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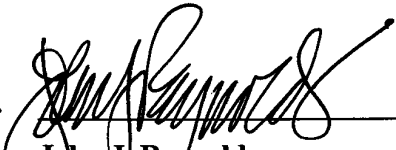
This Charter will remain in effect until it is modified by its members through a consensus process. Any member may terminate their involvement by notifying the other members of their intent to leave the Alliance.

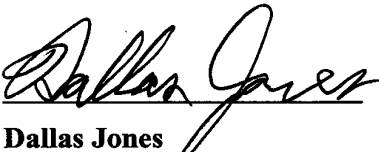
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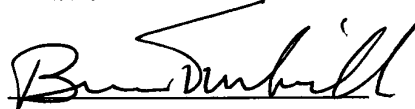

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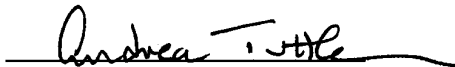
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California Fire Alliance
 July 20th, 2001



California Fire Alliance

Charter

Formally known as the Alliance for a Fire-Safe California, this body will be officially designated and recognized as the "California Fire Alliance." This charter addresses the roles and responsibilities of the "Alliance" as they relate to the implementation of wildland fire protection planning efforts in California.

Mission

The Alliance is a cooperative membership dedicated to the support of pre-fire principles and activities ensuring that pre-fire management provides for public and community safety, minimizes costs and losses, and maintains and improves the quality of the environment. The alliance constitutes an interagency forum for coordinating member agencies' efforts in an integrated fashion.

Goals and Strategies

The Alliance, through its members, will work with communities at risk from wildfires to develop community based planning leadership and facilitate the development of community fire loss mitigation plans, which transcends jurisdiction or ownership boundaries.

This will be accomplished through the following strategies:

- Encourage the interaction of member field staff with community stakeholders.
- Facilitate community outreach activities.
- Promote the use of agency planning resources and tools as they are available.
- Assist communities in accessing appropriate planning data and resources.

The Alliance, through its members, will assist communities in the development of fire loss mitigation projects that will reduce the threat of wildfire losses on public and private lands.

This will be accomplished through the following strategies:

Goals and Strategies (Cont)

- Facilitate community interaction with subject matter experts
 - Promote the use of member planning resources and tools as they are available
 - Assist communities in accessing appropriate project planning data and resources
 - Provide on-site expertise and oversight during project implementation
- The Alliance, through it members, will develop a universal information and education outreach plan to increase awareness of wildland fire protection program opportunities that are available to communities at risk.
- The Alliance, through it members, will work in a collaborative fashion to develop, modify and maintain a comprehensive list of communities at risk.

Membership

Agencies will be considered for membership based on their commitment, contribution and effort to actively support the Mission, Goals and Strategies of the California Fire Alliance.

The Alliance will consist of the following members:

Bureau of Indian Affairs

US Fish and Wildlife Service California Fire Safe Council

US Forest Service Bureau of Land Management

National Park Service Governor’s Office of Emergency Services

LA County Fire Department

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

“Commitment, Contribution and Effort will make us successful.”

Organization and Operations

The Alliance consists of two levels of organization. The **Leadership Group** is comprised of the Directors, or Agency Administrators from participating agencies and groups. The **Staff Team** includes primary staff from those participating agencies. The Staff Team develops recommendations for coordinating programs and other business matters for approval by the Leadership Group. They are also responsible for carrying out the decisions of the Leadership Group.

The Leadership Group and Staff Team will each have a Chair who will be selected by the members for a term not to exceed one year.

Organization and Operations (Cont.)

- The Chair of the Leadership Group will be selected at the first meeting each calendar year and will rotate among the members every year. The primary duties of the Leadership Group Chair will be to conduct meetings and assure the Staff Team is proceeding as directed.
- The members in attendance at the first meeting of each calendar year will choose the Chair of the Staff Team. Duties of the Staff Team Chair will include scheduling and organizing meetings of the Leadership. Group and Staff Team, maintaining and distributing a record of all meetings, and assuring that the Staff Team is accomplishing the work directed by the Leadership Group.

Support

Member agencies will support the Alliances activities with staff and associated minor costs for holding meetings, keeping notes and similar activities.

Authorities

The Alliance will have no discrete funds or authorities. It will regularly and openly share information so that members can make decisions about their respective programs and projects in ways that provide coordination and integration with activities of other members. The Alliance will not oversee or have any authority over the programs and projects of any member.

Meetings

The Leadership Group will meet quarterly to discuss progress on implementation of pre-fire projects that are facilitated through opportunities such as the California Fire Plan and the National Fire Plan. The Leadership Group may meet more frequently, at their discretion, as the need for coordination or other matters may dictate. The Chair will determine the locations for the meetings after seeking advice from the Leadership Group.

The Staff Team will meet as frequently as it deems necessary to complete the work assignments of the Leadership Group. The Staff Team Chair will determine locations for meetings.