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TO: MR. ROBERT L. IRWIN
FIRESCOPE PROGRAM MANAGER

FROM: GEORGE DEMOS
TASK FORCE CHAIRMAN

SUBJECT: OPERATIONS TEAM MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 1, 1977, AT THE
ONTARIO AIRPORT

Present: Operations Team: Barrows, Borden, Masson, Millar, Irwin

Task Force: Metcalfe, Scherr, Demos

Others: Ulrey (O.E.S.), Philpot (Fire Lab)

1. Task Force Activity Report

- a. Detailed requirements of O.C.C. and incident command system to be completed by September, 1977. March, 1977, is review date for agency evaluation.
- b. Assigned priority to glossary & Restat Unit Leader's Manual. Haney passed out Sitstat Unit Leader's description for T.F. review and comments.
- c. General discussion about communication plans.
- d. Assisted Scherr on O.C.C. Budget.
- e. Discussed plans to set up weather stations in L. A. City and L. A. County. To meet with Joe Hancock (Research) on January 26, 1977

2. Cooperative Agreement - O. C. C. Interim Budget for January 1, 1977, to June 30, 1977

Wording to be changed from Memorandum of Understanding to Cooperative Agreement.

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A statement to be included indicating the Agreement to be on a one-time basis.

Each agency to give Irwin an O.K. or other input by Board of Directors' Meeting on February 10, 1977.

A dicussion followed on funding formulas that would be equitable to all agencies.

Irwin - Part of the proposed future funding formula could be from the standpoint of what the objectives of each agency are in regards to Firescope and what each agency wants or expects from Firescope.

The flat 1/7th to each agency was mentioned.

State funding was also mentioned to pickup the costs for fire deparments in California, and the U. S. Government assuming costs for U.S.F.S.

Discussion followed on relating Firescope to other emergencies besides wildland fires, such as earthquakes, floods, etc. The point was made that wildland fires occur each year, while the other emergencies do not. Therefore, Firescope should concentrate on wildland fires as the principal point for funding purposes.

Irwin - The Firescope program management has to adhere to the outline layed down by Congress. But, as long as we get the primary functions of Firescope down, there is room for agency input as to their objectives.

Millar - In order for U.S.F.S. to obtain the 1.2 million, this program must be orientated towards wildland fires primarily. It is proper also to illustrate other spin offs, but the fire problem should be the main reason.

3. O.C.C. Budget - F/Y 1977-78

Each agency (Operations Team) to make any necessary changes and submit to Ulrey for Board of Directors' Meeting on February 10, 1977.

The O.C.C. Coordinator will not be funded by O.E.S.

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O.E.S. will contribute only its partner share of this position. On July 1, 1977, Ulrey will return to his duties as Region VI O.E.S. Coordinator.

If the Board of Directors agree to the need of a Sitstat Unit Leader but do not wish to buy in on the financial aspect, then O.E.S. will fulfill the need and transfer Mike Scherr from the Task Force to Sitstat, and O.E.S. will not be represented on the T.F.

4. Documentation

All documentation has been ordered.

5. Communications Meeting Progress

February 24, 1977, 0930 hours, Riverside Fire Lab. A representative of the Cal-Chiefs' Communications Committee and Roy Purcival (National Wildlife Commission) will also attend.

6. Comments on Final Implementation Plan

Earl Anderson has been retained as Bob Irwin's assistant.

Working on statements timing out various steps to be taken to work out to the P. I. & E. Plans, the development of more concise duty statements.

Continue to work with agency contribution tables.

7. Core Area

Discussion on refining present core area before any further expansion.

Next Operations Team Meeting scheduled for March 3, 1977.

Agenda: Managerial Problems Discussion
(Decision making process of group)

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cc: Operations Team
Task Force

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Dear Dick:

The next Operations Team meeting is scheduled for March 3, 1977 at Ontario airport.

Enclosed are several papers which were used as backup material at the February 10 Board of Directors' meeting. We can use these same papers as working documents on March 3.

Some comments and explanations about the papers:

1. "Sample Decisions Timetable": Shows the major tasks we must accomplish between now and October 1 in order to be ready for the first implementation funding. I will have a more detailed schedule for your review and comment when we meet.
2. "Potential Implementation Options": This is a very broad initial statement to use as a guide and "talking point." It provides us with a start toward what will probably turn out to be 5-month process. We need a good statement of options before October so that the standards and requirements for integration and economic evaluation contracts can be stated.
3. "F.Y. '78 Evaluations": This paper was used at the B.O.D. meeting to explain where the \$600,000 first-year P.I.&E. effort would go. The Board directed the Operations Team to prioritize these items and provide a report to them. This list, like the others, can be expanded and clarified.