

CDF CONSERVATION CAMP PROGRAM

6202

(May 2003)

OBJECTIVE STATEMENT:

The objective of the Conservation Camp Program is to provide CDF with a labor resource that can be used:

- To mitigate wildland fires and other emergencies
- To perform other fire protection and resource management work of the department; and
- To provide other agencies with a labor force to perform other public service work projects. (Ref. PRC §4951, 4952, 4936, 490, 4959)

CDF operates the Conservation Camp Program in cooperation with the CDC, the Department of the Youth Authority, CYA, and the California Conservation Corps, CCC. In addition, CDC contracts with Los Angeles County Fire Department, LAC, as part of the program. Successful operation of this cooperative program provides mutual support to the missions of all of the cooperating agencies.

PROGRAM GOALS:

The goals of the CDF Conservation Camp Program are:

- Provide CDF with effective, well-trained fire crews capable of rapid statewide response to a wide variety of emergency mission assignments.
- Provide suitable facilities for the housing of camp personnel, maintained to a level, which provides a safe and comfortable living environment.
- Provide the leadership, vehicles, and equipment necessary for crews to respond to emergencies and to perform conservation and public service projects.

CONSERVATION CAMP OPERATIONS SECTION

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OBJECTIVE STATEMENT:

The objective of the CDF Headquarters Conservation Camp Operations Section is to provide the department with a framework within which the Conservation Camp Program can be efficiently and effectively operated. This framework consists of interagency agreements, policies, and handbooks developed in cooperation with partner agencies, and with the CDF Regions. The section serves as the Director's staff for Conservation Camp Program issues. The section provides liaison between CDF and the headquarters offices of partner agencies and others on all issues which cannot be resolved at lower organizational levels, or which have statewide implications. The section also reviews, makes recommendations regarding, and monitors pending legislation and develops budgets for program increases and decreases, in consultation with the Regions and partner agencies. It also monitors field compliance with departmental policies, and recommends improvements to appropriate organizational levels.

REGION OFFICE MANAGEMENT

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OBJECTIVE STATEMENT:

The objective of the CDF Region Office Management Staff relative to the Conservation Camp Program is to provide regional oversight for the operation of the conservation camps within the Region. CYA Institutions & Camps Branch provides liaison between CDF and the CYA Branch on all issues which cannot be resolved at lower organizational levels, or issues which have region-wide implications. Region staff provides consultation and guidance to CDF Units on camp-related issues. Region staff develops budgets for program increases and decreases, in consultation with the Headquarters Camp Operations Section, CDF Units, and partner agencies. Region staff also monitors CDF Unit and conservation camp compliance with departmental policies, and recommends program improvement to appropriate organizational levels.

CDF UNIT MANAGEMENT

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OBJECTIVE STATEMENT:

The objective of CDF Unit Management Staff relative to the Conservation Camp Program is to ensure that camps within the unit are operated in accordance with applicable interagency agreements and the CDF Director's policy as expressed in the Camp Operations Handbooks. This requires that CDF Unit Managers establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with their organizational counterparts within CYA, namely, the Department's conservation camp program. Unit management monitors camp compliance with departmental policies, and recommends program improvements to appropriate organizational levels.

CONSERVATION CAMP STAFF

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OBJECTIVE STATEMENT:

The objective of the Conservation Camp staff is to ensure that the camp is operated in accordance with applicable interagency agreements and the Director's policy as expressed in the Camp Operations Handbooks. This requires that the Camp Division Chiefs establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with their cooperating agency counterparts. The Division Chiefs recommend program improvements to appropriate organizational levels.

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