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STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S
Automatic Extinguishing Systems Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2011

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
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
Fred Benn, Advanced Automatic Sprinkler
Larry Shulman, Pacific Gas & Electric
Carl Baust, Orange County Fire Authority
Randy Dysart, Jorgensen & Co
Allen Quirk, Paraclete Fire & Safety Inc (via conference call)
Diana Licon, DSA
Robert Calderon, Kaiser Permanente
Jim McLaughlin, Lund, Pearson, McLaughlin
Brian Weidman, Long Beach Fire Dept.
Stan Smith, Sprinklers Fitters 483

Members Absent:

Patrick Chew, City of Roseville Fire Department
Wayne Martin, FPE
Robert Rowe, FSABSC
Robert Raymer, CA. Building Industry Association
Dave Hanson, Raytheon Co.
Darrell Harguth, Brooks Fire Equipment
Robert Nolan, ASCIP (Schools)
Craig Voelkert, Amerex Corp.

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I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson James Parsegian at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, October 26, 2011.

II. ROLL CALL and INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made by each individual.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from July 19, 2011, meeting minutes were not available at this time. They will be held over for the next meeting.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Workgroup Updates

A. NFPA 25 Workgroup 1:

Bruce Lecair, Workgroup Chair, presented the documentation outlining NFPA 25 Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 15, Annex B, E and F. The major discussion was on adoption of Annex E. Workgroup members felt that it should not be adopted at this time because of problems with the information. A poll of members was taken to provide guidance to the workgroup; the members present felt that it should be adopted by only a small margin. Other discussion points included the addition of the definition of additional types of sprinklers, license types, additional forms and Table 4.3.1.1, detailing what forms must be sent to the local AHJ

B. NFPA 25 Workgroup 2:

Bob Caputo, Workgroup Chair, presented the documentation outlining NFPA 25 Chapters 5, 6, 10, 11, 13, 14, Annex A and D. The major discussion point was concerning the antifreeze solution and how we will need to adopt the state requirements, not the NFPA 13 changes. Other points of discussion were previous amendments such as concealed space sprinklers and FDC back flush.

C. NFPA 25 Workgroup 3:

Jim Feld, Workgroup Chair, presented the documentation outlining NFPA 25 Chapters 7, 8, 9, 13, Annex A and C. The major discussion point was concerning the testing and evaluation of the underground piping and water supplies. Other discussion points were automatic fill valves, jockey pumps.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Regulation Package Update James Parsegian explained that this was just the first step of the process. The California Fire Code, Title 19 California Code of Regulations express terms and the economic impact study should be done before the April meeting

VI. OPEN FORUM

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting has been scheduled for first quarter of 2012. James Parsegian will send out an invitation when the work groups are done. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm