

## SECTION II: COLLABORATION

### COMMUNITY / AGENCIES / FIRE SAFE COUNCILS

Representatives involved in the development of the Unit Strategic Fire Plan are included in the following table. Their organization and title are indicated below:

#### Plan Development Team:

ORGANIZATION	REPRESENTATIVE
San Bernardino National Forest	Chief Dan Felix
Cleveland National Forest	Chief Caralton Joseph
Bureau of Land Management	Chief Nickie Washington
US Fish & Wildlife Service	Karen Cleary Rose
Cal Fire	Chief John Hawkins
California Department of Fish & Game	Brennan, Kevin
California Department of Parks & Recreation	
California Department of Transportation	Mueller, Jody
California Highway Patrol	Sergeant Ed Casillas
Riverside County Sheriffs	Sheriff-Coroner, Stanley Sniff
Riverside County Fire Department	Riverside County Fire Chief, John R. Hawkins
Riverside County TLMA	Director, George Johnson
Riverside County Parks & Recreation	
City of Banning	City Manager, Andy Takata
City of Beaumont	City Manager, Alan Kapanicas
City of Calimesa	City Manager, Randy Anstine
City of Canyon Lake	City Manager, Lori Moss
City of Corona	City Manager, Brad Robbins or Corona Fire Chief, David Waltemeyer
City of Desert Hot Springs	City Manager, Rick Daniels
City of Hemet	City Manager, Brian Nakamura
City of Lake Elsinore	City Manager, Bob Brady
City of La Quinta	City Manager, Tom Genovese
City of Moreno Valley	Interim City Manager, Bill Bopf
City of Murrieta	City Manager, Rick Dudley or Fire Chief, Matt Shobert
City of Norco	City Manager, Beth Groves or Fire Chief, Dave Carlson
City of Palm Springs	City Manager, David Ready or Fire Chief, Scott Ventura
Habitat Conservation Groups	Regional Conservation Authority
Utility Companies	
City of Temecula	City Manager, Shawn Nelson
City of Palm Desert	City Manager, John Wohlmuth

ORGANIZATION	REPRESENTATIVE
City of Perris	City Manager, Richard Belmudez
City of Riverside	City Manager, Bradley Hudson or Fire Chief, Steven Earley
City of San Jacinto	Interim City Manager, Tim Hults
Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council	Edwina Scott Executive Director
Southwest Riverside County Fire Safe Council	Dan Maticiano President

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### ***Mountain Area Safety Task Force (MAST)***

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), in cooperation with all of the agencies and individuals in the Riverside County MAST, have teamed up to mitigate an unprecedented emergency facing the forested mountain communities. Multiple years of severe drought combined with drastically overstocked tree stands have resulted in tremendous rates of tree mortality due to bark beetles in and around the community. In March 2002, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors declared a local emergency. In March 2003, Governor Davis concurred with the County and issued his own State of Emergency Proclamation. Those emergency declarations are still active in 2009.

The MAST was formed to mitigate the threat to life, property, watershed and the ecosystem. It is currently Riverside Unit's single greatest threat to SRA, (even though it is within federal DPA) and is the number one priority of the Riverside Unit. This is not only for the protection of life, property and resources, but to protect the lives of CAL FIRE and other agency firefighters and law enforcement personnel that may be called to fight a fire or conduct large-scale evacuations in communities within the San Jacinto Mountains.

MAST consists of members from many agencies, groups and elected officials they include :CAL FIRE, Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council; U.S. Forest Service; Riverside County Fire Department; Natural Resource Conservation Service; Idyllwild Fire Protection District; Riverside County Board of Supervisors; Riverside County Office of Emergency Services; State OES; Riverside County Flood Control; Southern California Edison; Senator Feinstein; Congresswoman Bono-Mack; Senator John Benoit 37<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District; Assemblymen Manuel V. Perez 80<sup>th</sup> District and Brian Nestande 64<sup>th</sup> District; California Department of Fish and Game; California Department of Transportation; Riverside County Transportation Land Management Agency; South Coast Air Quality Management District; Pine Cove/Idyllwild/Fern Valley/Lake Hemet Water Districts; Riverside County Waste Management; Pine Cove Property Owners Association; UC Co-op Extension Service; Riverside County Sheriff's Office; California Highway Patrol. The MAST is organized using the Incident Command System (ICS) with a unified command; formal Incident Action Plans (IAPs) are produced and followed by the MAST members.