

## ULCT Wildfire Policy Work Group Meeting Notes

8/31/2015

Discussion on the new participation match numbers from a meeting with Brian and Whitney from Forestry, Fire and State Lands, and Cameron and Brandon from ULCT. Discussion on the methodology also took place.

There was also a discussion on county numbers and how that methodology was arrived at.

A discussion on the risk assessments followed, with questions on how quickly those assessments could be updated to reflect the work that has been done in mitigation and development.

There was further discussion on the county methodology and whether or not it was consistent with the municipality methodology.

Differences in municipality to municipality numbers, as well as county to county numbers were discussed to better understand how the risk assessments operated. Methodology for caps on the participation match for cities that were outliers was also discussed.

It was pointed out that there would be a phase in period for the cost of the participation match that would allow county and municipal governments to plan and find ways to meet that match in a way that makes the most sense for them.

A discussion on publicly held private (ex. Salt Lake City owning water shed property not within city limits) lands being treated the same as private lands. It was determined that the only distinction between lands would be incorporated, and unincorporated county.

Next, there was a discussion on various fire scenarios that took place, focusing on where fires start and where they burn, and who would be responsible. It was noted that the new policy makes it so that it doesn't matter where the fire starts, and that as soon as the financial authority is delegated to the state, the state will cover the cost of suppression.

There was some discussion about a look back provision to take into account what different municipalities have done recently to mitigate, prepare, and prevent wildland fire. There was also a discussion that helped determine that it didn't matter whose lands the mitigation work was being done on, the municipality would still receive credit. There was also discussion on making sure that the activities being done for mitigation are effective and not just wasted effort to reach the match.

There was a brief discussion on Fire, Forestry and State Lands role in ULCT's upcoming Annual Convention, and how that is going to be an opportunity for the municipalities to get a look at their risk assessment, and be educated on how the new policy will operate.

There was some discussion about counties potentially raising property taxes to meet their participation match.

All in attendance at the meeting said there were comfortable with the numbers and direction things were going with the policy discussion.