

# Southwest Coordinating Group Conference Call November 18, 2010

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## UPCOMING SWCG DATES

January 12, 2011	0800 MST	SWCG - Albuquerque
February 28, 2011	1200 MST	SWCG - Prescott
April 12-13, 2011	0800 MST	SWCG - Phoenix
May 17-18, 2011	0800 MDT	SWCG - Albuquerque
August 11, 2011		Leon will assess the need
September 11-12, 2011	1300 MST	SWCG/IC AAR - Springerville

**Attendance:** SWCG Members - Leon Ben, Chair, Kenan Jaycox, Dale Glenmore, Brent Woffinden, Donald Griego, Don Kearney, Dave Bott, Loren DeRosear, Kelly Castillo, Cal Pino, Neil Hitchcock

*Recording-* Nancy Moore

## PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES AND ACTION ITEM REVIEW

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

**Medical Unit Standards Subgroup:** SWCG is moving forward with the creation of the subgroup to address issues that came up this past season as well as implement strategies in dealing with the new NWCG minimum medical standards at incidents. Chris Hill, Tom Gavin, Bequi Livingston are the only names submitted to Leon at this time. **Please forward any more names by December 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**Communications Committee:** SWCG is moving forward with the creation of the committee to address issues that came up this past season as well as any new issues related to informational needs of the IDIP project. Membership so far is: Scott Harness, BLM NM, Chris Romo, NM State, Curtis Steinman, SNF, Dave Dukart, NPS, Dale Brown, AZ State, Darrell Long, BIA, Ed Harales, FWS

**SW Prevention Team Update** – Jennifer Myslivy/Fred Hernandez. Jennifer e-mailed white paper and the draft handbook as well as the notes from the meeting in AZ. Nat'l Prevention Teams are being received well, and would like to see some training. Jim Payne will talk with Tony Sciacca about adding to the AZ Wildfire Academy. Would also like to see training in NM. Future trainings should be coordinated with the training committee. Two concerns – impact to IMT Teams and cost. There will be no impact to the teams. Costs will come from severity, and sharing with other agencies. 2011 meeting will be Nov 1-3 in Albuquerque. SWCG supports the ongoing efforts of the committee to form a SW Team in the near future.

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**NEIS Agreement** – Ginger Brudevold-Black. Talked with FS Grants/Agreements person. We will be able to use the Nat'l Agreement for now, but long-term, we will need an agreement with each agency that has a SWCC employee. Kenan found an East Basin agreement that covers salary, space, all costs of coordination center (copy machine, fax machine), computers, etc. We will need to do a percentage by agency. Ginger is working on this now, and will give us an update at the next meeting. This agreement can cover several agencies with one signatory page. BIA (Frank Bedonie) already has an agreement in place. State of NM and AZ don't technically have employees at SWCC, so they are not going to be included in the agreement. Ginger is still exploring what the percentages will be (NWCG or other). This goes beyond personnel and into annual operating costs. The low side of the operating costs will be about \$7,500 per year. There has not been a definite date as of yet. SWCG discussed the possibilities of including the in-kind contributions or not. Is percentage based on workload support? Kenan will find out how other geographic areas are handling it and get back to SWCG in January.

**Interagency Dispatch Improvement Plan (IDIP) Update** – Kelly Castillo. Nothing new to report. Oversight Committee membership has not been fully formed. Dispatch Center Managers were tasked with sending to Kenan their problems/issues. A few have been sent in, but still waiting on more.

**ACTION:** Kelly will give an update at the next meeting.

**Interagency Agreement Updates** – Brent Woffinden. Ultimately, the new language does not allow for the USFS to be the middle-man for payment and billing when states assist other agencies. This is an issue for everyone. This needs to be presented through NWCG. Until some decision is made, will operate under the old master agreement. This also precludes getting support from the cache system. This has been elevated to the NMAC Chair, Lyle Carlile.

**Incident Management Team Analysis Update** – Leaverton. Jeff Whitney's NIMO team has been tasked with this analysis, as well as a 10-year historical analysis on team usage. Data will be provided back to the SWCG by next spring. If anyone has suggestions, please send them to Bob Leaverton.

**SWCG Ledger** – Bob Leaverton asked about updating the SWCG Ledger referencing what agency pays for what. He will update this over the winter and will present to SWCG. Speaking of costs, Kenan would like to get the Mob Guide printed earlier this year. BLM AZ will pay as the funding never got transferred from last year. Jeff Brown is working with the Service Center to make sure this gets finalized this year.

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NMAC Update - Neil Hitchcock. Neil will not be retiring until the end of March. NMAC/GMAC agenda will be out soon. Briefing on cohesive strategy, have varying degrees of understanding. Discussion on potential workforce. INT Succession effort will be discussed. WFDSS will be briefed as well as the implementation of the fire policy. IBM Update on the second day - trying to address some of the all hazard requirements (oil-spill response). Want to broaden the Incident Mgmt Handbook. This will be followed by a discussion on improved performance. IDIP will be discussed at this meeting, also. There is no signed charter which is raising concerns and causing some of the slowness at the Nat'l level. Wildland Fire Institute Briefing, Risk Management Group, Radio Frequency Pilot, Int'l Support are some of the other topics. Budget concerns are the talk of every agency nationwide. IMT Succession Issue - additional discussion - enterprise team hired to get feedback from proposal, discussions, etc. Summarization due date is around May 1<sup>st</sup>, with a decision at the meeting in June.

Topic	Action needed	Responsibility	Date
<b>SWCG Committee Liaisons and Chairs</b>	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!	All SWCG Members	Ongoing
<b>Zone Boards</b>	SWCG Zone reps: <b>León-CWZ, Brett-SNZ, Valdez Neha, BIA AZ, Don-PEZ, Donald-TAZ, Kelly-SEZ, Loren-ABZ, Behrens-WMZ, Bill VB-GLZ, Cal-alternate</b> as needed. Talking points bullets available on SWCG secure website. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annually, each SWCG rep should attend Zone Meetings if possible.</li> <li>• ABZ, WMZ, SEZ and CWZ reps need to get their zone charters to Kenan for posting.</li> <li>• Work with each zone on Smoke collaboration</li> </ul>	SWCG liaisons  All  Loren, Dave, Kelly, Leon  SWCG liaisons	Ongoing  Ongoing  Ongoing  Ongoing

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<b>Radio Capability</b>	NMICG and AICG will develop an MOU for frequency sharing for each State  Do a cast up of radio capability/issues from the dispatch centers (digital vs analog)	Future Communications Committee  Future Communications Committee	Feb 2011  Feb 2011
<b>S-590</b>	Nominations for S-590 candidates need to be collected, prioritized, and submitted.	GATR/Leon Ben	Apr 2011
<b>GIS Subcommittees</b>	Provide direction for formation of GIS groups underneath AICG and NMICG	VanBruggen to follow up with H.Riggs	Jan 2011
<b>Border Protocol</b>	Forming task groups at this time. Send Dave Bott any protocol updates to be posted on the web.	Bott/Kemp	Jan 2011
<b>Agenda Items for Next Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NIMO Training Recommendations</li> <li>• Update on SWCC Interagency NEIS Agreement</li> <li>• Cost Share by Agency (What is your National Office doing?)</li> <li>• Other GACC Cost Share Agreements</li> <li>• IDIP Update</li> <li>• Medical Unit Leader Update</li> <li>• SWCG hosting Team Meeting same place each year.</li> </ul>	Villard  VanBruggen  All  Jaycox  Castillo Ben Ben/Business Group	<b>Jan 2011</b>