

# Southwest Coordinating Group Meeting November 18, 2009 – Conference Call

*Approved January 11, 2010*

## UPCOMING SWCG DATES:

January 11 <sup>th</sup>	1000 – FS RO Mac Room
February	Team Meeting

## November 18, 2009

**Attendance:** *SWCG Members* – Leon Ben, Kenan Jaycox, Steve Webb, Brent Woffinden, Loren DeRosear, Dave Bott, Don Kearney, Jennifer Myslivy, Bill VanBruggen, Steve Shaw, Darren Mathis, Scott Hunt, Ron Melcher  
*Recording-* Nancy Moore

## PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES AND ACTION ITEM REVIEW

Previous meeting notes reviewed, edited and approved. Action Items updated and carried over at the end of these notes.

## Agenda

**Info & Prevention Committee** – Jennifer – Prevention Committee has monthly calls, has their mission statement, but need clarification of what the SWCG really wants from the group. Does the prevention committee need to be split again? Not many Information folks participate on the calls. Jennifer had some ideas that the committee is working on, she will capture these ideas, and discuss with Cal Pino (SWCG rep). Their charter and mission statement may need revised. Cal will discuss this at the January meeting.

**NPS – Texas Cooperative Agreement** – Brent/Loren. Trying to get Texas State coordination group active. They have been operating on an MOU, which does not involve transfer of funds. An agreement exists for USFS, R-8 and Texas FS, but no other agencies. They are working on a Master Agreement with FWS, NPS, FS, and the State of Texas, so operating plans can be developed. This will also include lands in West Texas west of the 100<sup>th</sup> Meridian (SW Area). Most dispatch items were related to the Southern Area rather than the Southwest Area, and were resolved on a conference call last week. Dispatching needs will be discussed after the master agreement is signed. Brent will give another update in January. A Task Group was formed to do a needs analysis.

**ABQ Mob Center** – Kenan/Bill VB. The MOB Center moved from the old facility to the BIA facility at Double Eagle Airport. One of the reasons for moving was the City of Albuquerque wanted to use the facility for different businesses. The 2010 draft of operating plan has been started, security/aviation plan has been submitted for approval. The agreement has not been signed between FS and BIA. The MOB Center was supposed to be operational by Oct 1, but there is now some confusion as to what agency will cover what costs. BIA is asking for \$25,000 dollars for using this space. At this time, we do not have a MOB center until this agreement is signed. The City of ABQ has since stated the Mob Center could move back to the original space if needed. Leon will make a call to the National Office and find out what's going on. Next meeting will discuss this item with updated cost information. SWCG – do we need a mob center, and who is going to contribute what?

**AZ Aviation Dispatch Task Group** - Kenan – Had a successful meeting last week in Show Low. Charter was created, and approved by Kelly Castillo and Donald Griego to move forth with the task

group. Kenan discussed the options and recommendations developed by the task group and were e-mailed to the SWCG yesterday for review. Some of the issues were holdovers from Solano, and some were new items of interest. The SWCG will review and discuss at the January meeting. Final decisions need to be made in January as some of the recommendations will affect the MOB Guide. A new charter will need to be created to cover some of these items.

**Nat'l Predictive Services Group** - Chuck Maxwell will be sending a letter on SWCG letterhead stating the SWCG supports the Joint Fire Sciences Project study. Leon will sign for Donald Griego.

**CISM Training** – 1<sup>st</sup> week of February – 39 participants have committed to this training. Broad spectrum of people from FMO's to Hotshots to dispatchers, to helicopters crewmembers.

**Wildfire/resource benefit fires** – are we prepared to go into a MAC group with the new policies? Need to discuss at length. Add to January agenda.

**MOB Guide Updates** – trying to get the electronic copy so updates can be made as needed. The SA will be changing the format to mirror the “Red Book.” This is being done nationally as well.

**Additional Items for NMAC/GMAC** – need to get to Kim Christianson ASAP.

- Overlapping GACC's within a State (TX)
- Overlapping Zones (dispatch centers) within a GACC
- Intelligence Break-outs (209's)

**Taos Zone Update** – Griego – deadline for getting information back to Don was extended to Nov 30<sup>th</sup>. Current Center Manager for Taos is on detail to SWCC. Will discuss in January.

**SWCG Meeting Schedule**

- January 11<sup>th</sup> – 1000 – Albuquerque FS RO MAC Room
- Additional dates will be set at the January meeting.

**SWCG Action Items**

Topic	Action needed	Responsibility	Date
SWCG Committee Liaisons and Chairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check SWCC website to see if charters, chair names, essential documents, and member lists are up to date. If not, contact Jay Ellington and update!</li> </ul>	All SWCG Members	Ongoing

Zone Boards	<p>SWCG Zone reps: <b>León-CWZ, Jeff-SNZ, Jason-NAZ, Don-PEZ, Donald-TAZ, Kelly-SEZ, Loren-ABZ, Scott-WMZ, Bill-GLZ, Cal- alternate</b> as needed. Talking points bullets available on SWCG secure website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annually, each SWCG rep should attend Zone Mtgs if possible.</li> <li>ABZ, WMZ, SEZ and CWZ reps need to get their zone charters to Kenan for posting.</li> </ul>	<p>SWCG liaisons</p> <p>all</p> <p>Loren, Dave, Kelly, Leon</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Operations Group (Kearney, Griego)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow up with Caches on Aquatic Invasive Species-cleaning agents. (Temps)</li> <li>Each agency will explore its own process for AIS</li> </ul>	<p>Bott</p> <p>SWCG Members</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Training Committee (VanBruggen)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training Committee and GATR need to prepare for coordinating updated WFDSS workshops.</li> <li>Fire Policy Group – still trying to get together</li> </ul>	<p>Womack, Luevano</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
Aviation Committee (Castillo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop accelerated aviation position development in relation to SW aviation needs, IMT shortages, and zone position needs analysis. (w. Trng./Ops committees)</li> <li>Continue follow-up on UAV business with Rudy Holm, DHS.</li> <li>Discuss capabilities and reliability of Air Ambulance services in the SW. There continues to be additional fatalities across the country; is there anything we can do to ensure that the services our FFs are using are safe? Recommendation to SWCG/Zones?</li> </ul>	<p>Mathis</p> <p>Mathis</p> <p>Mathis</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Interagency recruitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dispatch Committee to develop interagency recruitment for Mob center</li> <li>IBA Committee to develop interagency recruitment notice for Buying Team</li> </ul>	<p>Kenan</p> <p>Transition with Gilbert Romero</p>	<p>Jan 10</p> <p>Jan 10</p>
Solano	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Address Solano Action items as needed</li> </ul>	<p>Group</p>	<p>On going</p>
PLIC Funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agencies should start process for 2010 payment.</li> </ul>	<p>Group</p>	<p>Fall 2009</p>
CISM Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a SWA team for 2010</li> </ul>	<p>SWCG members</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

<b>NEW ACTION ITEMS</b>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FUTA Committee – work with Jay to get removed.</li> </ul>	Griego	
Aviation Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bring in Darrin Mathis to next meeting for updates/Solano items</li> </ul>	Castillo	Jan 2010
2010 IMT Brief	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add Medical Standards</li> </ul>	Jaycox	Jan 2010
Update PLIC (formalize)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IBA committee to formalize and make exchange of monies easier</li> </ul>	IBA Committee / Griego	Jan 2010
IBA Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What agency pays for what? Report at next meeting.</li> </ul>		Jan 2010
Predictive Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting Oct 30<sup>th</sup> – WFDSS needs, integration with smoke mgmt</li> </ul>	Loren/Kenan	Jan 2010
IBM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How can we collect tuition for training?</li> </ul>	Scott Hunt	Jan 2010
Aviation Task Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SWCG to discuss recommendation at January meeting</li> <li>Task group to evaluate dispatch center boundaries.</li> </ul>	Castillo & Co. Castillo & Co.	Jan 2010 Mar 2010
NMICG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request for proposals out – received 2-3 bids. Will convene next week at RO and award contract.</li> </ul>		
<b>Agenda Items for Next Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prevention/Info Committee Update</li> <li>Abq MOB Center Update</li> <li>NPS-TX Agreement Update</li> <li>AZ Aviation Task Group Update (at least 1 hour)</li> <li>Wildfire/Managed Fires/GMAC Group discussion</li> <li>Taos Zone Update</li> <li>Aquatics</li> <li>Training Task Group</li> <li>IBM</li> <li>Zone Committee/Agency Updates</li> <li>Scheduling future SWCG Meetings</li> </ul>		