



Northern Rockies Coordinating Group

Federal, State, and Local Government Agencies Working Together in Emergency Response Management

Board of Directors Conference Call Agenda

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

PARTICIPANTS:

Board Members: Darron Williams, Bryce Rogers, Aaron Thompson, Dennis Strange, Tate Fischer, Josh Harvey, Jake Ganieany, Matt Hall, Rich Cowger – Chair, Patrick Lonergan, Paul Cerda,

Deputies and Others: Jason Jarrett, Chad Pickering, Pam Jolly, Kathy Pipkin, Aitor Bidaburu, Jordan McKnight, Melissa Wegner, Tara Dana, Jon Dentinger, Beau Richardson, Bradly Bergman

Purpose: Welcome and a reminder that this is a public meeting for the purpose of conducting government business.

NWCG/NMAC Update: (Aitor Bidaburu)

- Busy upcoming week; CGAC/NMAC meeting this week and a robust meeting is expected. NWCG and FMB are also expected to attend.

Northern Rockies GACC and Operational Updates:

NRCG Operations (Corey Buhl)

- *Not available for this meeting; traveling to CGAC meeting.*

NRCC Update (Kathy Pipkin)

- Currently testing ICAP program; there are opportunities for improvement that will be reported back to developers.
- Staffing – are expecting cert for GS-08/9 for assistant to crew desk.
- Finalizing 2022 Activity Report expect to disseminate soon.

Old Business

IMT Support (Fiscal) – Informational Topic – Rich Cowger and Kathy Pipkin

- Rich Cowger – Reached out to Sampson who was surprised by this item. ICs are meeting tomorrow and will discuss. Both Kathy Pipkin and Rich Cowger plan on participating in that meeting. Intent is to have that information distributed in time for the February 07, 2023, NRCG Special Session.
- Aaron Thompson – emphasized the need for a formal budget proposal, to justify increasing the support amount. Procurement rules also are a contributing factor. Proposed budget needs to be by line item to ensure are efficiently utilizing each agencies procurement regulations.
- Rich Cowger – **Action Item: Information is needed by the end of the month. Intent is to vote on this item first, during the February 07, 2023, NRCG Special Session. Rich Cowger and Kathy Pipkin will advise the ICs of the date this information is required. Format needs to be that of a line-item budget.**
- **Action Item: Pam Jolly will re-send February 07, 2023, NRCG Special Session meeting invites.**

Re-assign IMT Liaisons – Decisional Topic – Rich Cowger

- Kathy Pipkin – need liaisons for the T3 IMTs as well. Until IMT selections are made and are able to assess status of T3s, are unable to determine the number of liaisons needed.
- **Action Item: Rich Cowger – tabled until March agenda; after teams are confirmed.**

New Business



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Dispatch Tasking Update

- Aaron Thompson – received tasking memo from Craig Glazier for review and edit. Will then be finalized for the Chair’s signature.
- Tate Fischer – requested clarification on status of this item?
- Kathy Pipkin - the tasking was never signed; that is this memo. Should be addressed to the Task Group.

CIM Rostering and Acceptance in the Northern Rockies

- Aaron Thompson - are all agencies in the Northern Rockies willing to accept CIMTs this year? Or will the GACC also be ordering T1 & T2 IMTs?
- Josh Harvey – Vast majority of states at recent council meeting were in support of CIM. Note that California is not in support.
- Kathy Pipkin – regarding maintaining rotations, only feasible to host CIMT. Need to address if all five become participants to National Rotation? Intend to add this as a topic to the February agenda.
- Josh Harvey – personal understanding is that Regions have the discretion to hold out a team or two. Understand that National needs 49 participating teams to meet the goals.
- Aaron Thompson – endorse all five CIMTs, if are qualified. That is the national direction. Need to address if all are willing to accept CIMs? Agency Administrators need to understand this aspect. All will benefit from the national rotation. Should not be viewed as a perceived loss, as it is in interest of taking care of the workforce.
- Kathy Pipkin – Corey Buhl did respond to the CGAC data call memo direct to Aitor.
- Dennis Strange – Great Basin decided to accept CIMTs; however, will not have any participating CIMT in 2023.
- Darron Williams – Northwest is also going T1 and T2 IMT route; with intent to move to CIMT implementation in 2024. Will accept CIMTs this year.
- Josh Harvey – IDL will either order CIMTs or T3.
- Kathy Pipkin - can still show both qualifications in IROC and fill orders either way; but primary will be CIMT.

CGAC

- Aaron Thompson – suggest monthly report out on CGAC activities from NRCG CGAC liaisons.
- Action Item: Rich Cowger – instructions to add as a standing agenda item for all future agendas. Will serve as a reminder trigger to relay important information.
- Kathy Pipkin – can distribute notes from CGAC meeting as well.
- Action Item: Rich Cowger - request CGAC liaisons send the CGAC meeting notes to Pam Jolly for distribution to entire NRCG BOD.

Review of Action Items: (Rich Cowger)

- Action Item listing reviewed and updated.

The next scheduled NRCG Monthly Conference Call is February 21, 2023, at 10:00 Hours Mountain Time