Q: What air resources were actually used on the fire and when did they arrive?

Based on review of dispatch documents, the Incident Commander immediately began ordering aviation resources when he arrived—3:23 p.m., Aug. 26. Aircraft was immediately diverted from the Morris Fire to the Station Fire. They arrived on the incident at about 3:30 p.m. He ordered one fixed wing-air attack; one lead plane, two air-tankers and one helitanker—all from the Morris Fire. In addition, the Incident Commander ordered three more helicopters and one helitanker, which were used that afternoon. By 5:26 p.m. the Incident Commander ordered a night dropping helicopter from Los Angeles County. That helicopter arrived at the incident but Los Angeles County called it back at 6:01 p.m. so it could be used for county emergency management services. During the morning of the 27th of August, the fire used four large airtankers, four helitankers, and two medium helicopters. The first aircraft arrived at 6:44 a.m. followed by a lead plane launched at 8:02 a.m.; and the first airtanker departed its helibase at 8:42 a.m. This was followed quickly by three more airtankers. A helitanker (H-792) arrived at around 89:00 a.m., as did additional rotor wing aircraft.

NOTE – Helitanker 792 departed its base (Brackett helibase) at 0735 hrs. It is a 9 or 10 minute flight from the helibase to the fire. The arrival of H-792 has been variously (and appropriately) reported as either 0744 or 0745 hrs.