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Operations Team Notes

February 21 and 22, 1979

I. Attendance:

Santa Barbara Co.:	Herb McElwee, Bob Halliburton
C.D.F.:	Mike Schori, Joe Springer, Mike Harris
L.A. County:	Ron King, Stan Barlow, Gene Vickery
L.A. City:	Frank Borden, Glenn Dinger
Ventura Co.:	Stan Masson, George Lund
O.E.S.:	Dick Barrows, Roger Land, Mike Scherr
U.S.F.S.:	B. Irwin, C. Mills, A. Masoner, J. Cook
U.S.F.S. Research:	C. Philpot, E. Anderson, M. Fosberg

II. Progress Report - Update

A. S.D.C. Contract - Awarded. Terry Haney working as a consultant to S.D.C. Three major tasks for this contract are: (1) Develop Course Content and Lesson Plan for *done* "General Familiarization Course," revise approximately six lesson plans, and prepare and conduct three training workshops, *done* (2) Work with Task Force on development of MACS, and (3) Work with the Program Office on future year levels of funding and planning alternatives. Work on task (1) is almost completed. Task (2), MACS, is currently being worked on with the Task Force. Task (3), refer to Terry's presentation at this meeting on FY 80 Budget and future year plans.

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- B. State Intercom - State is purchasing equipment and working on engineering aspects of the Intercom. Larry Mertens (State Comm.) will provide a schedule when he gets the equipment in.
- C. AFOS - Weather System - Ford-Aerospace is on schedule, expect delivery by mid-June. Program Office currently considering purchasing a double-wide trailer to house AFOS and other ADP equipment. Coordination with CDF R.O. VI needs to be finalized if we get trailer. Earl and Jerry will be at Ford-Aerospace plant on February 27, 1979 to get more details on AFOS.
- D. Infrared Report - Aerospace - Report received from contractor, needs agency review and comments. Some concerns about U.S.F.S. policy on items in the report. Copy of report to be given to Task Force, who will report to Operations Team at next meeting.
- E. Grants - Current problem on grants is direction from Forest Service Washington Office that all grants from Forest Service be processed through the State system. A waiver has been requested for Forest Service Region 5 to process grants directly to FIRESCOPE partners. Expect a reply within 3 weeks.
- F. Computers - Introduced Jerry Cook, brief rundown on Jerry's experience and background. Jerry discussed leadtime and new rules involved with purchase of computers. Current situation on FIRESCOPE purchase is: Expect Washington approval in June, contract in August, and delivery 90 days after award.

We will not have an "inhouse system" available for this fire season. We plan to continue with G. E. Timeshare. We do need to start planning for future personnel needs for A.D.P. equipment.

Earl and Jerry working on improvements to I.A.A. model with San Bernardino National Forest and Ranger Unit.

General discussion about use of computer system for communications and training.

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III. B.O.D. Meeting Agenda

Irwin reviewed the items to be covered at the B.O.D. meeting on March 14, 1979. There were no major changes.

IV. Position Statement

Irwin reviewed proposed "Position Statement." Many changes were suggested. Bob and Dick Barrows rewrote the Statement (see copy attached). This rewrite will be presented to the B.O.D. for approval.

V. Weather Stations

Mike Fosberg explained the difference between exponential and arithmetic wind averaging. To obtain data that will give us the degree of accuracy needed, we must use the arithmetic wind averaging method. A copy of Mike's presentation is attached.

VI. Task Force Report

G. Vickery reported the Task Force has been working on training, because of priority needs to do so, to meet implementation schedules. The development of MACS function is still a high priority with the Task Force.

A change was made in the Resource Designators for Strike Teams. This change eliminates confusion that was in the system. *BUT CREATES CONFUSION IN GETTING DOCUMENTS UPDATED FOR FIELD USE!*

Training - approximately 100 instructors have been trained, this includes some participation from other than partner agencies.

Approximately 20 unit-level courses are scheduled with an expected 985 people involved.

The Task Force is working on O.C.C. SISTAT reporting procedures for the upcoming fire season.

The Task Force will recommend to Operations Team that the "declaration of a test incident procedures" be abolished. Incidents can be evaluated if agencies request an evaluation, or if a particular part of the system is giving problems, a team could be assigned to evaluate it.

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Chuck Mills gave a brief report on interagency training of Incident Teams in Fresno. Excellent session, with plans to integrate "class 1" team into the I.C.S. this fire season.

VII. FY 78 Accomplishment Report

Earl Anderson reviewed a one-page report on FY 78 Program accomplishments. Also handed out short brochure on Program. Need comments from partners for both items. FY 78 accomplishment is on B.O.D. agenda, so comments must be sent to Program Office by March 9, 1979. Need partner agency comments on brochure--is it useful? If so, any recommended changes or suggestions for use should be sent to Program Office.

NEED UPDATE TO REFLECT PROGRESS TO DATE.

VIII. State Funding *FIELD NEEDS TO KNOW ACCOMPLISHMENTS.*

Proposed Statement needs to be changed prior to being sent to B.O.D. Irwin, Springer, and Philpot will rewrite this Statement. This Statement will be sent to the B.O.D. as a "working paper."

IX. Revised Implementation Plan

Terry Haney presented a Revised Implementation Plan. (see attachment).

X. Economic Analysis - Aerospace Report *IS THIS THE ONE THAT ASKED ALL THE QUESTIONS?*

The report was discussed and some concerns were voiced about items the report clarified. A list was developed for distribution. This list will go to the B.O.D. for approval.

The next meeting will be May 1 and 2, 1979 in the Ontario-Riverside area.

Sincerely,



ROBERT L. IRWIN
Chairman

Attachments