

OPERATIONS TEAM MEETING  
Angeles National Forest  
December 1, 1981  
Number 19

I. Attendance:

Monesmith	Haney
Irwin	J. Hatcher
R. Barrows	Creel
Biddison	Sellers
Anderson	Borden
McElwee	Perry
M. Barrows	Land
McFadden	CDF absent

Lynn Biddison introduced John Hatcher. John is the new Fire Management Officer for the San Bernardino National Forest.

II. Previous Meeting Notes:

McElwee moved to approve the notes as written. Second by Biddison, unanimous vote.

III. Previous Meeting Action Items:

The current status of the actions are shown in the attachment.

Irwin expressed a concern about the availability of Operations Team level personnel to serve as MACS GHQ role players during the OCC exercise. Individuals who plan to be involved during an actual occurrence should participate in the exercise.

IV. Recap of the Board of Directors Meeting

Irwin reported that the status of the budget is the same. It is still \$1 million with close-out language. Since we are operating with a continuing resolution we can spend only that percentage of our budget which is equal to the time period of the resolution.

R. Barrows said the State is anticipating a 5% cut for next year. He indicated there are several efforts being initiated by others to get into the emergency management business, mainly the Earthquake Preparedness Task Force. A concern was voiced relative to adequate support and confidence for the OES to take over future FIREScope development and the management of a single state-wide comprehensive emergency management system. Support appears apparent, however, funding will be needed for the OES to acquire a Technical Team necessary to adequately manage and accomplish the development. Full support will be needed to acquire these funds.

A lengthy discussion occurred concerning the development of future decision process proposals. The Team directed the Task Force to develop a revision 7 proposal that will describe how the decision process should function for continued operation and maintenance of the present system. Reviewing this proposal, development of proposals for a state-wide decision process and suggestions for an OES Technical Development Team will be major agenda items for the January Operations Team meeting.

The Board identified the need to investigate the involvement of other emergency service practitioners. The Program Office agreed to assemble information on present coordination efforts between fire services and other organizations.

#### V. Transition to National ICS

Biddison moved that we make no changes, as of January 1, 1982, in the then existing ICS organizational structure and associated terminology. This moratorium does not include those changes necessary to make grammatical corrections. Second by Barrows, unanimous vote. (CDF absent)

It was noted that changes already in progress are not included in this moratorium.

Land moved to approve reproduction of the revised Field Operations Guide by no later than February 1, 1982 and for implementation of the National ICS in the FIREScope Region by May 1, 1982. Second by McElwee, unanimous vote. (CDF absent)

#### VI. ICS Training Prerequisites

The Team reviewed the training prerequisites recommended by the Training Specialist Group and Task Force. Jim McFadden answered questions and provided a summary sheet diagramming the prerequisites by position. McElwee moved to recommend to the Board that the Partner Agencies adopt the Logistics and Planning training prerequisites as presented but with the following revisions (a revised copy is attached):

A. Insert "S 590" on page 4 under Fire Behavior Officer following the word "course".

B. Substitute "minimum" for recommended in the title on pages 5 and 8.

Second by R. Barrows, unanimous vote. (CDF absent) All agreed that agencies will be on the honor system when "grandfathering" current experienced personnel into the system. Great care will be needed to assure only adequately qualified and competent people are certified ("grandfathered") without receiving the specific training.

NOTE: Jim McFadden called the Program Office after the meeting and said "NWCG's Qualification & Certification Team is looking at conditions to grandfather ICS positions. The Team plans to meet at Ione February 22-26 to discuss this subject".

## VII. Program Office Report

Irwin pointed out that there is a great deal of interest and apparently a need for interagency Fire Behavior Training in southern California. The Group gave reference to several sessions that are planned between now and fire season. They recommended anyone interested should be referred to Fred Cain at CDF R06 or to others who have training planned for their particular agencies.

Irwin presented a proposed agreement for the management of FIRESCOPE property. The purpose of the agreement is to clearly define the responsibilities for accountability and management of property items provided by the FIRESCOPE Program that are in the possession of partner agencies. R. Barrows suggested the agreement be between the OES and Forest Service. This would allow the OES to manage the inventory in total rather than fragment it. All agreed to this proposal. The Program Office will make necessary revisions to the agreement and add a list of the property involved before review by the OES.

The Training Specialist Group revised charter was passed out for information.

Also information on an alarm system for the computer facility was passed out. The unit will cost approximately \$8-10,000 and is planned for purchase if and/or when funds become available.

## VIII. Board of Directors Meeting

The Team suggested that the January Board meeting be postponed until further staff work and preparation can be completed.

## IX. Next Operations Team Meeting

Date: January 13 & 14, 1982

Place: CDF R06 Headquarters Conference Room, Riverside

### Agenda Topics:

- A) Review Task Force proposal for Decision Process Revision #7.
- B) Review proposal(s) for State-wide Decision Process
- C) Review information on current coordination efforts between fire services other emergency service practitioners.
- D) Review proposal(s) for the make-up of an OES Technical Development Team.

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