



**April 15, 2020 @ 0930
GOTOMEETING**

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| ✓ Bureau of Land Management | Nevada State Fire Marshal | US Forest Service - HTF |
| ✓ Cal Fire - AEU | ✓ North Lake Tahoe Fire | ✓ US Forest Service - LTBMU |
| ✓ Cal Fire - NEU | North Lyon County Fire | Antelope Valley Fire |
| ✓ Carson City Fire | ✓ Northstar Fire | ✓ Bear Valley Fire |
| Central Lyon County Fire | ✓ Reno Fire | Cal OES |
| ✓ East Fork Fire | ✓ South Lake Tahoe Fire | Care Flight |
| Eastern Alpine Co. Fire | ✓ Sparks Fire | Kirkwood Fire |
| ✓ Fallen Leaf Fire | ✓ Squaw Valley Fire | ✓ El Dorado Co. Sheriff's Office |
| ✓ Lake Valley Fire | ✓ Storey County Fire | ✓ Fire Adapted Communities |
| ✓ Meeks Bay/North Tahoe Fire | ✓ Tahoe Douglas Fire | ✓ Living With Fire |
| ✓ Nevada Dept. of Public Safety | ✓ Truckee Fire | ✓ National Weather Service |
| Nevada Division of Forestry | ✓ Truckee Meadows Fire | |

1. Call to order & Flag Salute

Chief Schwartz called the meeting to order at 9:33am, and the flag salute was led by Allen Riley

2. Introductions/Roll Call & Agency Updates

Refer to list of attendees on the last page.

- BLM - on-boarding will go into full coverage May 11, tanker base full coverage on June 11;
- Cal Fire AEU - Level 2 staffing, McClellan tanker base next week;
- Cal Fire NEU - level 2 staffing, limiting burn hours due to COVID-19, Stn 55 targeted June 1 or as early as May 15, depending on weather;
- Cal OES - nothing to report;
- Carson City - hand crew interviews middle of May, fuel reduction treatments have started;
- Central Lyon - nothing to report;
- East Fork - nothing to report (Sierra Front Team report below);
- Fallen Leaf - staffing up around May 15;
- Lake Valley - VHRs appear to be full, but the Sheriff's office is not responding;
- Meeks Bay/North Tahoe - daily changes due to COVID, call volume down, medicals are primary, on-boarding three lateral firefighters, continuity plan, draw-down plan, fully staffed, building inspections have begun again with safety protocols in place;
- NDPS - need to be pro-active in ordering PPE;
- North Lake Tahoe - seasonal firefighters pack test first week of next month;
- Northstar - everything is shut down, no inspections at this time;
- Reno - managing numbers, EOC is staffed for region, IROC manager said RT130 may be waived this year and work capacity test may be extended, city offices are closed so admin should be contacted by cell;
- South Lake Tahoe - re-opened fire station #2, daily staffing is three persons and a BC, will have nine probationary firefighter/paramedics, Clive Savacool will be starting on Monday as the new Chief;
- Sparks - mini academy finished last week, no personnel on quarantine;
- Squaw Valley - promotion testing set for next month, Olympic Valley is now recognized as



a Fire Wise Community;

- Storey County - no COVID cases in the county, hiring a BC and seasonal firefighters beginning in May;
- Tahoe Douglas - call volume down due to casinos closed, boat is up and running, one engineer has tested positive but is doing well;
- Truckee - budgeting for 2020/21 has taken on a new twist;
- Truckee Meadows - have had a few small brush fires, hiring a fuels chief, running academy at Carson, reviewing training plans, starting to make budget adjustments;
- USFS-HTF - went into fire restrictions yesterday;
- USFS-LTBMU - staff is still tele-working, crews are available for fire responses, recreation closures through April 30th and will then review - will forward the closure orders to Shawn Crawford for dissemination;
- Bear Valley - nothing to report;
- Living With Fire - nothing to report;
- NWS - all working from home, two forecasters on for each shift, showers and thunderstorms increasing over the next few days, snowpack numbers are still in the 70-80% range, no significant storms predicted for the next couple months but increasing temperatures beginning in June, we are in a moderate drought moving into fire season; and
- Reno Airport Authority - passengers decreased from 9000/day to 300/day, Jeff Tongate new fire chief.

3. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Scott Baker and seconded by Jeff Nevin to accept the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Gary Gerren and seconded by Allen Riley to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Next Meeting Date

May 21, 2020

Joint meeting with Sierra Front/Field Generals Meeting
East Fork Fire - Stn 12
3620 N. Sunridge Drive, Carson City, NV

Will wait a couple of weeks before making a final decision - possibly meeting at Fugi Park to maintain distancing.

Field Generals Meeting following joint meeting

6. Committee Reports

a. Finance (Baker)

- moving account to US Bank from Bank of the West, with a current balance of \$14,127.22



- b. Training
 - NV - Dirk Minore will assist with training committee
 - CA - Whisler - Truckee Fire is looking at regional wildland training, RT130 is using West Star, Target Solutions has rolled out their RT130 training
- c. State Fire Marshal
 - No report
- d. Fire Prevention
 - No Report
- e. Behavioral Health
 - Derek Reid - Northern Nevada Peer Support Network - looking to consolidate reputable links, held a remote meeting, Washoe County bridging gap for mental health resources, network up to 26 participating agencies, Thrive Wellness in Reno offering free services for first responders (not vetted), can assist with locating tele-medicine.
- f. PIO
 - No Report

7. Reports

- a. National Weather Service
Reported earlier
- b. Living With Fire
Carlie Murphy - NV wildfire awareness month theme “Wildfire Knows No Boundaries - Know Yours”, banner and poster printing is delayed, may be airing ads from previous years, will be utilizing digital billboards

Tahoe - scheduled for July, but still not set for in-person activities

8. Old Business

- a. Presentation By Carrie Thaler regarding the Draft MOU for Non-Fire Suppression Operations in the Lake Tahoe Basin and Along the Sierra Front

This will also be presented to TFFT, and Sierra Front by May 1st to give all interested parties an opportunity to review the documents and have it ready to sign in June. Appendix A will list all signatory agencies. This will be a way to work together and not compete for the same resources.

- b. Discussion of Federal, State and Local Fire Restrictions and Burn Bans
Scott Fraser - teams first rotation begins May 22, working on creating virtual briefings,



general team meeting prior to May 22. Ready to go now if needed.

Carrie Thaler - asked for thoughts from Basin Chiefs regarding steps for going into full fire restrictions. Due to COVID, do agencies need a break from the possibilities of wildland fires. Looking for a collaborative decision.

Brian Estes - Cal Fire has not altered their response due to COVID-19, decisions will be made based on fire and fuel weather;

Tim Bottomley - have not modified any of their responses;

Mike Schwartz - local restrictions are tied to the federal and state restrictions;

Jonathan Palma - restrictions were sent out for NDF and USFS, BLM allowing campfires/smoking if clearances are met;

Ryan Sommers - working with both forests does make it difficult to coordinate what is happening. Streamlining it would make sense;

Scott Baker - would appreciate a consistent/unified message; and

Bruce Martin - always have burning restrictions in the city limits.

9. New Business

- a. Presentation: Differentiate between calling Cal OES (XTB) and Washoe Dispatch; need to know which agreement to order under and what the needs are (Sommers)

Ryan Sommers - Still moving forward with switching to Grass Valley Dispatch. Does not believe LTRFCA will be able to continue to contact Washoe County following the move. Contacting the XTB coordinator(s) directly seems to be the most efficient.

Usually LTRFCA requests are all risk, initial attack, agreeing to first 24-hour immediate need response. This is done in an effort to be as expedient as possible.

All agencies need to make sure their contacts are up-to-date on Google Sheets.

10. Good of the Order

- a. AEU - Placer County Agencies have placed a burn ban, but AEU is not taking an official stand, it does not effect prescribed fire operations;
- b. Leighton - LTRFCA coordinators looking at whether to contact Grass Valley who will contact the coordinator, or contacting the operations coordinator. Grass Valley should not be contacted until a strike team is together and then have Grass Valley make requests from ROSS/IROC;
- c. Martin - will forward webinar information to be sent out.



11. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Please send agenda items to Mike Schwartz and Shawn Crawford at least one week prior to the meeting date.

12. Adjournment

It was moved by Allen Riley to adjourn the meeting at 11:43am.

Attendees:

Bear Valley Fire: Tim Bottomley

Cal Fire - AEU: Scott Lindgren, Mike Deacon

Cal Fire - NEU: Brian Estes

Carson City Fire: Dave Ruben

East Fork Fire: Scott Fraser

El Dorado Sheriff's Office: Greg Almos

Fire Adapted Communities: Carlie Murphy

Meeks Bay/North Tahoe Fire: Michael Schwartz, Steve Leighton, Steve McNamara, Shawn Crawford

National Weather Service: Alex Hoon

Nevada Dept. Of Public Safety: Lanita Magee

North Lake Tahoe Fire: Ryan Sommers

Northstar Fire: Sean Bailey

Reno Fire: Dirk Minore, Seth Williams, Robert Leighton

South Lake Tahoe Fire: Bruce Martin

Sparks Fire: Jim Kindness, Jim Reid

Squaw Valley Fire: Allen Riley

Storey County Fire: Jeff Nevin

Tahoe Douglas Fire: Scott Baker, Todd Moss

Truckee Fire: Bill Seline

Truckee Meadows Fire: Alex Kukulus

UNR/Living With Fire: Jamie Roice-Gomes

US Forest Service - LTBMU: Carrie Thaler