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**STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S
Automatic Extinguishing Systems Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 29, 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
James Carver, El Segundo Fire
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
Larry Shulman, Pacific Gas & Electric
Carl Baust, Orange County Fire Authority
Craig Voelkert, Amerex Corp.
Robert Rowe, FSABSC (via conference call)
Jim McLaughlin, Lund, Pearson, McLaughlin
Diana Licon, DSA
Sandie Hastings, Torrance Fire

Members Absent:

Patrick Chew, City of Roseville Fire Department
Wayne Martin, FPE
Robert Raymer, California Building Industry Association.
Dave Hanson, Raytheon Co.
Stan Smith, Sprinklers Fitters 483
Russell Blair, Sacramento Metropolitan Fire Dept.
Randy Dysart, Jorgensen & Co
Robert Nolan, ASCIP (Schools)
Allen Quirk, Paraclete Fire & Safety Inc

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Robert Calderon, Kaiser Permanente

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson James Parsegian at 10:03 a.m., on Thursday, April 29, 2010.

II. ROLL CALL and INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made by each individual.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from January 14, 2010, were reviewed. Darrell Hefley motioned for approval; 2nd by Chris Gilbert; all in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

I. Committee Updates—

- **NFPA 25/T-19:** This is the only regulation package that is being worked on at this time. The engineered forms will be reviewed again and an on-the-job beta-test for the use of the forms will be conducted. The forms are not yet available online; only the forms that are currently in regulations are available at this time. Steve Hart suggested an Informational Bulletin be released that defines expectations of which edition of 25 should be used. We should also look at the possibilities of mass mailing to contractors reminding which edition of 25 and the forms that should be used.
- **Water Discharge for Fire Protection Task Force:** group met to establish the scope and goals of the committee. The water purveyors and the State Water Regional Control Board gave presentations to help show where the biggest problems are. The next meeting is going to start addressing some of the issues.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- Vikkie will update the rosters and get them out as quickly as she can. She will also attempt to get out workgroup rosters.
- Gaylord Systems: A discussion of these systems and their listings was brought up in the previous meeting as part of the Kitchen hood discussion. Steve Hart agreed to find when the prohibitions on water wash systems were put in the fire code and to send the applicable sections to the group for additional discussion. Chris Gilbert inquired as to whether this task was accomplished. Craig says Gaylord Systems are still allowed in NFPA 96 but it has to be listed for that use. To Craig's knowledge, none of these systems are UL listed and therefore should not be used. UL says they have never tested nor listed any Gaylord Systems.

- **Type L License:** James Carver gave a briefing to the SoCal FPO. James Parsegian had a meeting with the Local 39 Union in San Francisco. We have received several applications and have issued two licenses. Vikkie has scheduled two testing dates in Northern California for the Fire Pump Certs but nothing has been scheduled for SoCal.

VI. OPEN FORUM

- **T-24 Residential Code:** Training classes are going to be offered on various dates, with the locations to be determined. Classes are not currently available to the general public. It will be local jurisdiction's responsibility to provide training to the general public. There is no cost at this time. See Steve Hart for more information.
- **NFPA 3:** Regarding the commissioning of Fire & Life Safety Systems; this is strictly a reference/guide document at this point. It may come out as a standard at a later date.
- **Underground Systems:** Diana Licon referred to IR-A-25 on the DSA website. This document addresses who can install or service the systems. The committee suggested that the document needs to have the language worked on in the maintenance section and designed in conjunction with the CSLB section. Other than the language changes, the document is hopefully moving forward.
- **NFPA 13 amendments:** Proposed amendments to Underground sprinkler systems sections is prompting use of in-building risers. Risers are listed in accordance with UL162 for gasketed joints. Jim Feld is researching the actual listing requirement in accordance with NFPA 13.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting has yet to be determined. James will send out availability requests and will notify via email when a date has been established. Meeting adjourned at 2:11 pm.