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OPERATIONS TEAM MEETING NOTES
September 27-28, 1978
Los Angeles County Camp II

Attendance:

Los Angeles County

S. Barlow
E. Vickery

Los Angeles City

F. Borden
G. Dinger

O.E.S.

R. Barrows
M. Scherr

CDF

J. Springer
M. Harris

Ventura County

S. Masson
G. Lund

USFS

B. Irwin
R. Millar
A. Masoner
T. Hensley
C. Mills

USFS Research

C. Philpot
E. Anderson

B.O.D. Meeting on September 8, 1978--Bob Irwin

The B.O.D. recommended a budget of \$80,000 for the OCC for FY '80--\$60,000 of State funds and \$20,000 from USFS. Dick Barrows needs information to submit his budget request; decision made for Dick to call a meeting(s) as necessary to get needed information.

Decisionmaking Process--Bob Irwin

Agreed to extend expiration date of process until a new charter is finalized. Draft of new charter will be available for next Operations Team meeting.

The Program Manager will continue to be the chairman of the Operations Team.

Requests for special information needs should go through the agencies' Task Force Chairman. This will require close coordination between Operations Team members and Task Force.

Program Updates

FY-'79 budget--No official word yet, an emergency meeting may be required when firm budget information is received.

Weather System (AFOS)--Contract awarded by telegram on September 26, 1978. Delivery expected by June 1979. We need to start work on providing space, etc., for this system.

Intercom--Contract awarded September 22, 1978--Delivery expected by spring of 1979. Need to develop a procedure for use of this system.

Grants--All grants for FY'78 have been approved; each agency needs to send reimbursement request to Program Office. If funds are available for '79 grants, need to improve our procedure on the approvals, etc.

Contracts--Aerospace trying to arrange a demonstration of a portable infrared (FLIR) unit. When firm information is available, all partners will be notified.

Weather Stations--Still problems with design. Trying to agree on a national standard for stations that will meet FIREScope needs.

Washington Office Computer Orientation Trip--Excellent trip--good acceptance of our presentation. Several key issues were clarified: (1) It is a regional system, (2) Recommend use of a "dedicated" system, and (3) Systems people in W.O. will provide support to help acquire the system.

Comstat Demonstration--This is a planned demonstration of a portable satellite earth station in southern California. There was much discussion about how this demonstration is to be planned. It was agreed that the objective is to test the unit under incident conditions to see if it will perform the job. Guidelines for the Information Officers' meeting were given to Program Manager Irwin.

Visitor

Chief Barlow introduced a guest from Australia, Victoria State Fire Chief Howe. Chief Howe gave a brief rundown on his duties and responsibilities. He explained some unique aspects such as dealing with 120,000 volunteers.

Cosy Del Fire Incident Command System Test Fire

Task Force Chairman Harris gave a brief report on this fire that covered the following:

1. Single command fire--all Forest Service land.
2. Joint planning sessions with Ventura County, CDF, and USFS.
3. Excellent attitude about use of I.C.S.
4. Information flow from ICP to OCC and agency dispatch center could be better.
5. Trained personnel not available for all positions.
6. Communications were a problem--especially during early stages of fire.
7. Computer terminal used at incident; worked well.

A formal evaluation will be forthcoming from the team assigned to the fire. Overall, the Task Force was pleased with the test, there are still some problems to work on.

Communications Committee Report

Tom Hensley gave a brief report on the Communications Committee progress. He discussed six recommendations that will be submitted to the Task Force. It was agreed that these recommendations should be presented at the next Operations Team meeting so they can be submitted to the B.O.D. at the November 27-28, 1978 meeting.

Task Force White Paper

The Task Force "white paper" was reviewed and Chairman Harris received direction on the items listed. The assignment to work on the system functions was discussed. This job will require considerable coordination between Operations Team and Task Force. If we meet the commitment to provide a "first cut" to the B.O.D. by November 27, it will require a lot of time in October and November. Letters of direction from the B.O.D. had not been received by all Operations Team members.

Next meeting will be in San Diego on November 13 (p.m.), 14, and 15. Motel and meeting space information will be sent out by Program Office by October 23.

Bob Irwin

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Operations Team Chairman