

PREFACE TO CDF HIRED EQUIPMENT POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND PAYMENT RATES

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At times when the equipment needed to control an emergency incident exceeds the resources of CDF, the department hires the equipment and services of the private sector to supplement its own resources. In so doing, CDF attempts to obtain those resources that exactly meet the resource needs of the Incident Commander, at a price that is fair to the contractor and which represents a prudent expenditure of state funds.

This Internet website contains excerpts from the policies, procedures, and payment rates used by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF). They also explain the terms and conditions for entering into pre-hire agreements with CDF. These terms and conditions reflect the business needs of CDF, and as such, these are the business rules of CDF. These policies, procedures, and rates are not laws or regulations, although in some cases they reflect the requirements of applicable laws and regulations.

The intent of publishing and distributing this information is to permit all prospective contractors to know the terms and conditions for entering into a pre-hire agreement with CDF.

Contractors who object to the terms and conditions contained herein should not enter into pre-hire agreements with CDF.

No contractor is guaranteed any amount of business as a result of entering into a pre-hire agreement with CDF. Hiring opportunities for water tender and bulldozer contractors will be rotated among all contractors with current agreements. However, if the next contractor in the hiring rotation does not have the resources that CDF needs available, CDF will then contact the next contractor in the rotation, and the next, and so on until the needed resources are located.

CDF, not the contractors, will determine what equipment it needs to hire in order to accomplish its incident objectives.

Written comments and suggestions for improving these policies and procedures should be directed to:

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