



Core Area: The 1976 Core Area served limited purpose because of low fire business. The 1977 area should be consolidated into one contiguous area that can provide the full testing functions and prototype installations originally contemplated.

Communications Design: Most of the elements of the full design have been drafted (IR telemetry system, telephones, etc.). The MACS and ICS elements have been partially developed, but have not yet had full agency review. A Communications meeting will be held February 24, 1977 to begin the process of integrating Research design with partner needs and interim implementation plans.

- II. The "final" FIRESCOPE Implementation Plan was introduced for review and approval.

Regional Forester Leisz stated several key points:

- The Plan serves as a guide to the process of implementation, rather than an absolute schedule.
- Approval of the Plan at this time pertains only to the FY 78 portion. Step-by-step approvals of future year's increments must be acceptable to the Board of Directors.
- The Board must work for collective approval and decisions.
- Prototype testing and economic evaluations from FY 78 will provide information needed to decide on future implementation levels.
- The \$1.2 million of Federal funds requested for FY 78 provide for the major capital investments required in that year. No non-Federal funds will be required for capital outlays, but partners will have to contribute "in-house" funds for training, OCC, key radios, etc. These outlays will approximate 1976 levels.

Board members generally reaffirmed Leisz's remarks. In addition, other points were mentioned:

- The need to move cautiously while implementing such a complex undertaking.
- The necessity to carefully assign priorities to each step in the process.
- Total support from all partners will require more emphasis on nonwildland applications.

Irwin and Barrows will develop a statement describing other emergency applications of FIRESCOPE.

The Board signed the approval sheet for the Implementation Plan (copy enclosed).

- III. A list of FY 78 Evaluations describing elements to be examined during the first implementation year was reviewed by Irwin (copy enclosed).

The concept of integration and evaluation studies was acceptable to the Board, but there were specific concerns with certain items. Richey questioned the OCC site study as one example.

The Board directed Irwin to have the Operations Team prioritize the items and do further staff work with the Task Force. This will be done in conjunction with Program work now planned, i.e., the development of Agency objectives and implementation options.

- IV. Two OES budgets for OCC operations were presented by Barrows.

The interim (January-June 30, 1977) budget and a prepared cooperative agreement were approved and signed by all members except Los Angeles City. Chief Long cited minimal payoffs from OCC services and his obligation to clear all expenditures with the City Council as reasons for not signing.

Leisz and Richey agreed that for this interim budget the Forest Service and CDF would absorb the \$354 Los Angeles City share.

The second budget proposal--\$50,000 for partner FY 77-78--was not approved. Although the budget figures were accepted as proper, the sources for partner contributions and the proposed sharing formula presented problems. It was generally agreed (again) that no single sharing formula could be agreed to for major outlays by current partners.

Richey and Manfred agreed to pursue possible State funding for State and local partner shares for FY 77-78.

- V. It was agreed that the Board needs to meet again in the near future. No date was set, so Irwin will contact the members in late February to arrange the next session.

Topics for that meeting could be:

- A. Review "Emergency Applications" statement prepared by Irwin and Barrows.

- B. Examine the FY 78 Priorities as developed by the Operations Team.
- C. Outline tasks and jobs to do between March and October 1977.
- D. Discuss further developments with O&M funding.

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