

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

Meeting Minutes  
USFS Training and Conference Center  
McClellan  
July 14, 2004

**Members Present:**

Henry Renteria, Director- Office of Emergency Services  
Kim Zagaris, Chief, Fire and Rescue Branch – Office of Emergency Services  
Jim Wright, Deputy Director- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection  
Bob Roper, Vice Chair - Chief, Ventura County Fire Department  
William Bamattre, Chief - Los Angeles Fire Department  
Ed Wehking, State Director - Bureau of Land Management  
Ray Quintanar, Director Region 5 - United States Forest Service  
Ben Lopes, Chief - Santa Clara County Fire Department  
Hank Weston, Chief - Grass Valley Fire Department  
Larry E. Webb, Chief- San Marcos Fire Department  
Bill McCammon, Chief - Alameda County Fire Department  
Julius Cherry, Chief- Sacramento Fire Department  
Dennis Thompson, Chief- Kern County Fire Department  
John Sherri, Chief - Santa Barbara County Fire Department  
Sue Husari, Fire Management Officer- National Park Service  
Chip Prather, Chief- Orange County Fire Authority  
Jim Wright, Deputy Director, California Department of Forestry  
Ray Quintanar, Director, United States Forest Service

**Members Absent:**

P. Michael Freeman, Chair - Chief, Los Angeles County Fire Department  
John Tennant, State Fire Marshal/CDF  
Stewart Gary, Chief – Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department

**Others Present:**

Frank McCarton, Deputy Director- OES  
Alton McMillon, Battalion Chief, Sacramento FD (Representing Chief Smith)  
Dan Drake, Battalion Chief, Orange County Fire Authority, (Representing Chief Prather)  
Steve Vittum, Deputy Chief, SBC – Chair Joint Operations Team  
Jon Olney, BC, Kern County Fire Department, Chair Task Force  
Dave Stone, Battalion Chief Los Angeles Co. Fire Department, (Representing Chief Freeman)  
Steve Turner, Region Chief CDF, Region IV Coordinator - OES  
Kurt Latipow, Chief Ukiah Fire Department  
Jeff Clet, San Jose City fire Department  
Mark Schmitt, Santa Barbara County Fire  
Ken Pimlett, California Department of Forestry  
Darrell Ralston, Ventura County Fire Department  
Bob Praytor, Deputy Chief, OES  
Steve Gage, Deputy Chief, OES  
Jim Holdridge, Deputy Chief-OES  
Paul Beckstrom, Assistant Chief - OES

Bahia Abdallah- OES

Lori Lopez- OES

### **Introductions, Logistics & Lunch**

Chief Roper welcomed Board members. Self-introductions were made.

### **OES Director's Report**

#### **Henry Renteria**

-Discussed his history and background with the City of Oakland and Local government.

-Levy incident quickly escalated from a simple levy break to structures being threatened, etc. It has become a presidential declared disaster. Recovery process is in place.

-Blue Ribbon report has come out and all fire organizations will be meeting to resolve some of the issues that arose from the report.

-FIRESCOPE has a vacancy with City Fire Department- North. Dennis Smith has retired and Julius Cherry has been asked to fill the position. Chair members of the board decided on the final member.

### **Approval of July Minutes**

#### **Bob Roper**

-Following review of the April 14, 2004 Minutes, motion was made to approve minutes.

**Weston-** Regarding a motion that was made on the structure protection definition draft, Hank indicated he did not vote to adopt the definition; therefore it was not a unanimous approval by the board. The minutes will be updated to reflect the change.

### **NIMS Presentation**

#### **Kim Zagaris**

-Introduced Marko Bournes who gave a presentation on NIMS integration and the development process.

### **OPS Team Report**

#### **Steve Vittum**

-No information to report. Team will be meeting tomorrow and Friday.

### **Task Force Report**

#### **Jon Olney**

-FOG 2<sup>nd</sup> printers draft should be the final. Anticipate print on Monday of 25,000 copies.

-MACS Exercise- North orientation and exercise was conducted. South Orientation was cancelled.

Zagaris- indicated that CWCG current MACS documents used for resources (405), north and south are not using the same document. Currently the group is trying to develop a process that will incorporate both procedures into one.

-HAZ-MAT group has completed a standard equipment list and is waiting for approval.

### **Comm Narrow Banding Issue**

#### **Bob Roper-**

- The federal agencies were given direction that the Narrow banding process had to be implemented within their assigned radio systems.

-Recommend a safety alert bulletin be sent out to the regions with the information specifically on what Narrow Banding is and how this will affect the regions.

**Praytor**- Comm group has developed a letter that reiterates NWCG memo in the packet.

**Zagaris**- Fire is working with DGS T-Comm to reprogram OES's entire system because they need to meet ICS standards as are listed in the FOG Guide.

*-The Ops team will setup a priority list regarding Narrow Banding issues, and they have been asked to find some solutions to the problems.*

### **California Incident Command Certification System**

#### **Steve Gage**

-Recommending to the State Fire Marshall to get the Pace 5 committee up and running for the applications that are being submitted.

-Also requested that they take a look at revamping the CICCS task force committee and if there is a need, reinstate that group.

-Of all the CERTS that have gone in, half have not been returned to the applicants.

**Roper**-Requested that Steve Gage write a letter to the Fire Marshall's Office regarding CICCS issues due to the transition with the State Office.

**Roper**-Recommends a sub-group of board members is established to address the CICCS issues pending and determine solutions.

**Roper**- Requested volunteers from the North and South to head up the sub group that will deal with the pending CICCS issues. Hank Weston volunteered for the north, and Chip Prather for the south.

#### **Motion**

Request to extend the deadline for the CICCS certification submission from August 1, 2004 to July 1, 2005, with the understanding that during that time the board will resolve some of the pending issues.

**1<sup>st</sup> Bamattre**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prather**

**Motion Passed.**

### **Community Emergency Response Team Training Plan**

**Kurt Latipow, Dallas Neville & Jim Brown**

-The CERT Training Plan provides information and planning for wildland/urban fires in local neighborhoods. It teaches students about assessment and pre planning, evacuation and what to do when a fire approaches. The training is broken down into 3 modules, which will take 3 hours to run through.

*-Chief Latipowt will provide the presentation layout to the board members.*

#### **Motion**

Request made to the board asking for their endorsement of the CERTS Training Plan and for it to be included in the CERTS statewide module for local citizens.

**1<sup>st</sup> Hank Weston**

### **Blue Ribbon**

#### **Bob Roper**

-Drafted a list of issues that FIRESCOPE has direct authority to implement and resolve, resulting from the Blue Ribbon report.

-The board discussed 10 items and it was decided that 5 priority items will go to the Ops team for resolution.

*-The Ops team must have a resolution for the designated priority items by September 1, 2004, for the board to review and comment on.*

### **Structure Protection**

#### **Bob Roper**

-Indicated that there needs to be an understanding that the definition for Structure Protection, developed by the board, was only a draft and is subject to be amended, modified, cancelled, or adopted at the January meeting.

-The draft is being considered as a working definition for this fire season only.

### **Fire Branch Report**

#### **Kim Zagaris**

-The 2-year term is up for the Chair and Vice-Chair. Need to determine if the current residences will stay or if replacements need to be considered.

-Need to review the election process to determine that everything is covered and that the procedure does not need to be changed or looked at again.

*-McCammon and Bamattre will group together to discuss and review the document and procedures.*

-The Governor has denied reimbursement for the departments that have hosted incidents. Issue is still pending.

-Tom Drayer, from CDF, has been assigned as the new Region VI Assistant Chief

-Neil Honeycutt will be retiring at the end of the month.

-7 FMAGS have been processed so far this season.

-Fire is working on distributing the last 5 engines from the 03/04 Fiscal Year contract.

-Fire is working with DGS on the new engine contract. One has not yet been finalized.

-FIRESCOPE Stress Inventory Program is being worked on with Bob Praytor and the OES IT Branch.

### **Region I Report**

#### **Dave Stone-**

-Nothing to Report

### **Region II Report**

#### **Del Walters**

-3 ST have been dispatched.

### **Region III Report**

#### **Dale Walters**

-No activity to report

## **Region IV Report**

### **Hank Weston**

-5 ST are on the road as of an hour ago. Another 3 are getting prepared for deployment.

## **Region V Report**

### **Kim Zagaris**

Region is very active and moving resource's as of yesterday. Also we have sent them additional help.

## **Region VI Report**

### **Kim Zagaris**

-Region is also very active with multiple fires going on.

## **CDF Report**

### **Jim Wright-**

-New Director is on board as of this month. State Fire Marshall will be on board in August.

-Tim Turner retired but has come back as a retired annuitant.

-Handout Red Sheet indicating Safety and Fire Information for the season. It is available on the CDF website and will be also placed on the OES website.

## **BLM Report**

### **Ed Wehking-**

-BLM has received back money to assist in hiring of seasonal personal for assistance during the fire season.

-CWCG has placed 3 additional air tankers in the field.

## **NPS Report**

### **Sue Husari**

-Have reprogrammed all rehab money back over to preparedness funding. This has allowed for additional resources to be placed in the field.

-Also received money they were not expecting. No real determination of how the money will be spent but plan to put it back into the community.

-Marin County has been very active so far this season, as well as the entire state.

## **Forest Service Report**

### **Ray Quintanar**

-Department is 50 million in the hole.

-Will not be laying anyone off due to budget constraints.

-Department has prepared for the season with additional training and added personal.

**Old Business-** None

**New Business-** None

*Adjournment 1500*

*Next Meeting- October 13, 2004, OES Headquarters, Mather, CA.*