

CAL FIRE CONSERVATION CAMP PROGRAM

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(April 2010)

OBJECTIVE STATEMENT:

The objective of the Conservation Camp Program is to provide CAL FIRE 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 and approved non-profit organizations with a labor force to perform other public service work projects. (Ref. PRC §§4951 - 4958)

CAL FIRE operates the Conservation Camp Program in cooperation with the CDCR. In addition, CDCR 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 CAL FIRE Conservation Camp Program are:

- Provide CAL FIRE 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 (April 2010)

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OBJECTIVE STATEMENT:

The objective of the CAL FIRE 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 CAL FIRE Regions. The section serves as the Director's staff for Conservation Camp Program issues. The section provides liaison between CAL FIRE 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 (No.21 May 2016)

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OBJECTIVE STATEMENT:

The objective of the CAL FIRE 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. Region staff provides liaison between CAL FIRE and the appropriate CDCR parent institution 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 CAL FIRE Units on camp-related issues. Region staff develops budgets for program increases and decreases, in consultation with the Headquarters Camp Operations Section, CAL FIRE Units, and partner agencies.

Region staff also monitors CAL FIRE Unit and conservation camp compliance with departmental policies, and recommends program improvement to appropriate organizational levels.

UNIT MANAGEMENT

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(No.21 May 2016)

OBJECTIVE STATEMENT:

The objective of Unit Management Staff relative to the Conservation Camp Program is to ensure that camps within the unit are operated in accordance with applicable interagency agreement(s) and the Camp Operations Handbook. This requires that Unit Managers establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with their organizational counterparts.

Unit management monitors camp compliance with departmental policies, and recommends program improvements to appropriate organizational levels.

CONSERVATION CAMP STAFF

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(No.21 May 2016)

OBJECTIVE STATEMENT:

The objective of the Conservation Camp staff is to ensure that the camp is operated in accordance with applicable interagency agreement(s) and the Camp Operations Handbook. This requires 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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