

Operations Team Meeting
Riverside Fire Lab.
August 26 & 27, 1981
Number 17

I. Attendance

Monesmith	Ross
Biddison	Irwin
Creasey	Borden
Letson	McElwee
R. Barrows	Perry
Haney	Uribarri
Land	King

1st Day

II. Previous Meeting Notes:

McElwee moved to approve the notes as written. Second by Land. Unanimous vote.

III. Previous Meeting Action Items:

The current status of the Action Items are shown in the attachment.

IV. Update on FY 82 Budget:

The outlook remains the same. Congressional budgeting of \$1 million for a phase out program is still apparent.

Pesonen and Cunningham have planned a meeting to discuss the potentials for acquiring State funding to support the FIRESCOPE Program. It was suggested that Regional Forester Smith be invited to provide information on the status of Federal funding. R. Barrows and Biddison will make the necessary contacts.

An additional recommendation was made to have Regional Forester Smith contact the remaining Board members to provide them with information on the likelihood of funding and the possible necessity of a special meeting. The Board may want to answer the following types of questions:

1. Do we want to maintain what we have now?
2. Do we want to continue development?
3. Can we find all or part of \$10 million non-federal funds over the next 5 years?

In order to continue with necessary budget and program planning the Task Force is to provide the following information for the next Operations Team meeting:

1. A recommended \$1 million program for shutdown in FY 82. Some emphasis items are:
 - A) Finish mapping
 - B) Continue training
 - C) Clear up loose ends

2. Middle ground budget with the following types of criteria:
 - A) Drop large fire modeling
 - B) Let Forest Service do IR
 - C) Get FEMA (or other) to do wind model
 - D) Don't build model Comm vans.
 - E) List remaining items that agencies can do with minimum of development \$.

3. \$10 million complete design program for 1981-85 with an outline of tasks for all FIREScope components.

V. RESTAT Familiarization:

The new RESTAT Program is now operational. Uribarri explained the available outputs and processes for inputting data.

VI. NWCG Q&C Working Team

Dave Hanson from LAC and George Lund from VNC have been made available by their agencies for service on this working team. Hanson is available as a primary candidate and Lund as an alternate. The Operations Team agreed to these selections. Irwin will make the necessary contacts.

VII. Requests for Information from Ronald O. Angle

Irwin distributed a letter from Mr. Angle outlining his request for information about the FIREScope Program. Bob discussed his response to Mr. Angle. The response stressed that any information concerning the agencies would require Mr. Angle's contacting the agencies individually. The FIREScope Program is not providing him authority to acquire any information.

VIII. OES Bulletins to Fire Services other than Partner Agencies:

R. Barrows distributed three proposed bulletins covering 1) use of the electronic mail system 2) FIREScope information and policy bulletins and 3) use of the FIREScope information system. The Operations Team supported these documents and procedures. Barrows agreed that subjects related to FIREScope would be reviewed by the necessary decision process levels prior to distribution.

IX. Strike Team Designation System

The Task Force analyzed the various Strike Team Designation systems and developed a preferred system to be used in the FIRESCOPE Region. Ross described the recommended system and explained the differences with existing systems. A great deal of dialogue followed.

McElwee moved to approve the Task Force recommendation as presented. Second by Biddison. R. Barrows opposed, Land abstained, the remaining agencies voted to approve.

Although Barrows was opposed to the change he agreed to ask his OES Region 1 & 6 Coordinators how the process might be implemented.

2nd Day

X. Southern California Coordination Boundary Planning

A piece of this subject is the issuing of Login ID's. The Task Force developed a set of terminal use priorities to determine access during modes 3 & 4. The Operations Team reviewed the recommendation and added FEMA to priority 3. CDF and OES Sacramento was moved to priority 1. McElwee moved to approve the Task Force's recommendation with the above revisions. Second by Biddison, Unanimous vote.

Considering the Board's decision on the geographic FIRESCOPE Region the Operations Team authorized the issuance of terminals to cover Inyo, Mono, San Luis Obispo and Imperial Counties. The team recommended that the OES Region 1 & 6 Coordinators contact their respective (or effected) Area Coordinators to determine their concurrence. King will notify the Region 1 Coordinator and Barrows will contact the Region 6 Coordinator.

XI. Decision Process Roles

Irwin presented a proposed revision to the decision process which was developed at a joint meeting of the Program Office staff, Specialist Group Chairmen and Task Force. The revision was developed to clear up the roles within the decision process.

King moved to approve only the two written paragraphs at the top of the proposed organization chart. Second by Barrows. Unanimous vote.

King also moved to have a review of the decision process listed on the next Operations Team meeting agenda. Second by McElwee. Unanimous vote.

The out year planning, provided by the Task Force, will assist in making decisions concerning any decision process revisions.

XII. Recap of the July Board Meeting

Irwin recapped the major decisions made at the July Board meeting. Biddison pointed out that care should be taken in indicating the difference between the Boards "support" or "approval" on issues.

XIII. Next Meeting

Date: October 5 & 6, 1981

Place: Camp 2

Agenda

- OCC Exercise format
- Document control policy for mapping products
- Time required by Ops Team and Task Force members to complete the requirement analysis for the final OCC.
- Budget and program planning alternatives
- Decision process
- Login policy phase #3

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