



Communique

Meeting Held - Friday 19 August 2022

Status Report

The Committee noted the progress of several matters arising from the November meeting:

- **State Bushfire Coordination Committee Membership**

The Committee noted the appointment of the following Members and Deputies:

- Mr Ivan-Tiwu Copley OAM JP (Member – Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation)
- AC Stuart McLean (Member – SAPOL)
- ACO Alison May (Deputy – SACFS)
- ACFO Colin Lindsay (Deputy – SAMFS)
- C/Supt John De Candia (Deputy – SAPOL)

- **Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) Update**

The Committee noted a detailed briefing on the status of the AFRDS rollout, with implementation taking place nationally from 1 September 2022.

- **Roadside Signage – Remote Areas Fire Risk**

Opportunities for communications regarding remote area bushfire risks were discussed, including possible roadside signage and a 'travel code' being developed by the Outback Communities Authority.

- **Update on Outback and FMNY BMC Boundary Re-alignment discussion**

The Committee noted that the Outback BMC had proposed an option for boundary re-alignment, and the Flinders Mid-North and Yorke BMC were to meet shortly to discuss the matter. Options will be brought to the November SBCC meeting.

State Bushfire Management Plan Implementation Update

- **BMAP 2.0 Update**

The Committee was advised that the Request for Information process for a new software solution to support both planning and reporting components for the next generation of Bushfire Management Area Plans had concluded. The Project Steering Committee has proposed a way forward and the investment needed to support the project is to be discussed with the Minister.

- **Interim BMAP Process – Annual Bushfire Risk Reduction Planning**

The Committee was briefed on progress with the development of annual risk reduction plans utilising information on assets at very high and extreme risk in the existing BMAPs. Workshops have been held with each BMC to identify opportunities for collaboration among agencies on the delivery of risk reduction activities. The draft plans are being collated and the Committee discussed the process for their endorsement.



Recognising that both the BMCs and the SBCC have an assurance role, but no power to direct agencies to undertake activities, the Committee resolved that the activities committed to an agency in the draft plans be supplied to agency Chief Executives for their review and endorsement prior to the plans being reviewed by the relevant BMC and then the SBCC. Endorsement by Chief Executives provides an appropriate check and balance for all agencies, noting the diversity of representation on BMCs. The Committee also noted that any major amendments to existing BMAPs identified through the risk reduction planning process would be brought to the SBCC.

SBCC Governance Review Update

SACFS has identified a pathway to support the progression of the review discussion paper, and it is hoped to have the draft prepared by the end of 2022.

SBCC Annual report 2021-2022

The annual report was considered and endorsed by the Committee for presentation to the Minister.

Bushfire Management Committee Membership

The Committee endorsed mid-term membership nominations for several BMCs.

A proposal from the Limestone Coast BMC to add a position to the BMC for the Burrandies Aboriginal Corporation was also endorsed.

Agency Updates

• Organisational Changes (SACFS)

ACO Loughlin advised the Committee of recent organisational changes in SACFS, with the recruitment of new Directors, including Community Risk and Resilience, with ACO Alison May appointed into this role. ACO Anthea Howard has been appointed as Director of Legal and Governance, and will retain the role of Executive Officer to the SBCC.

• Extension of MoAA with ForestrySA (DEW)

Ms Fiona Gill advised the Committee that DEW has extended the Memorandum of Administrative Agreement (MoAA) between DEW and ForestrySA (FSA) in the lower Limestone Coast Region in 2022/23, to continue to deliver fire management services in Native Forest Reserves. ForestrySA remains the landholder and will continue to report to Government on its Community Fire Protection and Community Forestry service obligations. The MoAA also ensures that collaborative arrangements within the local forestry industry, FSA, SACFS and DEW are supported and maintained.

• Smoke Management Guidelines (PIRSA)

Ms Justine Drew advised the Committee that PIRSA had just recently provided draft guidelines to support smoke management by relevant industry groups to SACFS, and proposed options for management of these moving forward. This included PIRSA 'owning' the guidelines rather than them sitting with the industry groups.



- **Retirement of John Moyle (LGA)**

The Committee noted the imminent retirement of Mr John Moyle, thanked him for his service to the SBCC, and wished him well in his retirement.

- **Conclusion of Chief Officer Jones' tenure**

CO Jones shared some observations of the development and future of the Committee during his tenure. The Committee thanked him for his leadership and wished him well for the future.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Friday 18 November 2022.

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