

OPERATIONS TEAM MEETING

L.A. COUNTY CAMP 2

APRIL 11-12, 1983

In Attendance:

E. Anderson, USFS (1st day only)	A. Moncrief, LAC, Task Force Chmn
R. Barrows, OES	J. Monesmith, FPO
F. Borden, LFD	M. Scherr, OES, SSM
R. Griggs, CDF	J. Uribarri, OES
R. King, LAC	
R. Land, OES, Chairman	
R. Montague, USFS	
M. Sellers, VNC	

I. APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion by Borden, 2nd by Sellers, to approve minutes as amended (correction to the spelling of Ch. Moncrief's name). Unanimous vote. The following item was also added to the minutes - Charter was given out and comments were requested by March 15, 1983.

II. ACTION ITEMS

1. Property Transfer Agreement - Working
2. Operations Team Conference System - Working
3. LAC/LFD Specialized Equipment Program - Working
4. Training Specialist Group Charter - Waiting for agency comments
5. Weather Specialist Group - Waiting for nominations from 3 agencies.

III. AGENDA REVIEW

Proceed with the agenda as is.

IV. TASK FORCE REPORT

1. DOCUMENTS RECEIVED

- Moncrief presented MACS 410-1 (MACS Procedures). Discussion resulted in the following changes/recommendations:
- Montague requested a conference call directive be included, calling for a conference call within one hour of declaration of mode 3. This will be included in Mode 3 actions.

- Montague requested the inclusion of the Sierra and Sequoia National Forests in the list of MACS Coordination points.
- The SSM will make these changes, finalize the document, and have it reproduced and distributed.

Motion by Montague, 2nd by Barrows to accept 410-1.
Unanimous vote.

- Moncrief presented the Qualifications and Certification paper relating to PIO's. Discussion followed:
 - There was much confusion regarding definitions of "Lead Information Officer", "Information Center Director", and "Information Officer".
 - Each agency will review the document and submit comments to Roger Land by May 1. Any decision was postponed until the next meeting.
- Moncrief presented the Resource Order Form. He distributed and discussed two versions, the current USFS form and the revised form as developed by the Task Force.
 - Motion by Griggs, 2nd by Barrows to adopt, use and test MACS Form 420, the yellow, Task Force version. Task Force will provide the User Instructions, and the SSM will reproduce masters for the agencies. Unanimous vote.
- Moncrief presented the ICS Preliminary Qualifications Worksheet. He also briefly discussed the USFS developed Incident Qualification Record.
 - Motion by Barrows, 2nd by King to approve use of ICS Preliminary Qualifications Worksheet. Unanimous vote.

2. REVIEW OF I-254

Moncrief presented a report on the review which has occurred on the I-254 course from Ione. A lot of time has been spent on the review. Discussion centered around the fact that the lesson plan as submitted is not acceptable for use. The group also discussed the involvement of the Training Specialist Group's responsibilities, and on the responsibilities of the Academy staff in Ione.

ACTION: Review by the Task Force of I-254 will cease until Monesmith, and a CDF representative meet with the Academy staff to clarify directions for lesson plan development.
Task Force will preliminarily review the next three lesson plans to determine the general level of

acceptability.

3. MAPPING SPECIALIST GROUP

Moncrief reported on the March 24, 1983 joint meeting of the Task Force and the Mapping Specialists Group. The Group was reorganized, and the feeling is that the group is back on the proper course. Dave Kull (SBC) is the new chairman and Jerry Brown (CDF) is vice chair.

V. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

This agenda item is included for the discussion of item of general interest to the group. The following points were brought up:

- ICS is being used in Northern California at Sea Ranch.
- Land distributed the latest Colorado ICS Newsletter.
- A USFS letter to Regional Foresters regarding the status of NIIMS was distributed.
- There is still a funding (\$1 million?) possibility for FIREScope.
- A representative of the State Fire Marshall's Office was in Inyo County.
- Computer program documentation is very important so that we don't lose knowledge when a programmer leaves.
- The new LFD Chief Engineer has been briefed about FIREScope.
- Monesmith "turnover" plans are being developed. He leaves June 10.
- The OES budget is running into no obstacles in Sacramento, but we won't know anything for sure until we get a new director.
- Question was raised "Does the state have an obligation to 'spread the word' through the State Fire Marshall and Ione"?

VI. FIREScope TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

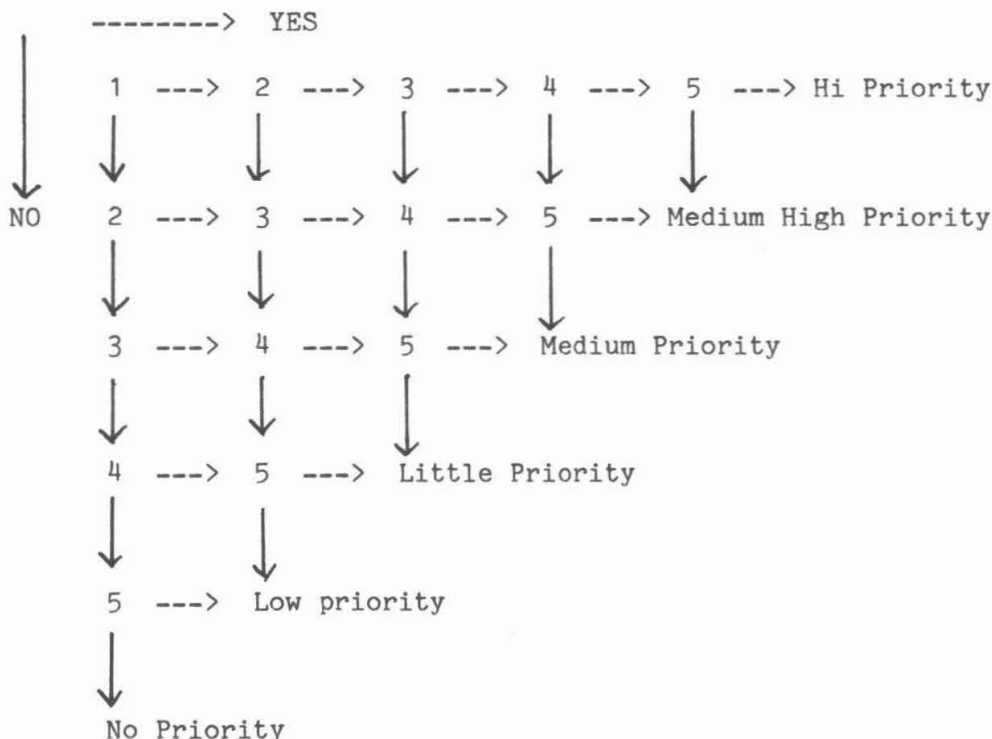
Monesmith presented information on:

- BEHAV fire model testing.
- IR contractor has defaulted on the special OCC equipment.
- Reviewed the contents of the "ADP" packet:
 - All terrain and vegetation tapes are here.
 - BLM has the capability for radio and terminal transmission to and from remote weather stations.
 - Meteor burst communications systems.
 - Initial Attack Management system from BLM.
 - Presented a scenario relative to the status of the computerized Order Processing Module.
 - Presented an explanation of the automation of the manual RESTAT form.

- Reviewed the status of the Mapping program. Scherr briefed the group regarding his contacts with Aerial Information Systems and Environmental Systems Research Institute.
- Uribarri and Monesmith presented the ADP Plan of Work.
 - Prime consideration needs to be give to proper program documentation.
 - A meeting will be held within 2 weeks to find out time constraints on the remainder of the Research and Development work from the Program Office.
 - OES Sacramento would like to be kept fully informed, because it is possible to use some workload information as justification in our efforts to refill the Computer Programmer position.
 - Montague requested the ADP packet for the next meeting be distributed to Ops Team members at least two weeks before the next meeting.

VII. SUMMARY OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

Land presented a "Decision Tree" schematic for assigning priorities to various program components. It is arranged as follows:



The questions to be used in the Decision Tree Scenario are:

1. Is the project essential to the existing system?
2. Would completion of the project have a measurable impact on the present system?

3. Would the project benefit member agencies (would they use it)?
4. Is lack of funding critical to its completion?
5. Are member agencies willing to seek funding for the project?

When six of the FIREScope components were processed according to this decision tree, the results were as follows:

MAPPING - Hi Priority
GEOLoc Program - Medium Priority
INFRA RED - Medium
METEOROLOGICAL SYSTEM - Medium Hi
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM - Hi
ICS TRAINING - Hi

- As a conclusion to the Decision Tree discussion, Barrows asked "What can we actually do with the resources we have on hand"? It was agreed to discuss this item at the next meeting.

VIII. PREPARATION FOR FIRE SEASON 1983

- Land asked agencies for a recommitment to the 1983 MACS procedures. It was suggested that the transmittal letter for the procedures recommend destroying all old copies.
- The OCC map reproduction machine is operational.
- The Top Hat evaluation will be reviewed and completed.
- We should schedule a 1 day GHQ "training" session for this year's participants.
- CDF is holding a meeting May 10 regarding the Resource Ordering Process with contract counties. It will be held at Orange County. Contact RO6 for more information.

IX. NEXT MEETING

Date: June 1-2, 1983

Place: Los Angeles City Station #? (Fire Boat Demonstration)