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All Hired Equipment Suppliers / Operators:

Due to the restrictions in effect from the COVID-19/Corona Virus mandates, CAL FIRE recognizes that many suppliers are unable to obtain the annual Fireline Safety Awareness for Hired Vendors card required for the 2020 fire season. To alleviate this issue, CAL FIRE is temporarily making allowances for suppliers and/or equipment operators, as described below:

1. Suppliers and/or equipment operators with a current 2020 Fireline Safety Awareness Card will be required to provide proof to their Hired Equipment Coordinator and/or CAL FIRE incident personnel upon request.
2. Suppliers and/or equipment operators with a 2019 Fireline Safety Awareness Card who are unable to obtain a current 2020 Fireline Safety Awareness Card will be given an extension for one year from date of issue. 2019 cards must be shown to Hired Equipment Coordinators and/or CAL FIRE incident personnel upon request.
3. Suppliers and/or equipment operators without proof of a valid 2019 Fireline Safety Awareness Card, or who have not taken the Fireline Safety Awareness for Hired Vendors class will **not** be given an exception and **will not be hired** until such time that the training is completed.

When the COVID-19/Corona Virus restrictions are lifted, or amended such that the course becomes available again, new suppliers and/or equipment operators, or existing suppliers and/or equipment operators who were unable to provide a valid 2019 Fireline Safety Awareness Card will be required to attend this training. Proof of completion and a valid 2020 Fireline Safety Awareness Card will be required to be provided to their Hired Equipment Coordinator before being ordered for an emergency assignment.

Suppliers and/or equipment operators with a valid 2019 Fireline Safety Awareness Card should take the 2020 class as soon as they are able.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact your appropriate Hired Equipment Coordinator.

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