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Change out of Low – High Band Radio System from what is currently listed in Appendix A of the FOG, might create problems with the 200 new Kenwood Radios in the fleet.

### **Discussion: CDF and Forest Service Issues**

Tim Turner: The nomex helmet shrouds have been upgraded by adding a double layer of nomex. These will be made by Fire Camp personnel. Personnel burned at the Pechanga Fire (San Diego County) were a result of non-standard backpacks purchased by individual firefighters. CDF has a new Region Chief, Candace Gregory at the Fresno Region office. Other issues being addressed by CDF are Fire Shelter recalls and Sudden Oak Death Syndrome. This is a serious safety issue, trees look healthy (alive) but are dead, and can fall during fire suppression operations. We are trying to get this information out to the California Fire Service via the CDF web.

Pat Cooney:

We intend to increase the use of the FIRESCOPE Webpage to distribute safety information in much greater numbers. The Webpage is currently utilized.

USFS Pat O'Bannon

The issue of ¼ turn quick coupling hose – the matching thread adaptors are on hold until this study is completed. Nationally, San Dimas equipment development center has taken on the task and field study, will test on some engines within California. The program is on hold nationally.

USFS – California Region 5

The Forest Service is adding an considerably number of crews, about nine, 20 person crews & seventeen, 10 person crews throughout the state. The nine, 20-person crews are targeted for hotshot status, depending on the number we hire this year. National hire is going slow, and there will be another round in the coming weeks. The numbers (of new personnel) are up from last year. Changed some helicopters to type two from three. National fire plan is a three-year process expects completion by 2003. Loss of experienced senior personnel through retirement has been a challenge to staffing needs. Sue Husari accepted Deputy position; she will continue to focus on fuels until her position as Regional Fuels Manger is filled.

## New Business

Chief Freeman requested that a letter of appreciation be presented by the Board of Directors to Mike Dougherty.

## Regional Coordinators Report-

### Region I - Freeman

Meeting held on June 13 at Camp. Some activity involving prescribed fire, burned about 20 acres in La Crescents May 7, in a very critical area. We continue to invite operational area departments so they can get exposure to prescribe burns. We are expecting delivery of two Fire Hawks helicopters with thousand-gallon foam and water capacity in June. Type 1 Heli-tankers will be on station in Los Angeles County sometime in August. Super Scoopers will be available for mutual aid from LA County.

### Region II –Marquis for Driscoll

Meeting planned for May 30 in St Helena, at CDF Headquarters. An operational area dispatch workshop is scheduled for June. A large scale mobilization drill will be planned also. Fuel moistures are a problem in Region II.

### Region II-Marquist – Cont.

Working on our Mutual Aid Planning, Santa Cruz County is hosting Cal Rural, Wildland exercise Statewide, ECC Chiefs Meeting in Riverside. Training of dispatchers at local, operational and regional areas to get everyone on the same page. CWCG Internal guidance document, working on a desk reference to put in dispatch center throughout the state.

### Region III - Turner (for Chief Jones)

Meeting scheduled in May, fuel moisture down 40 to 50% right now, this will be a problem area this summer. Meeting May 11, at North Ops. Severe drought problem in Siskiyou, Modoc, Humboldt and parts of the Sierra.

### Region IV- Weston

Meeting was held on April 20th. One caution is the lack of participation from volunteer departments on strike team assignments. This may affect our ability to fight some fires. Region 4 and parts of Region 3 need more volunteers to support the system.

### Region V- Turner

No spring meeting planned, had a meeting in November.

Region VI- Martines

Meeting on June 4. Will received one new OES Engine (La Mesa) in Region VI.

Zagaris –

California National Guard? Military wants to be more involved with in fire suppression, and want to know how they can help. The problem involves their ability to get ready; it takes them five to 10 days to gear up for a mission. Looking for a solution, or a way to get around that hang up.

**Motion: Move to adjourn made by Dan Clark, Seconded by All.**

**Meeting adjourned at 1410.**

Future Meetings:

July 11, 2001, Sacramento

October 10, 2001, Sacramento

January 9, 2002, TBD Southern California

April 10, 2002, TBD

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