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**ATTACHMENT 10**

**Date:** August 25, 2016

**To:** **State Board of Fire Services**

**From:** David Shew, Staff Chief

**SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:**

Planning and Risk Analysis Division

- Updates to:
- 1) New Deputy Chief for Wildland Pre-Fire Engineering
  - 2) DINS Program
  - 3) FY 2016/17 SRA Fire Prevention Fee (FPF) and Tree Mortality (TM) Grant Program

**Recommended Actions:**

No action requested. Report is for information only.

**Background Information:**

- 1) New Deputy Chief for Wildland Pre-Fire Engineering
  - a. Steve Hawks was hired to fill this position, and began on August 15, 2016
- 2) DINS Program: CAL FIRE has deployed DINS Team members on three fires this summer. They include the Erskine Fire (Kern County), Goose Fire (Fresno County), and Soberanes Fire (Monterey County). Final reports for all three fires are in the process of being completed. We are beginning efforts through FIRESCOPE, in conjunction with local government partners, to update and improve the current DINS position statement. This will include developing a Task Book, "All Risk" emergency training and deployment guidelines, and incorporation of latest electronic technology for data collection and analysis.
- 3) FY 2016/17 SRA FPF and TM Grant Program: CAL FIRE is combining grant allocations from the SRA FPF and TM activities into a single program. This effort will simplify the entire grant process to the public by combining application forms, timelines, review processes, and the ultimate awarding of grant dollars around the State. In addition, the process is being expedited in order to allow prevention work to start as quickly as possible. Grant application period is scheduled to open on August 22, 2016, with a submittal deadline of September 28, 2016. The goal is to announce successful applicants around mid-November, 2016, with grant dollars being distributed in early 2017. Applicants will have until March, 2019, to complete their projects.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

N/A