

Operation Team Notes  
Angeles National Forest  
July 20 & 21, 1981

I. Attendance

Monesmith	Borden
Biddison	Ross
Uribarri	Mavis
Irwin	King
Philpot	Haney (1st day)
Creasey	Perry
Land	Barrows
Letson	Santa Barbara absent both days

II. Previous Meeting Notes:

King moved to approve the notes as written. Second by Borden.  
Unanimous vote. (R. Barrows absent)

III. NWCG Q&C Working Team

Irwin presented a letter from Clinton Phillips, Chairman of NWCG's Qualifications & Certification Working Team. The letter requests a candidate from a local agency to serve as a member on the Q&C Team. Perry reported Chief Sellers' willingness to make George Lund available for the assignment. All agreed Lund would be an excellent candidate. His name will be recommended to the Board.

IV. Previous Meeting Action Items:

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

V. Task Force Concerns

A number of Task Force concerns were addressed during the June Operations Team meeting, however, the issues were not resolved.

Irwin presented some background information and recommendations. Included was a review of our present situation and 5 alternatives for solving the problems. A great deal of discussion followed concerning various frustrations centered around attempting to develop unknown (at this time) FIREScope products.

Creasey outlined the Task Force concerns as follows:

1. Need clearer direction from the Operations Teams.
2. Clear up chain-of-command (roles) between various levels in Decision Process.
3. Operations Team keep up-to-speed and informed.

Borden moved to accept alternative #5 with the following revisions: (1) Revise IA to state: "Provide clear and specific written direction responding to long and short term, past decisions and relationships to design". (2) Eliminate items III & IV. A final version of alternative #5 is attached.

Second by Biddison. Unanimous vote.

The next item discussed was a letter from the Task Force Chairman to Bob Irwin concerning the status of an OES Representative on the Task Force. R. Barrows stated he is working on filling the position but a full time representative would not be available in the future. Although not full time, the representative will be available for all Task Force meetings and to serve as a Task Force Representative to a Specialist Group and other Task Force related duties as commonly provided through partner agency participation.

The individual will be assigned as soon as he can be hired.

The Operations Team directed the Task Force to proceed with development while attempting to address OES concerns and impacts to the best of their abilities pending the appointment of an OES representative.

The last item discussed was a letter from the Task Force Chairman to Bob Irwin concerning the Operations Team definition of single point ordering. The following was outlined to improve direction to the Task Force:

1. The Definition of single point ordering as defined in the June Operations Team Meeting is an interim definition.
2. Task Force is to develop a universal order form and ordering system for the single point ordering system described in the Ops Team Meeting of June 30, 1981. (The four agency systems in use today must be recognized as the system is developed).
3. When item 2 is completed, future improvements will be considered.
4. The above is anticipated to follow the present schedule consisting of approximately 1 year.

Biddison moved the above. Second by Borden. VNC, USFS, CDF, LFD, OES voted yes; LAC voted no; Philpot abstention; SBC absent.

#### V. FIRESCOPE Radio Communication Guidelines

Philpot moved to approve the 1981 Guidelines with "among FIRESCOPE partner agencies" added to the end of item D. Second by Perry. Unanimous vote. Approved guidelines are attached.

## VI. Alternatives for Radio Cache Distribution

A status report on alternatives was presented by Mavis. Biddison indicated it would not be reasonable to locate a 2nd module cache at Arcadia because a second module is automatically sent from BIFC when the first fire occurs. The first alternative was agreed upon. VNC will be working on a system to speed up delivery from Arcadia.

## VII. MACS Communication Coordinator

Biddison moved to approve the MACS Communication Coordinator responsibilities and duties with minor changes to item 2 under responsibilities. A revised copy is attached.

## VIII. OCC Manpower Expansion Plan

Land provided a status report on the OCC Manpower Expansion Plan. An SSM, Computer System Administrator and Document Control Clerk are now on board. An Administrative Assistant and a Systems Programmer will be put on in 1981. Approval is being requested to put on an Operations Supervisor and an Applications Programmer in 1982.

Philpot moved to recommend to the Board they endorse the OCC Manpower Expansion Plan as revised and support OES budgeting for the Operations Supervisor and Applications Programmer.

## IX. Checklists for OCC Functions

Land provided an update on the development of checklists for the functions that should occur in the OCC. Documents on the following were passed out:

1. List of functional areas to be described in the OCC.
2. ICS-OCC interaction checklist from the ICS Evaluation Guide.
3. Duty or task list for agency representatives involved in Mode 4 MACS GHQ operations.
4. Form for Sitstat Clerk to check and record the timeliness of INC 209 reports.
5. Situation Status Unit daily checklist for Weather and BIFC information.

The items were provided for information and for input from the Operations Team. All agreed Roger is on the right track and should continue with further staff work and development.

An additional update is to be provided at the next meeting.

## X. Computer Access Policy

Uribarri presented additional concerns relative to his attempts to improve the criteria for the computer access policy. The geographic boundaries of MACS FIMS users must be identified before potential use can be measured for the computer system. However, there are numerous political and organizational ramifications in attempting to determine the specific FIREScope zone of influence.

All agreed there is a need to determine the following:

1. Describe National and state-wide influences on southern California.
2. Design criteria for "Belonging".
3. Define types of users. i.e. Coordination points (MACS, Agency); information users; Administrative users.
4. Describe the FIREScope Region.

A suggestion was made to rename partner agencies to "Development Agencies". This would allow accepting those agencies willing to participate in FIREScope as partners. Irwin agreed to develop definitions to describe the differences.

Irwin also committed to develop preliminary staff work for items 1 & 2 above. The Task Force is directed to develop definitions for adequately categorizing computer users (item 3). In addition the Task Force Chairman agreed they would provide recommendations for describing the FIREScope Region (item 4).

King moved to place a moratorium on the placement of additional computer terminals (except for the remaining three South Zone Forests) until a decision is made concerning a description of the FIREScope Region. Second by Biddison. Unanimous vote.

## XI. Special Disaster Equipment Program

Borden and King reported on the progress made in the development of a computerized special disaster equipment program. A final list of specialized equipment is needed.

Two problems exist. 1) Should the program be available to all agencies or just LFD and LAC? (Pay system, use agreements and other criteria would be necessary if it becomes available to others) 2) Should other equipment, such as OES, be included?

Barrows moved to allow LFD and LAC to put up a prototype special disaster computer program working with John Uribarri for computer use coordination. Any decisions to expand beyond LFD and LAC will be made following development.

Second by Philpot. Unanimous vote.

XII. Weather From OCC

Land asked the Group if they wanted to continue with the computer display of the A.M. and P.M. weather station matrix information. Funding will be necessary if agencies want to continue to receive this information. The narrative portion of the weather will continue to be available without funding support.

All agreed the weather narratives would be sufficient.

XIII. July Board Meeting Agenda

Item VIII was eliminated. Item VII is to be revised by the Program Office to include a status report on the problems of describing the FIREScope region.

XIV. August Operations Team Meeting

Dates: August 26-27, 1981

Place: Riverside Fire Lab

Agenda

1. FY 82 Program and Budget Update.
2. Recap July Board Meeting
3. RESTAT training
4. Strike Team Designation System
5. Southern California Coordination Boundary Planning.
6. Decision Process Roles
7. OCC Function Checklists.

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