

## MEETING NOTES

### **JOINT MEETING of the California Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (CALSIIEC) And the Public Safety Radio Strategic Planning Executive Committee (PSRSPC)**

**May 8, 2007**

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Executive Session | 12:00 – 3:00 Working Groups

*Governor's Office of Emergency Services / 3650 Schriever Ave. Mather, CA 95655*

- *Next CALSIIEC Meeting:* Tuesday, July 10, 10am -3:00 pm, in Sacramento.
- *Next PSRSPC Meeting:* July 11, 1:30-3:30 pm, in Sacramento (originally scheduled for June)
- *Next Joint Meeting of CALSIIEC & PSRSPC:* to be determined

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Change language that codifies CALSIIEC in government code.  
The CALSIIEC Governance Work Group will follow up with OES to change language in the bill that codifies CALSIIEC into government code. The task is to change the language to more adequately reflect the original charter of the group. Tribal nations need to be included in this effort and the revised language needs to be seen by all CALSIIEC members as well as organizations such as the Fire Chiefs. For more information contact Don Root or Meghan Massera.
2. Voted to support the CHP/Caltrans rescoped project.
3. Ensure tribal involvement at the meetings.
4. Make CALSIIEC and PSRSPC websites easier to navigate. The member lists need to be easier to view.
  - Consider putting updates on the PSRSPC and CALSIIEC websites.
5. PSRSPC Meetings- Consider during PSRSPC Executive Committee meetings to spend half an hour on coordinated cross communication (with CALSIIEC members) by videoconference.
6. CALSIIEC Executive Meetings
  - a. Include briefing /update from each State Agency (similar to way Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI)'s gave update).
  - b. Enhance state agency participation at the CALSIIEC Region Planning level:
    - There was a request for state agencies to build in an internal "rapid response" mechanism so input can be provided and meetings are more regularly attended.
    - Empower local representatives (as applicable) to contribute.
    - Consider publicizing CALSIIEC regional meetings to the PSRSPC members.
7. CALSIIEC Regional Meetings

- a. Effort needs to be made to figure out how to better incorporate more counties. Rural areas don't see value in attending (and this is a problem).
  - b. State needs to do more outreach, bring in counterparts such as EMS, Fire, etc.
  - c. Solidify regional dates to help ensure continued momentum.
  - d. Consider changing the way the member lists are done. List the agency and then the name so you can see where the 'holes' are more easily.
8. Robert Samaan will work with Brent Finster to ensure that OHS dollars can be used to go to trainings as identified in SCIP.

## **Meeting Summary**

### **1. Welcome & Call to Order**

Adam Sutkus, facilitator, Center for Collaborative Policy, California State University, Sacramento, opened the meeting and self-introductions were made. Mr. Sutkus welcomed those participating by phone and videoconference.

#### ***Executive Greetings***

PSRSPC: OES Deputy Director Frank McCarton gave some opening remarks and extended a welcome from Director Henry Renteria. The day's meeting represents years of local, state, tribal and federal governments working together toward the common goal of public safety interoperability. With this meeting a goal is reached --to have better collaboration between the two committees. One main focus for the day is the California Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP). At the start of the year OES began working to get a third party on board to help draft the CalSCIP. After many failed attempts at contracting through the State's rigid protocols, OES has gone to "Plan D" which was to go out with an RFP. Mr. McCarton asked for everyone's patience as far as getting the contractor. The hope is to start work with the contractor sometime in late June. Because the RFP is still open, participants need to refrain from discussing anything associated with the contractor's work with the CalSCIP and to stick to discussing only the desired contents of the CalSCIP itself.

He then went on to recognize Chief Reggie Chapelle of the California Highway Patrol who has been appointed by Commissioner Brown to serve as his liaison to the PSRSPC. He also went on to thank John Powell for his instrumental work in bringing the CALSIEC together for this important meeting. Mr. McCarton had to depart but invited newly appointed Chief Information Officer, Sue Plantz to proxy in his absence.

CALSIEC: Chair John Powell then gave his opening remarks. He talked about recent efforts including a recent meeting in Los Angeles. This meeting brought in all the states except two and a number of the trust territories. It was a very good opportunity to share information. The first day was with states in our region and the second day was with other states of similar size such as New York and Texas. He noted that South Dakota's interoperability communications plan "is really the ideal" and suggested that it would be helpful to circulate it.

A very good way to build a plan is to build on the best of other people's plans. In California there are many good TICPs and those will be incorporated into the State Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP). Note that in the meeting packet there is a one pager that is a vision of where California's SCIP will go (See Attachment 1).

Mr. Powell asked that everyone observe a minute of silence to honor two important members of the public safety community who were recently lost. Tim Hennessey, chair of Capitol-Bay CALSIEC Region, and Harry Endstrom, he ran communications in Alameda County.

### ***Announcements***

Robert Samaan, OHS, extended a special thank you to Pat Carriveau from the Interoperable Communications Technical Assistance Program (ICTAP) and Federal Homeland Security (DHS) for supporting California.

### ***Agenda Review and Ground Rules***

Mr. Sutkus explained that morning session would be focused at a high level for Executives and the afternoon would have a technical focus. He noted that participants would need to be mindful when discussing the SCIP as the related RFP is still out.

## **II. Statutory Requirements/ 2007 PSRSPC Legislative Report**

### ***Statutory Requirements***

Meghan Masera, OES, explained that this year there is only one bill relevant to the groups. It codifies the CALSIEC organization into government code.

Don Root commented that he thought the legislation should reflect the original charter of the Committee in truer way. The current language could indicate to the casual reader that the group was chartered by OES (in sub part b). In the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) charter there are some specific relationships noted, and this should be reflected. There are good examples of language for this from other States. After discussion many members agreed that they would like to craft some language to expand the legislation.

A suggestion was made to send a formal letter from CALSIEC to the Governor's office. A call with OES and the Legislative Author's office was already planned for the afternoon and a few participants volunteered to stay and participate to provide a 'heads up' on new language to come.

Further, the group decided that the CALSIEC Governance Work Group would officially take this task on. Tribal nations need to be included. The language needs to be seen by all CALSIEC members as well as organizations such as the Fire Chiefs. For more information contact Don Root or Meghan Massera.

### ***Annual Report***

Ms. Massera then gave an update on the Annual Report. There were some changes made to the report and she acknowledged that some have had concerns about the changes. She explained that the Governor's Office wanted to beef it up.

### ***Overview of the 2007 PSRSPC Legislative Report***

Holly Ziegler, OES, went over the 2007 Annual report and she also touched on the PSRSPC goals that overlap with CALSEIC goals.

To get the conversation started John Powell provided some context. The State Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) [pronounced "skip"] was originally due at the end of the year. Then the Federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS) adjusted the timeline. Guidelines for the SCIP were developed with a large amount of input from state and local organizations. There is a 160-point checklist and that is what all the SCIPs from the states and territories will be judged against. September 1 is when we need to have the draft turned in. This will be reviewed by staff

from ICTAP and then the finalized SCIP must be turned in by September 30. Mr. Powell emphasized that the work in front of the group was driven by a national schedule.

**NUMBERS VS. BULLETS HERE TO BE FIXED:**

The group then discussed the importance of having a formal process for collaborating on the draft together.

- Beyond the SCIP it was noted that people in Southern California can feel removed from policy makers in Sacramento.
  - In this vein it would be helpful to have regular updates on what is coming in the future – knowing that vision will always just be a snapshot.
  - Consider during PSRSPC Executive Committee meetings to spend half an hour on coordinated cross communication by video conference.
  - Consider putting updates on the PSRSPC and CALSIEC websites.
9. In the same way that Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI)’s give updates at each CALSIEC meeting. It would be helpful for CALSIEC members to hear a brief update from each State Agency.
  10. Part of the cross-communication effort could be on knowing who key people in various areas are. For example Bill DeCamp or Press Thompson.
  11. Create an easy to view list of all CALSIEC and PSRSPC work group members.
  12. It would be helpful if the websites were easier to navigate.

During this discussion a graphic was created on the wall where the boxes seen below were overlapping circles.

PSRSPC	CALSIEC & PSRSPC COLLABORATION	CALSIEC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post notices</li> <li>• Email list</li> <li>• Lists on work groups</li> <li>• Website url</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AB 1738 (Governance Group)</li> <li>• CalSCIP</li> <li>• ID Voice to Legislature</li> <li>• Joint Meetings</li> <li>• PSRSPC Mtg w Calsiec Coordination &amp; strategy updates</li> <li>• Current legislation on PSRSPC website</li> <li>• CalSIEC Mtgs with UASI &amp; State Agency updates</li> <li>• Promote local outreach contacts</li> <li>• TWG and CALSIEC connect – nexus</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calsiec Work Groups</li> <li>• Meeting Notices</li> <li>• Lists on workgroups</li> <li>• Website url</li> </ul>

**III. Pat Carriveau presentation ICTAP**

Pat Carriveau from ICTAP gave a PowerPoint presentation. Some highlights:

Past ICTAP assistance includes:

- Tactical Interoperable Communications Plans (TICP), Work Group Facilitation, Validation Exercise Planning, Engineering Assistance, Communications Assets Mapping Tool (CASM), Training Guidance.

Current activities include:

- Remote assistance with Statewide Plan activity, Initial review of completed plans/drafts, CASM implementation and training,

#### Overview of Public Safety Interoperable Grant Program:

- \$960 Million will be awarded to qualified states and territories
- Will be awarded no later than September 30, 2007
- Funding under the Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Grant Program is tied to the Statewide Plan
  - 5% of PSIC funding can be used to support the development of this Plan
  - Remainder of Funding is conditioned on the submittal and review of the Statewide Plan
  - All PSIC Investment Justifications must be in line with the Statewide Plan
- Robert Samaan noted that it is likely the money will have an 80/20 split. 80% will go to locals and 20% to State Agencies. He thinks California will do well with its allocation because it seems like the money will be allocated based on risk. The guess is that California will get somewhere between 100 and 200 million.
- All these estimates could change.
- Grant guidance should be announced around July 15
- A lot of the SCIP work will take place through the CALSIEC regions

#### Challenges:

- Accelerated Timeline (Draft due September 30, 2007; Final due November 1, 2007)
- ICTAP Funding Delays
- Lack of Existing Plan Examples

#### Future ICTAP assistance will probably:

- Coordinate with the identified planning work group to collect data, background information etc. required for Statewide Plan
- Help transpose data into Plan template
- Facilitate a workshop to review Plan draft
- Provide a final review before submission to help ensure SAFECOM and PSIC guidelines are met
- Remember that ICTAP assistance is free!

#### **IV. Update on Urban Area Strategic Initiative (UASI) Activities**

##### ORANGE COUNTY

- They have built out simulcast systems. The systems are up and running and are being used weekly.
- The “+” is that the quality is excellent;
- The “-” is that you need frequency or you can’t use it. But they are working hard to secure what they need.

##### SAN FRANCISCO

- They are bringing on a consultant to do a 5 year strategic plan.
- Finishing a digital microwave backbone.
- They want to connect to Sacramento and other regions.
- They are doing a series of meetings and planning sessions focused on a long-term plan to have the whole Bay Area become P25 compliant.

## SACRAMENTO

- They are working with a valley group, focusing on 800 MHz to develop an interoperability plan.
- Working with Solano & Placer Counties on compatibility of microwave systems.
- Communication Link effort focused on a car-to-car, car link patch. This had not been in use due to lack of training but they have reactivated training and starting to see use of it.
- Plan to add 3 radio sites and working with users to join.

## SAN DIEGO

- MOU was recently signed to merge the City of San Diego into the regional system and move towards P25 compliance.
- The County of Riverside has contracted for a new P25 compliant infrastructure.
- They hope and plan to tie the systems together.
- They would like to see the system extend into Orange County and other areas so they'd have the ability for itinerant users from Southern California.

## FRESNO

- Upgraded dispatch centers. They have VHF and UHF channels county wide including the CHP.
- Many dual band radios.
- This year they are focused on generator back up.

## LOS ANGELES

- They have an RFP out for infrastructure for the whole county.
- The Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) is their biggest thing now. They are building a single platform system. They have used UASI funds for it.
- They need and want to integrate into the SCIP.

The group decided to have some additional discussion on the LA-RICS program.

### LA-RICS Overview:

- Countywide system. Includes the 10 million plus people in the LA County Area. 88 cities, includes airport, ports, etc. Need \$600 million total.
- Politically it is a big undertaking as well as technically.
- They know it is important to stay connected with state agencies.
- They want open dialogue and frequent contact.
- Any state agency that wants to be linked into the system – your feedback is welcomed.

### Feedback:

- This provides an important SYSTEM OF SYSTEMS moment.
- This provides a good opportunity for the state to show how to tie together best.
- Encourage the PSRSPC System of Systems Workgroup (SOS) workgroup to work with the LA-RICS effort.
- This effort provides a reminder of the importance of State Agency representatives to participate at the CALSIEC Region Planning level. There is a major lack of state agency participation.
- In applications a number of UASI's were marked down because of a lack of state agency participation.
- Ensure there is tribal involvement at the meetings.

13. There was a request for state agencies to build in a “rapid response” mechanism at one’s agency so that input can be provided and meetings are more regularly attended.
  - a. Empower local representatives (as applicable) to contribute.
14. Consider publicizing CALSIEC regional meetings to the PSRSPC members.

## **V. Update on CALSIEC Regional Activities**

NORTHERN – Has been meeting regularly.

SOUTHERN – Has been meeting regularly.

CENTRAL – Stalled. Bob Sedita volunteered to lead the next meeting.

CAPITOL-BAY AREA – Need to get back on track.

Discussion/Comments:

- Effort needs to be made to figure out how to better incorporate more counties.
- Rural areas don’t see value in attending (and this is a problem).
- State needs to do more outreach, bring in counterparts such as EMS, Fire, etc.
- Solidify regional dates to help ensure continued momentum.
- Consider changing the way the member lists are done. List the agency and then the name so you can see where the ‘holes’ are more easily.

## **VI. Update on CHP & CALTRANS Project Development**

Reggie Chapelle, California Highway Patrol (CHP) provided an update on their efforts to implement a new radio system. The current ‘hiccup’ is the cost to upgrade remote sites as well as the cost to add tactical channels. They have spent the past 12 months working with DGS and have now rescoped the project. They would like a renewed commitment of support from the PSRSPC.

Mr. Chapelle explained that what led to the rescoping. It turns out that to upgrade the remote sites it would cost more than the project’s entire (original) budget! So they had to decide what to do. Scrap the whole project or rescope the project to stay within the approved budget? They chose the latter. They are reducing the number of sites to 39 and reducing the number of tactical channels to be added.

The discussion that followed centered around two issues – the remote sites and CHP spending money on low band (their short term solution for communications versus a longer term focused effort). Some key discussion points.

- Remote Sites: There are 350 remotes sites. Working with DGS on a database of visits. Governance is an issue that needs to be addressed (over time).
- Long Term Planning vs. Current Short Term effort: CHP does want to migrate. There are great opportunities to harness the synergy of the groups in planning for the future.

Mr. Sutkus asked the group to provide a more formal response to CHP’s request. With no one objecting, the group voted to support the effort.

## **V. California Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (CalSCIP): Process and Timelines**

John Powell went over a summary outline of the SCIP vision document that was in the meeting packet. See Attachment 1 at the end of this document to view the outline.

Some key discussion points:

- One of the benefits of this effort is for colleagues to understand what is happening in the field. For example there have been **nomenclature** issues happening for a while. This has specifically been a big cause of concern for fire.
  - Brent Finster explained that there was a National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) meeting where this issue was addressed.
  - The proposed new nomenclature was very confusing. We went through and discussed our issues and laid out our proposal. After the whole day of listening and compromising representatives came out with about 90% of what was wanted. It was taken as a proposal, moved forward on consensus and now it is on the NPSTC website for comment. (<http://www.npstc.org>) CA fire has not yet commented but they will. Comments due May 20.
  - It was also noted that there has been some programming of radios (with the new system) and it all looks good. There is a good feeling generally about the effort and the due diligence efforts.
  - The goal for total conversion to this system is 2010.
  - From now until May 20<sup>th</sup> people are encouraged to submit comments. Then the NPSTC Committee will review the comments.
  - Any last issues will be hammered out June 11 and then the final report will come out.

LUNCH

#### **VII. CASM Presentation**

After a brief break to pick up lunch Ms Carriveau, ICTAP and Don Root representing the Southern California CALSIEC region gave a presentation on the ICTAP's Communication Asset Modeling Tool (CASM). This presentation will be posted on the CALSIEC website for the May 8 meeting.

Discussion:

- Ms. Carriveau and Mr. Samaan have been discussing how to organize requests for technical assistance and will continue to work on the issue.
- Would State Agencies be required to put data into CASM?
  - Yes, but it is understood that people need to be trained to use the tool. This needs to be talked about further as a group.
- What about access and security issues?
- What about database maintenance issues (keeping the often changing information up to date)?
  - A standard operating practice needs to be developed on how this will be done. Maybe ICTAP can help develop draft document?
- What is the timeline?
  - Very short, along side the SCIP.

#### **VIII. 700/800 MHZ & ReBanding Briefing**

Bill DeCamp gave an overview of recent Region 6 focused efforts. His PowerPoint presentation slides will be posted on the CALSIEC website for the May 8 meeting.

#### **IX. Working Group Collaboration between PSRSPC and CALSIEC/ Input into SCIP**

To provide input into the content of the SCIP, participants broke into four groups: Usage, Training and Exercise, Technology, and Governance. Each group had discussions in three areas: 1) Expert Resources 2) Content Guidance 3) Collaboration and Challenges.

## **X. Reports from Breakout Groups**

### **Usage Group**

**Participants:** Bob Sedita, Ca Sherriffs; Ron Wong, Reg 5, 800 mhz chair; Ken Mann, 700 mhz, RPC chair; Jason Keeling, Tribal Fire, South; John Penido, Cal Chiefs South

#### 1) Point of Contact:

- Bob Sedita, Chair LA Regional Project; [rnsedita@lasd.org](mailto:rnsedita@lasd.org); 562-345-4314 & John Penido, Fire; [jpenido@smfd.us](mailto:jpenido@smfd.us); 626-300-0737
- People have to be comfortable using a system, otherwise if something happens it won't be used and will revert back to training.
- Need to know the limitations of the system.
- The system needs to be second nature.

#### 2) Content – Key: MOUs, SOPs, Training.

- Needed whenever a group of different agencies come together.
- New people need to sign on to using the established protocols.
- Needed to handle all areas of utilization.
- A FOG (field operation guide) is also critical.

#### 3) Collaboration and Challenges:

- Identifying stakeholders: federal, state and local.
- They will all be first responders.
- Have representatives empowered, in writing, to represent the agency/organization.
- Have stakeholders attend meetings to build consensus among the organizations.
- Funding: need to identify where or who holds the purse strings.
- Need to include elected officials and decision makers.
- Think about the long-term maintenance of a system.

### **Training & Exercises**

**Participants:** Don Root, Raytheon, JPS; Ken Chappelle, CDCR; Brent Finster, Firescope; Michele Elliott, CA DHS; Holly Ziegler, OES

#### 1) Expert Resources:

- CSTI (OES' training division), POST (law), State Fire Training, Cal Fire, APCO, NENA.
- Web based training, lesson plans.

#### 2) Content:

- ICS communications training
- End user training: Monthly exercises, testing for itemslike gateways.
- Put a communications component in Golden Guardian. This should be statewide.
- Need marketing to get this information out.
- Accreditation/ certification issues.
- Check lists.
- Best practices.

- Take out to planning areas and Market it!

3) Collaboration and Challenges:

- Work with contractor
- Collaboration between CALSIEC and PSRSPC
- Roll out through the Planning Areas.
- Planning aspect.
- Post analysis.
- Funding/ Grant funding to actually get people there.

\*Robert Samaan noted that he wants to ensure that OHS dollars can be used to go to these trainings. Robert will work with Brent Finster on this.

<b>Technology</b>
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**Participants:** Glen Savage, Cal-Fire; Bill DeCamp, DGS; Bob Fasulkey, CHP; Mitch Sutton, San Francisco; Preston Thomson, NAPCO; Gary Grootveld, DGS-TD; Don Root, San Diego RCS; Manuel Bergado, State Parks

1) Point of Contact:

- Multiple Points of Contact -- Expert coordinator – Bill DeCamp; Regional – Don Root; State – Gary Grooveldt; Tribal – Don Casey; Federal – Gary Mossa; P25 – John Powell

2) Content Guidance

- Fulfill minimum requirement;
- SAFECOM requirements for the SCIP
- Rely on content experts
- Broadband realm
- Emerging technology (Feds, IPU6)

3) Collaboration and Challenges:

- Short time frame.
- Meet monthly, face-to-face, meet semi-monthly by teleconference. If there are schedule conflicts the group will still move forward.
- Lack of successful template or model.
- Funding. Leverage available resources (ICTAP, OES contract, 5% mgt grant money). Implementation – key is to have regular dialogue (via email, collaborative website, conf call video link).
- Strategy: Research industry information and federal guidelines, baseline analysis of what have today, determine needed and generate gap report.

<b>Governance Group:</b>
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**Participants:** Dan Manzer, DOJ; Don Turos, CNG; Sue Plantz, OES; LeAnn Gilmore, CHP; Don Casey, Tribal Law n/s; Reggie Chappelle, CHP; Mary Cook, DFG; Robert Samaan, OHS; Sony Fong, DWR

1) Point of Contact:

- Sue Plantz, OES. Expert Resources: PSRSPC, CALSIEC regional chairs, state level involvement, Firescope.

## 2) Content Guidance:

- Governance of CASM data. (What's security level of database? Access controls? Who is maintaining the database? How do you sell this to the various agencies?)
- Need "what's in it for me" component.
- Will MOUs be required to access frequencies?
- CASM will need SOPs.
- CALSIEC and PSRSPC's roles as resources.

\*The group also discussed the CALSIEC proposed Governance document (proposed to serve as CALSIEC charter) and reported that much of it will be helpful to SCIP. Recommended distribute draft CALSIEC governance for feedback. Document will be posted on website for May 8 meeting.

## 3) Collaboration and Challenges:

- Agency survey, executive buy-in.
- Individual agencies reluctant to provide input.
- Sell the product before it is published.
- The group realized much of this has already been drafted at the CALSIEC level.

## **XI. Wrap Up/ Next meeting**

The next meeting of CALSIEC will be Tuesday, July 10, beginning at 10am. The meeting will be held in Sacramento with teleconference capability. It was suggested that a strong effort be made to encourage regional representatives to attend. PSRSPC members would also be encouraged to be at the meeting. The meeting notice should be cross-posted. UASI representatives are also always welcomed. Their contributions are greatly appreciated.

PSRSPC's next meeting should be in June- (**Note: meeting rescheduled to July 11**, in Sacramento. Check the PSRSPC website for the date.

### ***Public Comment***

There were no public comments.

### ***Evaluation***

- Today worked
- Hold these meetings two times a year
- For CALSIEC meetings held in Northern California always add a joint PSRSPC piece to the agenda to help with information sharing.

### ***Closing Remarks***

Bob Sedita thanked everyone for accomplishing so much.

Sue Plantz, on behalf of OES Director Rancheria and Deputy Director McCarton thanked everyone for the great work.

SIGN IN SHEET, MAY 8, 2007

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Ken Chappelle – Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation  
Jason Keeling – Pechanga Fire Department  
Don Casey – Southern California Tribal Law  
Bill DeCamp – Department of General Services  
Donald Turos – Military Department  
Don Root – San Diego County Sheriff's Department  
Sue Plantz – OES  
George Lowry – OES  
Marlo Brush – OES  
Meghan Masera – OES  
Frank McCarton – OES  
Kim Zagaris – OES  
Laurie Smith - OES  
Patty Shackleton – Emergency Management Emergency Medical Services Authority  
John Powell – CALSIEC  
Preston Thomson – APCO  
Jerry Colivas – CCP  
Dan Kellehen – Motorola  
Brent Finster – FIREScope  
Jeff Grace – Motorola  
John Penido – California Fire Chief's Assoc.  
Kent Eldridge – County of Sacramento  
Bill Ballowe – Epic Marketing  
Sheryl Contois – Palo Alto Police Department  
Marla Morton – California Highway Patrol  
LeAnn Gilmore – California Highway Patrol  
Carlos Marquez - California Highway Patrol  
Bob Simmons – Bearing Point  
Michelle Elliott – California Department of Health Services  
Mitch Sutton – Department of Emergency Management  
Don Slott – Raytheon  
Gary Grootveld – Department of General Services  
Scott Holmquist – California Department of Forestry  
Don Manzer – Department of Justice  
Brian Rodriguez – Raytheon  
Glen Savage – Department of Forestry & Fire Protection  
Bob Fasulkey – California Highway Patrol  
Sonny Fong – Department of Water Resources  
Jerry Warren – Military Department  
Samuel Bellow – Department of General Services

Ed Walencikowshi – Motorola  
Mary Cook – Department of Fish & Game  
Manuel Bergado – Department of Parks & Recreation  
Kim Ismail – Department of Justice  
Stephen Virdue – Department of Justice  
Adam Sutkus – CCP  
Sarah Rubin – CCP  
Julia Lee – CCP  
**\*Robert Sedita**  
**\* Ron Wong**  
**\*Ken Mann**  
**\*\*Kimberly**  
**\*\*Bill Campbell**  
**\*Gary David Gray**

**California Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (CalSCIP)**  
 John Powell, Chair, California Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee  
 (CalSIEC)

The Department of Commerce will issue \$1 billion in funding for the Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) grant program by September 30, 2007 to local and state governments for interoperable communications equipment and associated planning, training and exercises. As part of the grant requirements, the Department of Homeland security has moved the required date for completion of all draft Statewide Communications Interoperability Plans (SCIPs) to September 1, 2007. Final SCIPs must be submitted by September 30, 2007 in order to coincide with the Department of Commerce PSIC program deadline. Additionally, Investment Justifications for projects selected by the states for the PSIC grant program must likewise be submitted by September 30, 2007.

**Vision for CalSCIP:**

1. Focus on a long term strategy
2. Focus on resources that are available within the CALSIEC Planning Regions for use across regions and/or statewide to support first responder interoperability. While the SCIP will primarily address voice communications, it is also required to address, at minimum, a strategy for data interoperability.
3. Resources can be deployable to other parts of the state (or neighboring states) or fixed and used to support out-of-area responders that come into a region to provide assistance.  
*Example resources:* 1) Radio caches; 2) Gateways; 3) Shared Channels, including deployable and fixed infrastructure operating on state and/or national interoperability channels; 4) Shared systems used regionally or statewide for interoperability.

**Necessary Components of CalSCIP:**

Quoting a nationally known fire chief, “To be usable and of value, I need a SCIP that I can carry in my vehicle, not one that I need my vehicle to carry.”

1. Volume I: Administrative
  - a. California's planning process: the organization, roles, and responsibilities of CALSIEC and PSRSPC and their various member agencies.
  - b. The state's long term strategy to realize a “system-of-systems” approach to providing interoperability among first responder agencies across all levels of government in California (including Federal and Tribal), as well as with our neighboring states.
2. Volume II: Field Operations Guide (FOG)
  - a. Designed to be taken into the field and used by ICS Command Staff and Communications Unit personnel to assist with managing incidents of all sizes.
  - b. Initial input to the FOG will be a consolidated compendium of existing statewide plans (CALCORD, CLEMARS, FIREMARS, etc).
  - c. Eventual availability in soft format, allowing Communication Unit Leaders to cut/paste interoperability resources from pre-filled ICS forms.