



To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority
From: Bruce Martin, CBRNE Project Manager
Date: November 13, 2014
Re: Item #7: King Fire and Incident Management Teams

Staff Recommendation:

None.

Action or Discussion Items:

Discussion/possible action. This item provides the Approval Authority information on the use of the mutual aid system to the King Fire in El Dorado County last month. This fire response, typical of summertime forest fire resource use, can inform aspects of regional planning efforts, and has a nexus to the Bay Area Incident Management Team report from last year.

Discussion:

Background

The King Fire began September 13, 2014, at about 4:30 pm, outside of Pollock Pines off US Highway 50. It rapidly spread over the next week, ultimately consuming 97,717 acres of forested land and destroying 12 structures and 68 minor structures (outbuildings) in El Dorado and Placer Counties.

Observations on Mutual Aid System Use

Historically within the California Mutual Aid System, wildland and wildland interface fires provide the most frequent activation and use of the system, predominantly by agencies using the Fire and Rescue Branch of CalOES. There are reminders and lessons reinforced on any use of the system.

Type 3 and higher Incident Management Teams (IMTs) were used, as well as County EOC activation. Several aspects of this incident's management are analogous to potential Bay Area IMT use.