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To: California Field Managers and Regional/Field Office Fire Personnel
From: State Fire Management Officer
Subject: Pre-Season Fire and Aviation Meeting, 2006

Attached you will find the agenda for our **Pre-Season Fire and Aviation meeting to be held on April 4, 5, and 6th at the Vagabond Inn in Sacramento, California.** Also attached you will find the hotel information with reservation details to assist you in making your arrangements.

Our meeting will begin promptly at 1300 on 4-4-06, and run through around 1200 on 4-6-06, so please make your travel plans accordingly. My hope is that all the Regional and Field Office Managers and Fire Personnel will be able to attend and that we will have a productive three days.

Your pre-meeting preparation is appreciated. Please contact Paul Bannister if you have any questions at paul_bannister@ca.blm.gov or (916) 978-4437.

Line officers are especially encouraged to attend on the afternoon of April 4, 2006.

Signed by:
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State Fire Management Officer

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Attachments:

1. Vagabond Hotel Reservation Information (1 pp)
2. Draft Agenda (3 pp)

A block of rooms have been reserved at the same location that the conference will be held at.

Vagabond Inn
2030 Arden Way
Sacramento, CA 95825

Reservation Instructions – **IMPORTANT** – please follow instructions

Call: 800-522-1555
Reference: “FA Group” (very important)
Deadline: March 28, 2006

After 3/28/06 all unreserved rooms will be released back to the hotel and will no longer be locked to the Fire and Aviation Conference.

Cancellations must be made 24 hours prior to the first night of the reservation.

Please email Pamela Graham at pgraham@ca.blm.gov, or call her at 916-978-4432 when you make your plans to that the State Office can create and keep accurate records.

The conference will be held in the “Governor’s Meeting Room” with the possibility of break-outs into the “State” and “Ambassador”

Step-by-Step Instructions

- a. Make your flight reservations so that you know if you will need to arrive the day before of the conference and if you will be leaving the last day of the conference or the day after
- b. Call 800-522-1555, reference the “FA Group”
- c. Call or email Pamela Graham

California Pre-Season Fire Meeting

April 4-6, 2006

Sacramento, California

AGENDA

Tuesday - April 4, 2006:

- 1300 - Introductions: Ed Wehking - SFMO (Introduce New Staff)
Karen Barnette - DSD, Support Services
- 1310 - Ground Rules and Logistics: Deena Wilson (?), Facilitator
- 1320 - Welcome: Jim Abbott - CASO, Associate State Director
- 1345 – FPA Updates (James Newman)
- 1415 - *Break*
- 1430 - District/Regional Reports – 15 minutes each (Dist/Reg FMOs)
Report on staffing levels and vacancies
- 1515 - 2823/2824 FY-2006 – Federal Fuels Funding (Craig Barnes)
- Community Assistance Positions
- 1545 - *Break*
- 1600 - Mitigation/Education Update (Jane Arteaga)
- 2860 Rural Fire Assistance
- Emerging Issues
- 1615 - Readiness Review 2006: (Paul Bannister)
- Process, Solicit Participation
- Schedule and Teams: Target Dates
- Review Status of 2005 Readiness Review Action Items
- CA-BLM/IMT Participation
- 1630 - FY-2006/07/08 Budget outlook (Ed, Rob Nauert)

1700 - Adjourn _____

Wednesday - April 5, 2006:

- 0800 - Representative from , National Office of Fire and Aviation
- 0820 – Standard Fire Restrictions Plan (Debra Hein)
- 0845 - Fire Weather Forecasting – 2006 Update (Tom Rolinski, Steve Leach)
- 0915 - GIS, Mapping (Victoria Smith - DI)
- 0930 - Break
- 0945 – Fire Training (Paul Bannister)
- Red Card/Qualifications Committee Report
 - Apprenticeship Program
- 1015 - Equipment Update (Paul Bannister)
- Engine fleet - Current, next order changes
 - BLM Engine Academy – Colorado Train the Trainer trip
 - Self Contained Breathing Apparatus: Operations Plan Update
- 1045- Construction/Facilities update (Chris Parkan)
- 1100 – Break
- 1115 - Aviation - New Contracts - issues or concerns (Chris Parkan)
- 1145 – Lunch Break
- 1300 - GACC Updates - Zone Cache, (Les Matarazzi, Ed Duncan)
- Resource Ordering Support System (ROSS)-Implementation
- 1345 – Fire simulation presentation (USFS-TBA)
- 1500 - Break
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- 1645 - Adjourn*** _____

Thursday – April 6, 2006:

0800 - Fire Leadership Team - Spring Meeting - Update (Ed Wehking)
0830 – National Operations Committee Meeting - Update (Paul Bannister)
0830 - Severity Requests for 2006 – (Paul Bannister)
0845 - Cooperative Agreements - Operating Plans (AnnMarie Carlson)
- California Interagency Administrative Guide – CD (handout)
0900 - Break
OPEN
1145 - Schedule 2006 Post Season Fire Meeting
1200 - *Adjourn*