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To: CDD District Manager, All Field Managers
Attention: District/Regional Fire Management Officers

From: DSD, Support Services

Subject: Risk Assessment and Mitigation Strategies Workshops

The Risk Assessment and Mitigation Strategies Workshops will be held as follows:

First Workshop – Intended for Central Cal Field Offices & CDD Field Offices

Date/Time: Monday, March 10, 2003 at 1300 - thru March 14, 2003 at 1200
Location: Computer training room, Bakersfield Field Office.

Second workshop: Intended for the Nor Cal Field Offices and can also be utilized as a make up session for any field offices that were unable to attend the first workshop.

Date/Time: Monday, March 31, 2003 at 1300 hours – thru April 4, 2003 at 1200 hours
Location: Computer training room, California State Office

The workshop objectives are to:

1. Update plans for the mitigation/education program (2810);
2. Update fuels plans, which will include out year fuels treatment workload projections and budget estimates (2823); and
3. Incorporate and plan community assistance (2824) programs. The results of this planning will be a required submission prior to the next annual work plan cycle.

Each FMO should meet with each Field Manager and their staffs, prior to the workshop, to develop and review the fuels and prescribed fire workloads as they relate to the Land Use and Phase One Fire Management Plans. FMOs are to ensure that the field office leads for fire prevention; fire planning and fuels attend this workshop. It is recommended that the FMO's team also consist of a resource representative and management representative, who can speak for the interests of their respective field office as Risk Assessment and Mitigation Strategies are developed.

RAMS is a software program that includes an assessment, a fuels model, a prevention model and a community assistance model. Common to all four is a list of compartments. Compartments are portions of the field office area that will be analyzed in RAMS. Each compartment must reside entirely within one Representative Location (RL) used for fire planning. RLs should be identical to compartments identified in the Field Office Phase 1 Fire Plan. Consequently Phase One compartments, and compartments in RAMS should be identical.

Because you will be required to rate risks, hazards, and values, for each compartment, it is important that you bring any supporting documents that will help you make these ratings. You will also need to list resource management objectives for each compartment.

The results of the assessment will then be used to help you develop your fuels, community assistance and prevention/mitigation programs.

In addition, you will need to bring the following documents:

Fuels and community assistance:

1. A list of planned and/or proposed fuels projects, with planned acres and associated costs.
2. Your RAMS analysis that was completed in March of 2001. Think about alternative treatment strategies that might also work to meet the same management objectives.
3. A list of communities at risk within your area of responsibility. This should be both the Federal Register list and your own list if different from those listed in the Federal Register.

Prevention: 2001RAMS analysis, this should provide you with compartments that coincide with Phase One Fire Plan compartments. If you have previous PWA2, or any other prevention planning, please bring it.

Planning: Phase One Fire Planning and FMZ/RL Maps.

Computer Equipment:

Each field office will need to bring a Pentium-class laptop computer with at least 32 MB RAM (64 MB recommended), and 50 MB available hard drive space if they elect not to use the computers that are in the computer rooms. Each field office will need to download the PCHA and IIAA databases (PCHA0100.MDB and IIAA0000.MDB) into their laptops. The District/Regional FMO will be your source for obtaining these databases.

If you intend to use the computer workstations available at the Bakersfield Field Office in lieu of a laptop, please advise Tony Sarzotti at (661) 391-6096. If you have any questions regarding the workstations, please contact Maria Soto at (661) 391-6023.

Questions for fuels may be directed to Jim Francis at (916) 978-4433. Questions for prevention/mitigation should be directed to Donna Hummel at (916) 978-4436, and for fire planning questions, please contact Art Porter at (530) 252-5326.

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