

Operations Team Meeting Notes
May 17, 1982
Ontario Airport
Number 24

I. Attendance

Irwin	Letson
Borden	Sellers
Monesmith	Anderson
M. Barrows	Land
Uribarri	Haney
Biddison	R. Barrows
King	Perry

Santa Barbara absent

II. Previous Meeting Notes: Biddison moved to approve the notes as written. Second by Borden. Unanimous vote.

III. Action Items: The current status of the previous meetings action items are shown in the attachment.

IV. Program Office Report:

A. Letters of Commendation The Task Force has recognized the need to show our appreciation to the dedicated individuals who have carried the load in the ICS Multiagency Training over the past four years. The Task Force provided a recommended letter to be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors. Letson recommended that the logo's of each agency be on the letter. It was agreed the letters must go through the heads of the particular agencies. Irwin volunteered to develop a letter to the heads of the agencies and to revise the letter of commendation accordingly. Some of the names were also eliminated from the recipient list because their duties were determined to be a significant responsibility of their position.

B. Top Hat Exercise Terry Haney handed out and provided a verbal evaluation summary of the Top Hat Exercise. Terry explained that the final Evaluation Report would be layed out functionally with action items identified for each problem statement.

V. OES Budget : R. Barrows reported that the budgeting process has been difficult but the funding for O&M is still alive. The total budget for 82-83 O&M operations is projected to be \$444,000 (25% Federal - \$111,000 and 75% state - \$333,000).

VI. BLM Login ID: The BLM, Desert District, was issued a login ID about one year ago on a temporary basis until the policy on the issuance of login ID's could be firmed up. The Desert District has requested continuance of their login ID on a permanent basis.

A lengthy discussion followed on the inclusion of the Forest Service, California Department of Forestry, Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service in the State Master Mutual Aid Agreement and reporting system. Biddison stated that until the Federal laws were changed the Federal's would not be a part of the State Master Mutual Aid Agreement.

R. Barrows moved to extend the BLM ID for one year. No second. Biddison moved that the BLM be granted a login ID on a permanent basis. Second by Sellers. FS, LFD, SSM, CDF, and VNC approved. OES and LAC abstained.

VII. Interfacing with other Emergency Service Practitioners: Irwin presented a rough draft staff paper outlining the proposed goals and objectives for interfacing with other emergency service practitioners. Minor revisions were made to goals and objectives associated with section "A" concerning the ICS, the Multiagency Mapping Process and the Communications Concepts.

Paragraph "B" and the proposed goals and objectives for the computer system generated a good deal of discussion and serious concern. The major conflict revolves around (1) the Federal constraints imposed upon computer systems management, (2) Forest Service (Program Office) intent to use the computer to develop and validate software associated with the FIRESCOPE Research Design, (3) OES plans for computer applications, and (4) the previously approved Decision Process policy assigning certain authorities to the SSM and OES Systems Administrator for operation and maintenance of the computer system.

The Program Office position is:

1. The Forest Service will maintain ownership and ultimate control of the computer system as required by Federal laws and regulations.
2. Available Federal appropriations will be used to continue development and validation of software recommended in the Research Design, and other

software peripheral to, or supportive of, the Design.

3. That all necessary decisions and arrangements (login ID's, software development scheduling, etc.) associated with development and validation remain Forest Service prerogatives.
4. That the OES function is one of operations and maintenance of completed software programs accepted by the Decision Process as operational products and the daily operations of the hardware.

The OES position is:

1. The agencies involved in the Decision Process should determine the developmental uses and constraints on the system, as well as those for operations and maintenance.
2. That the OES Systems Administrator cannot manage the operations and maintenance of the system without having a significant measure of control over its entire use.

The OES and the Program Office will be working on a Computer Management Memorandum of Agreement to clarify and help resolve some of the issues indicated above. The subject will be presented to the Board of Directors on June 2nd as an "information item" and progress report.

An issue related to this is a request for a login ID to a computer program called "FIRECAST." Uribarri announced that the issuance of the ID for testing outside of the FIREScope Region violates the present decision process policy. R. Barrows moved that an exception to the policy be made and a login ID be issued for a three month test of FIRECAST. Second by Borden. FS, LFD, CDF, SSM and OES approved. LAC opposed. SBC and VNC were absent

VIII. Meeting Management: This will be the last meeting managed by the program office.

IX. Next Meeting: The next Operations Team Meeting is planned for June 21-22, 1982. The location will be determined later.



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