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To Whom It May Concern,

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CAL FIRE Executive Management has approved revisions to hired equipment dispatch policies that will take effect on July 1, 2013. The revisions are intended to maximize dispatcher efficiency and minimize reflex time when hiring private vendors to assist in meeting the Department's mission.

The following revisions will take effect on July 1, 2013:

7761.4.7 FIRELINE BULLDOZER AND WATER TENDER ROTATION

- Language revised regarding unanswered calls. Dispatchers will no longer be required to wait ten minutes for vendor call back before calling the next vendor on a rotational list. If a vendor returns a call within ten minutes, they may be offered an unfilled assignment. At the end of ten minutes, or when the order has been filled, the vendor will be rotated.
- Language allowing vendor to flag equipment as unavailable removed.

7761.6.3 VENDOR CONTACT

- Language removed to mirror changes to 7761.4.7.

3833.3.4 ACTION FOLLOWING REVIEW OF THE CAL FIRE 157

- Reference to flagging removed. Language changed to allow vendors to specify "one operator only" or "local only" at time of sign up, however this option will no longer be referred to as flagging.

3833.4.1 UNIT EQUIPMENT LISTS

- References to flagging removed. Language changed to allow vendors to specify "one operator only" or "local only" at time of sign up, however this option will no longer be referred to as flagging.

Revisions have been posted to the CAL FIRE issuance system, and the Hired Equipment Management System (HEMS) has been updated to reflect the changes. Contact your local Unit Hired Equipment Coordinator for additional clarification if needed.

Sincerely,

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