report on the joint flood operations in Sacramento County.

Glen Newman and Dave Driscoll reported on the California Department of Forestry (CDF) efforts during the statewide flood operations. Most of CDF's handcrews were deployed during this flood fight, as well as many of their Incident Management Teams (IMT).

Other members of the Board commented on aspects of the flooding in their respective

jurisdictions. Mark Ghilarducci gave a detailed report on the Swift Water Rescue Teams.

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE COORDINATION GROUP (CWCG)

Patrick Kidder, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) updated the Board on the Fire Weather program being revised by the National Weather Service.

The Board of Directors congratulated Alice Forbes of the U.S. Forest Service for her work on our behalf of this project.

1997 FIREScope WORKPLAN UPDATE

Mike Dougherty presented a review of the 1997 FIREScope Workplan. The Taskforce and the Joint Operations Teams will be meeting to convert this workplan into projects for 1997.

A long discussion ensued regarding the various components of the workplan. Mike Dougherty will provide updates to the Board on these items.

OPERATIONS TEAM/TASKFORCE REPORT

Ralph Alworth reported for the Ops Teams and the Task Force. He discussed the NWCG and their relationship to FIREScope activities. Many Board Members commented on safety issues relating to the deployment of fire shelters, and the language on various documents on the options relating to the deployment of fire shelters.

Ralph discussed the issue of typing as it relates to engines, heli-tankers, and other resources. (report attached)

The new Chair for the Task Force is George Ewan, USFS, Riverside.

The Board thanked Ralph for his service to the FIREScope process.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Stewart Gary asked for comments on the new fire shelters being tested. A discussion took place on this issue. The shelters are very expensive (currently \$700.00) and heavier than the shelters now in use. This led into a discussion concerning contract fire services.

REGIONAL MUTUAL AID COORDINATORS

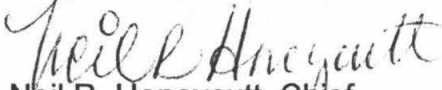
The Regional Mutual Aid Coordinators each gave an update on the activity in their Regions. Region III (Jack Weist) and Region IV (Hank Weston) did not attend.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1410 hours.

A copy of the unabridged (word for word) minutes of this meeting are available from the OES Fire and Rescue Branch. Contact Chief Neil Honeycutt for details.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Neil R. Honeycutt".

Neil R. Honeycutt, Chief

State of California

Governor's Office of Emergency Services

Fire and Rescue Branch

April 9, 1997