

DRAFT Minutes, April 6, 2009 REVISED July 14
California Wildfire Coordination Group, (CWCG)
Reno, Nevada 1300-1700

Present: Bill Kaage, NPS Acting Chair; Paul Bannister, BLM; Ralph Domanski, USFS; Yvonne Jones, USDI BIA; Joe Millar, USFS; Bob Bell, USFS ; Kim Zagaris, Cal OES (now Cal EMA)

Absent: John Tripp, LA County; Ken McLean, Cal Fire; Ken Pimlott, Cal Fire; Jack Froggatt, Kern County; Andy McMurry, Cal Fire;

Committee Reports

Agreements Committee – Doug Waggoner

- California Fire Assistance Agreement (CFAA) update – Establishes all risk formula for reimbursement intended reflect actual costs. Technically, participation in CA Incident Command Certification System, CICCS is not mandatory, however, not meeting those standards impact other qualifiers. Cal EMA to be inserted in place of Cal OES. DOI Solicitor had approved prior to recent changes. Includes 2009 AD Rates. No substantive functional changes noted.
- California Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement (CFMA) – Direct Protection Area, (DPA) changes to lands where Cal Fire is the primary wildland fire service provider. All CWCG proposed changes were incorporated.

Training Committee – Willie Thompson

- 2009 S520 – Advanced Incident Management, interchangeable with Complex Incident Management Course (CIMC)
Two of last year's participants did not complete the program.
Action: Training Committee Liaison will contact the Chief of each respective County to inquire if both the agency and the individual want to re-apply. A new application for 2010 forward would be required to prioritize with other applicants. CWCG will recommend reassigning to different team. COMPLETED
- 2010 S520 application process – provide NAFRI with prioritized nominations by May 4, 2009
Action: Operations Committee Liaison will complete letter on Ops Committee Letterhead COMPLETED

CWCG Operations Committee – Bill Kaage, succeeded by Paul Bannister, BLM, new chair

- 2009 California mobilization guide status – at printer; posted on web page. Federal policy changes (not yet included) and FIRESCOPE prioritization package may require addenda. Will not do a reprint to include addendums. Joe Millar will post when approved. *COMPLETED*
- IMT guidelines status – (Joe Millar) *COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY CHAIR*

- Federal team selection process - AAR done and shared. How applications need to be edited. Use of OES headquarters worked extremely well. Non-selection note went out. Team I and II rosters are on OES FTP site under Operations group. *COMPLETED*

Old Business

Concept paper on state/federal team concept. Move forward with analysis. Same with 2010 joint state/federal team workshop.

Could do a California IC meeting – limit to ICs. Discuss in conference with California teams. Possibly two separate meetings. All leadership could talk with just the state and federal ICs. The team meetings would be a separate opportunity.

1. Leave as is
2. Consider every other year
3. go with full workshop annually
4. just command and general staff OR
5. just ICs

Interagency Hotshot Crew, IHC charter and placement of group under Operations Committee USFS concurrence is forthcoming for the IACG Charter -- the Hotshot crews chartered under CWCG. CWCG will organize as part of the CWCG Ops Group. *COMPLETED and SIGNED*

NWCG Supplemental Local Government Employees Status Report – Willie Thompson

- B Kaage: Made presentation to DOD. Identified some discrepancies in the AD rates, e.g., no Type II Deputy IC.
- Discussion of Supplemental Fire Department Resources

New Business

CWCG Chair and Vice Chair – per the CWCG Charter, Chair and Vice-Chair vacancies cause an agency rotation shift. Therefore, BLM Craig Barnes (Chair) and OES/Cal EMA Kim Zagaris Vice-Chair are stepping up into the indicated roles.

Need to firm up assignments...e.g., possibly

CWCG Operations Committee Liaison – Sue Husari

Training Committee Liaison – Willie Thompson

Private Resource Utilization memo – discussion

Action Item: CALFIRE AND CWCG on next agenda

Medivac Ship Needs – discussion about moving into the 2009 fire season with lessons learned from 2008 summer regarding providing reliable Medivac services.

CWCG Position: Every employee on the fire line has a right to a safe assignment. Part of that commitment is that our employees can expect to receive adequate medical aid via coordinated Emergency Medical Response capability and procedures.

Action Item: Husari will prepare a draft for the next meeting as a possible position paper to each agency to be directed to all line officers and to each GACC.

COMPLETED

Financial Support of IC's – agreed there is an identified need.

Sideboards:

For common needs of the team – VHF radio, IT, etc. Not for clothing or promotional materials. Accountability will be the responsibility of the agency providing the funds. Commitment to provide \$2000 per year per team.

1. NPS – Molhoek, Beckman
2. BLM – A. Johnson, Dietrich, Woychak
3. USFS – Pincha-Tulley, McGowan, Smith
4. BIA –Swartzlander, Joseph
5. USFW –Opliger, Molumby

Who is supporting Fiorella?

Incident Priority Setting Process – J Millar

Pat Obannon (CAL EMA) led a No Ops review of the FIRESCOPE priority setting package. NOPS worked with SOPS and the FIRESCOPE Op group for consensus on the new product. The old priority setting system lacked flexibility to discern specifics among large numbers of fires and was oriented to infrastructure.

New criteria add increased emphasis and depth on values at risk *e.g.*, life/safety; infrastructure; natural resources and incident complexity.

Working from the previous system, and adding complexity ranking factors within the 4 main criteria, a ranking system was developed which provides additional analysis for incident priority setting. Validation studies were based on a number of fires from previous years (NOPS/SOPS). We would implement for the 2009 fire season once approved. Changes would be made on the website, but no reprint of the mob guide would occur. . **COMPLETED by FIRESCOPE**

Overall Action Item: follow up conference call to discuss some of the items with Cal Fire and our contract county rep

Outcomes: Action Item Table is Needed as a Tracking System.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 14