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The Aviation Management Procedures Handbook is approved and issued by the Director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection as part of the Department's issuance system. It is the handbook for policy and procedures and the operating guide relating to the Department's air operations program. Region and unit levels may prepare supplements to this handbook as necessary to address specific local needs.

CDF may adopt sections of other agency/interagency manuals such as the Interagency Airtanker Base Operating Guide (IBOG) or Interagency Helicopter Operating Guide (IHOG) as is appropriate. When adopted as Department policy these sections will be specifically referenced in this manual and do not constitute Department policy until so referenced.

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As a companion to this handbook, CDF will use Aviation Program Advisory (APA) notices as a way to quickly inform those responsible for the operation, maintenance, and repair of CDF aircraft of any policy or procedure changes.

APAs are issued under the authority of the Deputy Director for Fire Protection, and are therefore CDF policy.

The APA is patterned after the CDF Mobile Equipment Management "Fix-N-Fax" notices that have been in use for many years (see [Section 6704](#)). The APA is a short document that is intended to provide prompt notice to CDF personnel of important changes to CDF and cooperating agency aviation policies, procedures, or standards.

APAs will be distributed via email to air attack bases, helitack bases, Region and Headquarters Operations staff, and headquarters Fire Protection Aviation Management staff.

APAs will also be provided to the CDF Issuance Office at the time they are released, and they will be included in subsequent handbook revisions.

The policy changes addressed in the APA will also be amended into the appropriate sections of this handbook as quickly as possible. However, if a conflict exists between handbook language and APA language, the most recent language will take precedence.

When there is an update to a previously issued APA, it will be issued under the same number as the original APA.

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No. 2	Helicopter Tail Rotor Inspection	Mandatory	08/29/2002
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