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STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S
Automatic Extinguishing Systems Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2010

Committee Goal: To provide a means of communications between the Offices of the State Fire Marshal, representatives of industry, the public and the fire service; and to seek comments and specific views on proposed regulations and intended future action.

Members Present:
James Parsegian, Program Coordinator-OSFM
Vikkie Raby, Program Assistant-OSFM
Mike Waldron, RA-OSFM
Russell Blair, Sacramento Metropolitan Fire Dept.
James Carver, El Segundo Fire
Randy Dysart, Jorgensen & Co
Jim Feld, U.C. Berkeley
Chris Gilbert, Master Protection Corporation
Steve Hart, NAS-IP
Darrell Hefley, Jorgensen & Co
Bruce Lecair, National Fire Sprinkler Association
Ken Liming, Insurance Services Office
Darrell Harguth, Brooks Fire Equipment
Fred Benn, Advanced Automatic Sprinkler
David Casey, Department of State Architect, Alternate for Diana Licon
Robert Nolan, ASCIP (Schools)
Allen Quirk, Paraclete Fire & Safety Inc
Larry Shulman, Pacific Gas & Electric
Carl Baust, Orange County Fire Authority
Robert Calderon, Kaiser Permanente

Members Absent:
Craig Voelkert, Amerex Corp.
Patrick Chew, City of Roseville Fire Department
Wayne Martin, FPE
Robert Raymer, CA.Building Industry Ass.
Robert Rowe, FSABSC
Jim McLaughlin, Lund, Pearson, McLaughlin
Diana Licon, DSA
Dave Hanson, Raytheon Co.
Stan Smith, Sprinklers Fitters 483

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I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson James Parsegian at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, January 14, 2010.

II. ROLL CALL and INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made by each individual.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from July 16, 2009, were reviewed. Steve Hart motioned for approval; 2nd by Darrell Harguth; all in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

I. Pizza Ovens—Steve Hart—there are currently no specific regulations regarding chain driven pizza ovens. Steve Hart suggested finding experts to help us establish a standard for these types of ovens. James Carver stated he has no knowledge of any incidents involving these types of ovens that has resulted in losses. There was discussion as to whether these types of units should be classified as an oven or a broiler. James Parsegian feels that it should be a jurisdictional issue rather than State regulated. Russell Blair will attempt to locate a manual for group review. For now, it was agreed that this will remain a jurisdictional issue until further information is obtained.

II. Gaylord Systems—A discussion of these systems and their listings was brought up as part of the Kitchen hood discussion. Steve Hart agreed to find when the probation on water wash systems were put in the fire code and to send the applicable sections to the group for additional discussion at the next meeting.

III. Committee Updates—

- **Residential Fire Sprinkler/Water Supply Task Force—**the group states the task is 99% complete. The minutes/results of the task force meetings are available on the State Fire Marshal website. The enforcement of residential sprinklers will stay with the AHJ. The regulations apply to all new construction including garages & carports. There will be no retrofitting requirements at this time. The standard received a 10-0 vote from the Building Standards Commission. The new regulations go into effect January 2011.
- **Sticker Program—**the program is not feasible at this time. This will possibly be revisited once CalEPA completes their reporting system development. There are no fiscal resources at this time.

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V. NEW BUSINESS

- An Information Bulletin regarding the inspection, testing and maintenance of underground systems was distributed for discussion. Dave Casey will provide James Parsegian with a copy of a letter he received from the Contractor's State License Board in response to a similar inquiry. That letter will be used to help establish wording for an Information Bulletin to be issued by the Office of the State Fire Marshal regarding this same issue.
- Appointment letters for the Water Discharge for Fire Protection Task Force will be sent shortly for a kickoff meeting in early March

VI. OPEN FORUM

- **Stove Top Fire Stop—**A sample of this product was brought in by James Feld for discussion. While only the powder is FM approved, not the device itself, it is not considered illegal because it is not considered a system or an extinguisher; therefore, it is not required to be SFM approved or listed.
- **UL300 Exceptions—**Allen Quirk inquired as to the exceptions on UL300 standards pertaining to public schools. DSA has made the determination that the upgrade will not be required until ANY modernization work is done at the school. Once modernization is done anywhere on the campus, the system would then be required to be upgraded to UL300.
- Mike Waldron will update all workgroup rosters and distribute.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 29, 2010 at 10:00am at the SFM. Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

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