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To: California Fire Service, Law Enforcement, Emergency Management, and all SCOUT Participating Agencies

Subject: SCOUT Sustainable Funding Model

Since its launch in April 2016, the Situation Awareness and Collaboration Tool (SCOUT) has matured to over 1400 registered users across over 90 Participating Agencies and is regularly used on all major wildfires and other significant incidents in California, such as the Oroville Spillway Failure, Santa Barbara Debris Flows, and numerous winter storm events. SCOUT provides a critical information sharing platform for multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional incident response coordination and collaboration and increases interagency situational awareness for local, tribal, state, federal, and supporting partners.

One of the initial goals when launching SCOUT was to provide a cost effective information sharing solution for all emergency management and public safety agencies in California. To that end, and which has been communicated since the initial launch, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) in partnership with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) has been sponsoring the initial deployment and operational maintenance of SCOUT with the intention to transition to a Sustainable Funding Model to support long-term maintenance and growth of the platform.

The SCOUT Executive Committee approved the SCOUT Sustainable Funding Model on February 26, 2018. The Model and its associated Participation Fees will be implemented during Phase 3 of SCOUT's original deployment schedule, as described below.

- Phase 1: Original NICS Pilot agencies invited to migrate over to SCOUT. **COMPLETE**
- Phase 2: Participation expanded in a controlled manner to select agencies. **CURRENT PHASE**
- Phase 3: Participation opened to all interested and eligible agencies. **NOT STARTED**

The SCOUT Sustainable Funding Model will be calculated as follows:

PA Participation Fee = (PA Weighted Share of User Base) x (Fixed Costs) + (PA Usage Costs)

- PA = Participating Agency
- Fixed Costs = Operation & Maintenance, Tier 2 Technical Support, and Development Costs
- Usage Costs = Data Storage and Data Egress Costs

To allow current and future Participating Agencies time to incorporate SCOUT funding into their agency budgets, the Sustainable Funding Model will take effect no earlier than July 1, 2019. Since the estimated cost for Participating Agencies is unique to each agency, Cal OES will provide individual estimates of the potential fees beginning in June of 2018. Our goal is to allow sufficient time for the fiscal and budgetary planning processes.

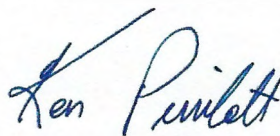
SCOUT is a significant new capability for emergency responders in the State of California that provides real-time, direct access to cross-agency, cross-jurisdictional communication, information sharing, and situational awareness and will continue to grow into a foundational component in California's coordinated emergency response system. Cal OES and CAL FIRE are committed to establishing SCOUT as a key capability in California's emergency response community.

For more information, visit www.caloes.ca.gov/scout or email scout@caloes.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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