



# FIRESCOPE

## CAL EMA FIRE AND RESCUE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### FIRESCOPE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Cal EMA Headquarters  
3650 Schriever Ave  
Mather, CA 95655

January 09, 2013, 08:00 A.M.

### **Members Present**

Michael Dyer – Chairperson FIRESCOPE BoD, Santa Barbara County Fire Department  
Daryl Osby – Vice-Chairperson FIRESCOPE BoD, Los Angeles County Fire Department  
Kim Zagaris – Executive Secretary FIRESCOPE BoD, Fire and Rescue, Cal EMA  
Mike Dayton – Undersecretary, Cal EMA  
Ken Pimlott – CAL FIRE  
Tonya Hoover – Office of State Fire Marshal  
Brian Cummings – Los Angeles City Fire Department  
Bill Metcalf – Fire Districts South  
Mark D’Ambrogio – City Fire Departments North  
Richard Webb – Linda Fire Protection District  
Sid Beckman – National Parks Service  
Paul Bannister – U.S. Department of Interior, BLM  
Charles Butler – Los Angeles Fire Department  
Ralph Domanski – FIRESCOPE, Cal EMA  
Doug Wenham – Fire and Rescue Region III, Cal EMA  
Mike Esparza – California State Firefighters’ Association  
Jim Wilson – Mariposa County Fire Department, Volunteer Fire Departments  
Mark Lorenzen – Ventura County Fire Department  
Brian Marshall – Kern County Fire Department  
Lou Paulson – California Professional Firefighters  
Keith Richter – Orange County Fire Authority

### **Members Absent**

Joseph C. Millar – USDA Forest Service

### **Guests Present**

Stephen Sellers – Assistant Secretary, Cal EMA  
Christina Curry - Assistant Secretary, Cal EMA  
Brendan Murphy – Assistant Secretary, Cal EMA  
Charlie Simpson – Assistant Secretary, Cal EMA  
Mitchell Medigovich-- Assistant Secretary, Cal EMA  
Grace Koch – Cal EMA  
Brian Woodbeck – Fire and Rescue, Cal EMA  
Lorenzo Gigliotti – Fire and Rescue, Cal EMA  
Gary Humphrey – Fire and Rescue, Cal EMA  
Scott Vail – Fire and Rescue, Cal EMA  
Jim Middleton – Mariposa County Fire Department  
Andy McMurray – CAL FIRE  
John Winder – CAL FIRE  
Mike Lococo – Fire and Rescue, Cal EMA  
Elaine Smith – FIRESCOPE, Cal EMA

Chad Stokes – Fire and Rescue, Cal EMA  
Jon Kolman – Fire and Rescue HazMat, Cal EMA  
Jim Middleton – Mariposa County Fire Department  
Don Brady— Kern County Fire Department  
Mike Miller – Kern County Fire Department  
John Silliman – Kern County Fire Department  
Jason Weber – Marin County Fire Department  
James Ayre – California Specialized Training Institute  
Bob Roper – (Retired) Ventura County Fire Department

## **Welcome, Introductions, Logistics \*\*\***

1. Chief Michael Dyer called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m. Self-introductions began.
2. Chief Zagaris announces Secretary Ghilarducci will not be in attendance. Introduces and welcomes Cal EMA Executive team members in attendance.
3. **Welcome New Members**
  - a. Sid Beckman (NPS)
  - b. Michael Esparza (CSFA)

## **Approval of October 09, 2012 Minutes\***

**ACTION ITEM – Motion made to approve the October 9, 2012 FIREScope BoD Meeting Minutes. Chief Webb seconds. Minutes approved.**

## **Cal EMA Secretary's Report**

4. Undersecretary Mike Dayton states Secretary Mark Ghilarducci is preparing for his confirmation hearing today at 1:30p.m. Downtown.
  - a. New Org Chart(handout) – New Executive Team
    - i. Grace Koch contact person/back-up for Secretary Ghilarducci and Undersecretary Mike Dayton
  - b. July 1, 2013 will implement agency name change to Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) to align and streamline processes to be consistent with ICS.
  - c. CSTI to be revised under David Fukitomi and Christina Curry
  - d. Key position openings:
    - i. Coastal Regional Administrator
    - ii. Southern Regional Administrator
    - iii. Law Division Chief

## **CALFIRE / SFM UPDATE**

Pimlott:

5. **Effects of Passage of Proposition 30**
  - a. Triggered cuts are off the table (i.e. education, other entities, \$30M Cal Fire budget in off years)
  - b. Budget expected to be maintained
  - c. Will focus on new 5-year strategic plan
    - i. Looking at possible helicopter replacement(s), IT initiative
6. **Fire Season**
  - a. Burned close to 900,000 acres of State and Federal lands in Northern half of the state (mid July-mid September).
  - b. Atypical fire siege involved watershed and timber
  - c. Significant amount of resources moved by various agencies working together, to be commended

- d. Challenge working with timber companies. Particularly in Southern Oregon where large amounts of timber was being consumed. CALFIRE After Action Review will identify issues and lessons learned.
  - e. Continuing discussion with the Forest Service regarding the fiscal challenges of “managed fires”
7. **Events**
- a. Hosting National Association of State Foresters Fire Committee meeting and touring San Diego in two weeks
  - b. January 1, 2013 the ten-incident management team were consolidated into six; for workshop training venue in Sacramento; more info coming on team reconfiguration
  - c. March 4, 2013 team meetings
8. **SFM:** not available to report at this time. (expected in an hour)
9. **SRA UPDATE**
- a. First round of billing completed; BOE billed 750 occupied parcels; State received \$62M as of last week; Target ≈\$86M; Difference due in part to outstanding appeals
    - i. Next round begins in March 2013; same billing cycle as previous; addressed cleanup issues involved; no change to criteria, however known errors will be reviewed/revisited
    - ii. Next full SRA review 2015
    - iii. 250 acre density – 3 homes guidelines/criteria not proposed to be changed; SRA classification was provided to maintain the watershed value integrity for public trust; as development(s) occur landscapes will be looked at again during 2015 review
  - b. Jarvis Lawsuit has been filed; awaiting action (process continuation)
  - c. Comment from Zagaris: ERI as possible resolution if SRA no longer viable; be prepared; window of opportunity may be brief  
Response from Pimlott: In agreement ERI discussions are part of the mix

## **EMS Update**

Metcalf:

- 10. Discussion of EMS redesign for first responders based on new healthcare act
  - a. Los Angeles looking at community care medicine and data exchanges with county, other local FD, and insurance providers
    - i. Seeking alternatives to emergency rooms to avoid penalties
      - 1. Pre and post Hospital care

Proposed Action: Plan development ideas be brought to next meeting

- b. Rose Conrad and San Bernardino Chief Mark Hartwig appointed to EMS Commission; Dave Teeter reappointed
- c. Joy Stovail rural seat coastal county fire

## **CFAA Update**

Zagaris

- 11. Meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup>
  - a. Reimbursement issues will be addressed
  - b. Review need to make personnel changes to CFAA sub-committee

## **CWCG Update**

McMurry

- 12. New chair Ron Recker of BIA is in Boise attending NMAC/GMAC meeting.
  - a. Completing some after-action from last season’s fire reports i.e. crews, draw down resources
- 13. After action on last fire seasons 410-1 recommends changes to document under the purview of FIRESCOPE ( possible topic for next CWCG meeting)
- 14. Next meeting Friday January 11, 2013
- 15. 2012 Direct Protection Area (DPA) finished
  - a. Goal to have 2013 DPA completed before fire season begins
- 16. Completed negotiations on the CFMA
  - a. In signature process between State and Federal
  - b. Taking to the streets in Spring (similar to CFAA)

17. New IC's for Federal Teams have been appointed and approved by CWCG
  - a. Call for Management team and other positions have been sent out
    - i. Interested parties apply – online application available

### **IAFC Wildland Committee Report\***

Roper

18. Cohesive Strategy in phase 3 aspects in constant review
  - a. Comments available on website
19. IAFC meeting in Reno last week of March 19 -21
  - a. Venue change to Peppermill Resort
  - b. Registration: [www.iafc.org/wui](http://www.iafc.org/wui)

### **OPS Team / Taskforce Report\***

Butler

20. **IT Specialist Issue Paper\***
  - a. Requests Board approval to form IT specialist group
  - b. Review data standards
  - c. Goal to adopt common standards
    - i. Improve/increase efficiency of shared data relative to incidents
    - ii. Limited interoperability is a concern
  - d. Desired qualifications listed for candidates to fill the position

**Action Item: Chief Richter made the Motion to approve the recommendation to form the IT work group, Chief Pimlott Seconds. None opposed**

21. Decisions (In conclusion)
  - a. Continued connection with NFPA (recommendation: touch bases w/I-Chiefs techs)
  - b. Develop charter, define goals and scope of work with tangible/measurable outcomes
  - c. Direct the work through Chief Osby and Cal Fire
    - i. Review progress in April
  - d. Chief Domanski to assist
22. **Emergency Response to Tactical Law Enforcement Incidents\***
  - a. Task Force final review in January –submission to Ops team at joint meeting
    - i. Board review with opportunity for input
    - ii. Moving to approval
23. Taskforce prepared document(s)
  - a. Moving forward with change to “Structure defense” from “Structure protection”
    - i. Missed the deadline for entry in 2012 FOG
    - ii. Auditing FIRESCOPE documents
  - b. Safety Specialist group moving forward to amend the ICS-910-1 document ongoing relative to “May Day and Emergency Traffic”
    - i. Reflects changes made to NFPA 1500(STANDARD ON FIRE DEPARTMENT OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH PROGRAM)
24. Working to revise Strike Team Leader curriculum
  - a. “All Risk Training” align with FEMA Course or revise 330 program
  - b. Support FEMA and maintain directives for “California Specific Issues”
  - c. Domanski, Bondshu, Ridgewine, Woodbeck
25. Personnel Changes:
  - a. Ramiro Rodriguez (new member) State Fire Training
  - b. Rodney Slaughter (previous member) State Fire Training
  - c. Task Force Vacancies
    - i. Volunteer Fire Dept
    - ii. City Fire Departments South
    - iii. County Fire Departments North
      1. Announcement to fill pending approval of Secretary Ghilarducci  
County FD South—Inclusion of Kern County directly relates/represents County South  
Canvas to fill slot Chief Wilson to assist

Break called @ 0930. Meeting resumed @1053

## **New Business**

### **26. 2012 Fire Season AAR/Lessons**

Suggests having Taskforce/Ops team put together AAR points for previous Fire Season

- a. One page doc for web site (lessons learned & recommendations)
  - i. CALFIRE draft document(2012 AAR) has not been reviewed
- b. Regional meetings may provide information
- c. How the Mutual Aid System worked(FIRESCOPE, CWCG)
- d. Consolidate and share info( system level, trainees, before Fire Season starts)

**Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) Joint Interagency Field Exploration\*** presentation by James Ayre of California Specialized Training Institute

- e. Operational Support technical solutions humanitarian assistance
- f. Upcoming Event February (tour, observe, fact finding, bring your equipment)

Proposed Action: Plan development ideas be brought to next meeting

## **Cal EMA Fire & Rescue Update**

### 27. Vacancies

- a. Mechanic
- b. Deputy Chief – Hazmat  
Region II North – Marvin Howard Retired

### 28. Budget

- a. Engine contracts
  - i. February start to assign seven engines from FY 10/11 budget
  - ii. FY 11/12 Engine replacements due to arrive in Summer
  - iii. FY 12/13 Engine money rollover one more year
- b. Reimbursements – finish up contracts

## **Old Business**

### 29. CICC need a Board member to represent FIRESCOPE input

- a. Example Issue: Division Sups to be approved at 400 level (removing approval from Ops level)
  - i. More restrictive
- b. 500-600 Peer Review Committee meets 2-3 times a year in Sacramento (next mtg February)
- c. Will pay per-diem and travel costs
- d. Strong preference for candidate to be Fire Chief
  - i. Decisions made (understanding impact)
- e. Brian Marshall volunteered to be FIRESCOPE BOD rep
  - i. Paulson, Esparza, Richter co-reps/backup

### 30. CICC & Type 3 Team Update\* – Report from S. Vail

- a. ALL HAZARD IMTS
- b. NIMS Specific Training courses from FEMA
- c. Only one recognized position : IC type 3 (ICT3)

### 31. Other Issues regarding Standards for additional courses and Instructors

- i. Not recognized as equivalent training in California
- ii. Same or better than NWCG offered training
- iii. Establish a standard for instructor certification to teach in California

32. US&R
  - a. Positions will use same format
  - b. Revisions to the guide
    - i. Division Supervisor
    - ii. Heavy Equipment Operator to replace Dozer Boss
  - c. Peer review guide (14 years old) update needed
    - i. Fire fighter task book merged with State Fire Training
    - ii. Not NWCG (for California use)
    - iii. Revised guide (2013)
    - iv. Need for working with other interagency partners i.e. Law Enforcement
33. Next Meeting Feb. 12-13
34. **Staging under Area Command\***
  - a. Chief Domanski give a brief overview FEMA's area command document. Recommends the BoD not make this a FOG entry at this time.
35. **FOG**
  - a. Printing to be done by Office of State Publishing (no waiver)
  - b. May be printing now
  - c. Would like to have 45,000 on hand ( may have to settle for 30,000 copies)
36. **Next Generation Incident Command System (NICS)\***
  - a. Possible on server at San Diego State
  - b. MIT-Lincoln Lab working on Department of Defense side (use DoD funding)
  - c. Secretary Ghilarducci to attend Lincoln Lab conference
  - d. Budget restrained with no incoming new money

#### **Hoover – SFM Reprise**

37. Important that information flow between FIRESCOPE and SFM.
  - a. State Fire Board of Services meeting next week
  - b. Will be at CPS locations next week
  - c. Mission alignment is moving forward
  - d. Classes in your area expecting SFM certification must be registered
    - i. Call the SFM Office for details

## **Roundtable**

#### **Cummings – LACFD**

- New ERP dispatch system working with LA County
- Draft 90% completed
- Goal interoperability through Fire Services
- Department of Justice Guide useful in process
- Process completion date mid-Feb
- Budgeted and estimated cost around \$12M

#### **Metcalf – FDS**

Presents certificate to Chief Zagaris for his Exemplary work with the International Association of Fire Chiefs. Chief Zagaris has served on the committee since 2006. Terms are limited in the interest of providing leadership development opportunities. IAFC recognizes Chief Zagaris' dedication, knowledge and persuasive abilities.

#### **Beckman – NPS**

- Hubbard Memo effects on Managed Fires (Redding Fire case study review)
- Progress on review is done, making its way through Park Services
- Addresses need to have open and honest discussion(s) about Managed Fire NPS budget instability  
2016 target reduction of 150 positions nationwide

**Bannister- BLM**

- Budget reductions
- National meeting topic: Fire suppression strategy
- Fuels funding dropping significantly
- Governor's concern regarding sage grass habitat
- Focusing on AIR TANKERS and public perception

**Richter – OCFA**

Presents Chief Dyer with gift for his birthday

**Dyer** – Announces new Contract County Chairperson:

- Chief Mark Lorenzen, Ventura County Fire  
Chief Keith Richter (remains), Vice- Chair

**Meeting adjourned @ 1120**

The next Cal EMA Fire and Rescue Advisory Committee/FIRESCOPE BoD Meeting will take place at the **Burbank Fire Dept. Training Center in Burbank, California** on **April 10, 2013**.

The **Agenda setting** conference call for the **Meeting** will be **March 28, 2013 at 1600**.

**NOTE:**

\*- Supporting documents were included in packet.