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MEMBERS PRESENT:

STEVE VITTUM	DC, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY	CHAIR
ANDY ANDERSON	CHIEF, QUINCY FIRE DEPARTMENT	VICE-CHAIR
MIKE COLGAN	BC	ORC
BILL DEAN	DC	ORC
PAT COONEY	DC	OES
JON OLNEY	BC	KRN
HAL CHASE	BC	CNT
*PAT OBANNION	AD	USF
PAUL JONES	AC	SFR
JACK HICKEY	DC	DAV
*BRIAN KELLEY	CHIEF	UNU
*RALPH ALWORTH	DC	CDF
JIM LITTLE	AC	LAY
BOB PRAYTOR	DC	OES
BOB NEAMY	AC	LFD
BLAINE SCHULTZ	CHIEF	MAP
NEIL HONEYCUTT	AC	OES
		MINUTES

- \*ATTENDED JULY 11TH ONLY

**HISTORICAL NOTE:** AT 1700 HOURS ON JULY 11, 2002 A DOWNBURST RELATED TO A SEVERE THUNDERSTORM STRUCK EAST QUINCY DAMAGING OVER 50 HOMES, INJURING 2 PEOPLE. OVER 150 TREES WERE BLOWN OVER CAUSING THE DAMAGE AND INJURY. THE QUINCY FIRE DEPARTMENT WORKED INTO THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF JULY 12TH TO SECURE THE SCENE. POWER REMAINED OUT THROUGH THE NEXT DAY.

AGENDA ITEM/MINUTES:

1. CHAIR STEVE VITTUM CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 0900.

AGENDA REVIEWED, CALL FOR ADDITIONAL ITEMS. INTRODUCTIONS WERE MADE. CHIEF ANDERSON WELCOMED THE JOINT OPERATIONS TEAM MEMBERS TO QUINCY.

2. ELECTION: CHAIR NORTH OPERATIONS TEAM

ANDY ANDERSON ELECTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

INFORMATION: SAN JOSE FIRE CHIEF MANNY ALARCON HAS NOMINATED A

MEMBER OF HIS DEPARTMENT TO SERVE ON THE NORTH OPS

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TEAM. CHAIR VITTUM WILL COMMUNICATE WITH SAN JOSE FIRE, INVITE NEW MEMBER TO OCTOBER MEETING IN SACRAMENTO. ONE OF STEVE'S 2002 GOALS IS TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED ON VARIOUS ACTIONS WE CAN TAKE TO MAKE NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS.

JOT ROSTER DISTRIBUTED, CORRECTIONS MADE. TO JEAN COLYER.

3. JOINT OPERATIONS TEAM REPRESENTATION

DISCUSSION ON HISTORY OF NOPS, WHY TWO GEOGRAPHICAL GROUPS, GREW OUT OF CALFIRMS, NEED TO MAINTAIN IDENTIFY. WHERE IS THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH?? LONG DISCUSSION.

CONSENSUS: TO KEEP BOTH TEAMS, IN ALIGNMENT WITH MACS (NORTH OES REGIONS II, III, AND IV, SOUTH OES REGIONS I, III, AND VI).

SUMMARY: "IF IT AIN'T BROKE, DON'T FIX IT" BOB NEAMY (AND OTHERS)

4. FIRESCOPE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT (07/10/02)

CHAIR VITTUM REPORTED ON THE BOD MEETING.  
CHIEF BOB ROPER VNC ELECTED VICE-CHAIR.

THE BOARD DIRECTED THE JOT TO REVIEW MACS 410-4 (*FIRESCOPE PROGRAM ORGANIZATION & PROCEDURES*) IN REGARD TO REVISING MACS 410-4 TO ALLOW THE CHANGE IN VOTING STATUS OF CSFA AND CPF FROM "ADVISORY MEMBER" TO "VOTING MEMBER".

DISCUSSION: JOT REVIEWED 410-4 TO DETERMINE WHAT ACTIONS WOULD NEED TO BE UNDERTAKEN TO MAKE THE REQUESTED CHANGES. ORGANIZATIONS OTHER THAN FIRE AGENCIES DO NOT CURRENTLY MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED IN THE MISSION STATEMENT AND MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

CONSENSUS: RESPONSE LETTER TO BOD CHAIR, P. MICHAEL FREEMAN DRAFTED. REVIEWED, DISCUSSION, APPROVED.

CICCS: DC PAT COONEY, OES, REPORTED ON STATUS OF CICCS.

DISCUSSION: RED CARD OR EQUIVALENT NEEDED ON FEDERAL FIRES DUE TO 30 MILE FIRE REQUIREMENTS. OES AREP REQUIRED TO "CERTIFY" FIRE PERSONNEL IN TWO STRIKE TEAMS AT HAYMAN FIRE IN COLORADO.

CICCS USING IQS SOFTWARE WILL GENERATE A QUALIFICATIONS CARD (BUT NOT

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UNTIL 2003 OR 2004). SUGGESTION MADE THAT OES (IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE USFS) DEVELOP A SAMPLE LETTER (TEMPLATE) FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO USE TO CERTIFY THEIR PERSONNEL.

5. REVIEW OF 2002 MACS ORIENTATIONS (RIVERSIDE AND REDDING)

TASK FORCE CHAIR JON OLNEY REPORTED ON THE TWO MACS ORIENTATIONS HELD THIS YEAR IN RIVERSIDE (MAY) AND REDDING (JUNE). THE TASK FORCE NOTED SOME DIFFERENCES IN THE STRUCTURE OF THE MACS NORTH AND SOUTH. THE TWO GACC'S OPERATE IN SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT WAYS. QUESTIONS ON THE ROLE OF CALMAC AS THE STATE-WIDE COORDINATION BODY. TASK FORCE WILL LOOK AT ALL ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY THE JOT AND WORK ON MAKING THE 2003 EXERCISES MORE "ALL RISK". CONSENSUS WAS THAT THE EXERCISES/ORIENTATIONS SHOULD OCCUR EARLIER IN THE YEAR, I.E. APRIL. QUESTIONS ON THE ROLE OF NORTH MACS IN DISASTERS OTHER THAN FIRES. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED.

6. ICS FORMS ON THE WEBSITE.

REVIEW OF CURRENT FORMS ON OES FIRESCOPE WEBSITE. DC BOB PRAYTOR (OES) WILL WORK WITH OES IT STAFF IN RIVERSIDE TO IMPROVE THE SITE.

DISCUSSION: COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS ON SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS.

**SAFETY ALERT:** TEMPERATURE IN QUINCY @ 1400: 112 DEGREES F. FORECAST: THUNDERSTORMS WITH LAL OF 6 PREDICTED FOR TONIGHT.

7. ELECTRONIC ICS 209 FORM: FIELD REPORTS:

NATIONAL 209 PROJECT IS IMPROVING, WITH MOST GACC'S USING THE SYSTEM. INFORMATION IS EASY TO OBTAIN. NO PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT WERE AT THE MEETING TO REPORT ON SPECIFICS.

8. NWCG REPORT: RALPH ALWORTH, (CDF)

- A. NATIONAL ICS MOVEMENT: SUMMARY ATTACHED.
- B. FIRELINE HANDBOOK: REWRITE FINISHED, DUE OCTOBER.
  - 1. TERMINOLOGY
  - 2. CHAPTER 6. URBAN INTERFACE (ATTACHED)

- C. CREW STANDARDS/TYPING ISSUES, MEMO DATED JUNE 1.
- D. FOUR LETTER MNEMONICS : DISCUSSION

FIRESCOPE INVITED TO ATTEND NWCG MEETING IN MONTEREY IN FEBRUARY 2003.

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IN REGARD TO THE NATIONAL ICS ISSUE THE OPS TEAM DECIDED TO DRAFT A LETTER TO FEMA WITH JOINT SIGNATURE OF CHAIR FREEMAN AND EXCORD ZAGARIS.

#### 9. NWCG TRAINING WORKING TEAM: GEOFF WILFORD

BOB/PAT??? GEOFF WAS NOT AT THE MEETING.....DID SOMEONE ELSE REPORT ON THIS TOPIC????? JON OLNEY OR RALPH ALWORTH???

I DON'T THINK SO. THERE WAS KIND OF A BLUR IN MY NOTES REGARDING WHAT RALPH WAS REPORTING ON WITH REGARD TO NWCG vs. NWCG TRAINING WORKING TEAM. A COUPLE OF OTHER ISSUES THAT RALPH REPORTED ON REGARDING THE FIRELINE HANDBOOK WAS THE SIGNIFICANCE GIVEN TO SAFETY BY MOVING THAT TOPIC FROM CHAPTER 6 TO CHAPTER 1. AS WELL AS THE ADDITION OF BASIC TERRORISM ISSUES, AND I THINK, A NEW URBAN/INTERFACE INFORMATION CHAPTER.

#### 10. OSD ICS MEDICAL BRANCH VS. MEDICAL GROUP REVIEW (UPDATE)

TASK FORCE REPORTED THAT ICS MCI WIRE DIAGRAMS HAD BEEN REVIEWED AT THE JUNE MEETING IN REDDING. THE INFORMATION WAS FORWARDED TO SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS IN THE FIELD TO REVIEW AND GET BACK TO US. ANY CHANGES WILL BE MADE IN THE NEXT ADDITION OF THE FOG.

#### 11. MEDICAL UNIT VS. RESPONDER REHAB UNIT UPDATE.

TASK FORCE CHAIR OLNEY LED THE DISCUSSION ON THE REVIEW OF THIS TOPIC. IT WAS BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION BY IMS THAT THE MEDICAL UNIT IN LOGISTICS IS CONFUSING TO MANY FIRE SERVICE USERS (CONFUSED WITH MEDICAL BRANCH OR GROUP IN OPERATIONS). DISCUSSION WITH REVIEW OF ISSUE WITH OPS TEAMS MEMBERS. TASK FORCE TO CONTINUE TO REVIEW OPTIONS.

REPORT FROM USFS. ASST. DIRECTOR PAT OBANNION. (DUE TO WX AND FIRE OPS N. CALIFORNIA PAT HAD TO RETURN TO REDDING).

FIRE ACTIVITY IN THE WEST IS THREE TIMES NORMAL TO DATE. USFS RESTRICTED SPENDING DUE TO ENORMOUS COSTS TO DATE. OUTLOOK IS

NOT GOOD. PREDICTED WEATHER FOR CALIFORNIA-NEVADA-ARIZONA-OREGON WILL INCREASE FIRE ACTIVITY. HEAVY DRAWDOWN.

FOREST SERVICE HAS ASKED OMB FOR FUNDS. \$700 MILLION SPENT ESTIMATES FOR THIS FIRE SEASON RUN AS HIGH AT \$2. I WROTE DOWN \$1 BILLION BILLION OR MORE.

PATS REPLACEMENT IS TOM HATCHER. HE COULD NOT ATTEND THE MTG.

RALPH ALWORTH COMMENTED THAT CDF E-FUND EXPENDITURES MAY EXCEED \$200 MILLION THIS FIRE SEASON.

RALPH DISCUSSED THE GOVERNOR'S NEW ORDER REGARDING STAFFING IN SOCAL UNITS. THE CONTRACT COUNTY PERSONNEL HAD SOME QUESTIONS REGARDING WHEN AND HOW THE FOURTH PERSON WOULD BE FUNDED IN THEIR ORGANIZATIONS. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED.

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A QUESTION WAS ASKED REGARDING WHICH FIRESCOPE LOGO SHOULD BE USED ON CORRESPONDENCE, LETTER HEAD, ETC. DISCUSSION: THE NEW (30TH YEAR CELEBRATION) LOGO OR RETURN TO USING THE OLD STANDARD LOGO.

MOTION: RETURN TO USE OF THE ORIGINAL LOGO, SECONDED BY D. RALSTON. CARRIED.

## 12. TASK FORCE REPORT

JON OLNEY

IN ADDITION TO OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, TF CHAIR OLNEY REPORTED ON:

- (S-330)
- GROUP
1. ALL-RISK STRIKE TEAM LEADER CURRICULUM
  2. FIRELINE EMT POSITION DESCRIPTION
  3. EMSA AMBULANCE STRIKE TEAM WORKING
  4. MM5 WEATHER COMPUTER SYSTEM
  5. TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP

THE 2002 TF WORK PLAN WAS DISTRIBUTED TO THE JOT. JON UPDATED THE JOT ON THE AREA COMMAND/EOC CO-LOCATION ISSUE. A DISCUSSION ON THE SEMS (CSTI) REVISION TO THE ACI THAT IS NEARING COMPLETION. JOT/TF TO ASK CSTI (THROUGH KIM ZAGARIS??) FOR OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE ACI PRIOR TO DISTRIBUTION.

PAT/BOB IS THAT WHAT HAPPENED????????????? YES. THE CONCERN WAS WITH CSTI WELL INTO AN APPARENTLY PLANNED

UPDATE OF THE SEMS ACI WITHOUT PARTICIPATION OR REPRESENTATION FROM THE FIRE SERVICE.

DISCUSSION ON ICS APPLICATIONS IN GENERAL. CONSENSUS ON COMMENT: ORGANIZATION IS DRIVEN BY INCIDENT — NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND.!!

ADJOURN FOR DAY. QUINCY VOLUNTEERS WILL SERVE DINNER AT 1900.

(SEE NOTE REGARDING THUNDERSTORM AND DOWNDRAFT IN EAST QUINCY)

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13. IMS CONSORTIUM REPORT

ISSUES: MIKE COLGAN DISTRIBUTED A LETTER TO DAVID PAULSON THE NEW ADMINISTRATOR OF THE US FIRE ADMINISTRATION.

BOB NEAMY SPOKE ON THE NFPA COMMITTEE PROCESS FOR NFPA 1561. HE ALSO REITERATED THE NEED FOR FIRESCOPE TO BE INVOLVED IN THE NFPA PROCESS.

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14. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS (NEW BUSINESS):

QUESTION: DID THE JOT PRESENT A PLAQUE TO PAST CHAIR CARY ECKARD?? NO. DISCUSSION: WHO PAYS FOR THESE ITEMS?? JOT. ANDY ANDERSON WILL INVESTIGATE OBTAINING A PLAQUE FROM A LOCAL SOURCE.

15. OES UPDATE:

PAT COONEY

CURRENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA BUDGET PROCESS.....IN LIMBO. OES HAS NEW STAFF (DC PRAYTOR AND LATIPOW, AC HOWARD AND SANFORD). WE ARE NOW AT FULL STAFF. NEW ENGINES ARE BEING DELIVERED, NEW WATER TENDERS ARE ON ORDER. CONCEPT OF NEW COMMUNICATIONS UNITS AND RADIO CACHES EXPLAINED. PAT EXPLAINED CICC'S "GRANDFATHERING" (HISTORICAL RECOGNITION) PROCESS (NOW AUGUST 2002 — 2004) AND RELATIONSHIP TO NWWCG DROP ONE OF THE W's 310-1.

DISCUSSION: RS 1 STAFFING ON OES ENGINES. OES REQUIREMENT FOR WATER TENDER STAFFING: 2 FULLY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL. WATER TENDERS EXPECTED TO GET A LOT OF USE. PAT DESCRIBED OUR OUT OF STATE STRIKE TEAM RESPONSE TO COLORADO AND ARIZONA. HAL CHASE COMMENTED THAT PERSONNEL FROM HIS DEPARTMENT THOUGHT THE

EXPERIENCE WAS INVALUABLE.

PAT PRESENTED THE PRE-POSITIONING CONCEPT HE MADE TO OES. THIS IS A PROACTIVE MOVE OF OES ENGINES (10 STRIKE TEAMS) INTO AN AREA OF CALIFORNIA THAT HAS THE POTENTIAL FOR A DISASTER (BEL AIR TYPE FIRE). THE CURRENT SITUATION WITH RAINFALL AT THE LOWEST LEVELS IN RECORDED HISTORY, AND FUEL MOISTURES AT RECORD LOWS, HAVE COMBINED TO CREATE AN EXPLOSIVE SITUATION. DISCUSSION ON THE POSSIBLE DETAILS TOOK PLACE. WITH MUCH SUPPORT FOR THE CONCEPT FROM ORC AND LFD.

RECOMMENDATION: PAT DID THE JOT MAKE A RECOMMENDATION  
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I DON'T RECALL THAT THERE WAS A RECOMMENDATION.

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### 16. AGENCY UPDATES/ROUND TABLE

CHAIR STEVE VITTUM, SBC. NEW TYPE ONE TILLERED AERIAL LADDER ASSIGNED TO GOLETA. FIRE SEASON IS HERE. NEW HELICOPTER (2ND) WITH 5 DAY COVERAGE. JOINTS OPS WITH USF AT SANTA INEZ AIRPORT. DESIRE TO EXPAND AIR COVERAGE. JOINT STATION WITH USF.

IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION STEVE OUTLINED SOME OF THE 30 MILE FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS: POCKET CARDS, AND QUALS.

PAUL JONES, SFFD. I THINK PAUL IS THE NEW SFFD NOPS MEMBER, REPLACING JIM CAVELLINI. NEW CHIEF, NEW PROGRAMS, ALL IS WELL.

JIM LITTLE: LAYTONVILLE NEW OES ENGINE. COMMUNICATION CENTER CONTRACT IS DUE FOR RENEWAL; HIGHER COSTS.



BOB NEAMY: LOS ANGELES BUDGET ISSUES. POSSIBLE VOTE BY VALLEY FOR NEW CITY. FD WOULD REMAIN FOR 1 YEAR. ORDER FOR 22 NEW ENGINES (SEAGRAVE AND PIERCE) 4 NEW REHAB UNITS (R.A.T.S.) GOING IN SERVICE, DOZER STRIKE TEAM SENT OUT OF CITY. CHIEF EXERCISED A IMT WILDLAND FIRE ON MULHOLLAND DRIVE. CONTRACT HELI-TANKERS DUE IN AUGUST.

COUNTY: GOING TO 3 DIVISIONS, DECENTRALIZING. TORRANCE FIRE BID: MONTEBELLO AND LAC BIDDING. I WROTE DOWN THAT THE CITY IN QUESTION REGARDING CONTRACT FIRE PROTECTION BY EITHER LAC OR MONTEBELLO WAS THE CITY OF COMMERCE, NOT TORRANCE. ISSUE WITH SUPER-SCOOPERS: CITIZENS GROUP WANTS TO BUY AND HAVE LAC OPERATE AIRCRAFT. CHIEF FREEMAN FEELS THAT IT IS TOO EXPENSIVE. (WE AGREE CHIEF).

BLAINE SCHULTZ: MARIPOSA COUNTY. COMMUNICATIONS CENTER CONTRACT UP FOR RENEWAL. YNP MAY BID ON CONTRACT. WORKING WITH USF FOR NEW STATIONS AND HELICOPTER. 4 NEW TYPE FOUR ENGINES IN SERVICE.

BILL DEAN: ORANGE COUNTY. NEW HQ ON SCHEDULE. REAL HELICOPTERS HAVE BLACK NOSES AND ARE PAINTED WHITE.

DARRELL RALSTON: VENTURA COUNTY. 10 NEW TYPE III ENGINES GOING OUT TO BID. 3 WATER DROPPING HELICOPTERS. NEW STATION WITH USFS.

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JON OLNEY; KERN COUNTY. BUDGET ISSUES MAY CAUSE REDUCTIONS. 2ND TYPE I CREW IN PLACE. NEW COUNTY RADIO SYSTEM. REQUIREMENTS FOR 8,000 SQUARE MILE COUNTY IS 90% COVERAGE. GOING TO 150.000 MHZ GIVING 800.0000 MHZ BACK TO COUNTY NON EMERGENCY FUNCTIONS. "REAL" HELO IN SERVICE. LOCAL PAPER ATTACKING DEPARTMENT OT. NEW CHIEF, STEVE GAGE. NEW DEPUTYS, ETC. ETC.

HAL CHASE: SANTA CLARA COUNTY. NEW CHIEF, BEN LOPES. OES ENGINE WENT TO COLORADO, ALL SYSTEMS WORKED WELL. PERSONNEL ENJOYED THE EXPERIENCE. NEW APPARATUS, RECRUIT ACADEMY, MOVING AHEAD. MIDDLE EASTERN CHURCH FIRE CAUSE ARSON.



JACK HICKEY: DAVIS. NEW STATION, CITY AND UNIVERSITY TALKING ABOUT  
FIRE PROTECTION ISSUES. UC DAVIS HAS FIRE DEPARTMENT.

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 8, 2002 AT OES HEADQUARTERS,  
SACRAMENTO.

TENTATIVE AGENDA (DEVELOPED BY JOT):

- STANDARD ITEMS: TASK FORCE REPORT, ETC.
- MACS 410-4 REWRITE (DISCUSSION BEFORE BOARD MEETING)
- EMSA: UPDATE ON AMBULANCE STRIKE TEAM ISSUE
- OPERATIONS TEAM MEMBERSHIP
- IOS WORKING TEAM: MNEMONICS
- FEMA: NATIONAL ICS ISSUE
- SEMS: FIREScope REPRESENTATIVE