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**OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL**  
**Automatic Extinguishing Systems Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 22, 2014**

**COMMITTEE GOAL**

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

**STAFF**

Jeff Schwartz, Committee Chair  
 James Parsegian, Division Supervisor  
 Vikkie Raby, Support Staff  
 Kevin Reinertson, Acting Division Chief

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

\*Darryll Bolden, Los Angeles City Fire Dept.  
 Darrell Hefley, Jorgensen & Company  
 Fred Benn III, Advanced Automatic Sprinkler, Inc.  
 Jim McLaughlin, Lund Pearson McLaughlin  
 Jack Thacker, Allan Automatic Sprinkler Corp.  
 Bruce Lecair, National Fire Sprinkler Association  
 Lawrence Shulman, Pacific Gas & Electric Co.  
 Tracy Staiger, City of Merced Fire Dept.  
 \*Robert Nolan, Anaheim Fire Dept.  
 Craig Voelkert, Amerex Corporation  
 \*Edie Wade, Brooks Equipment Company  
 Randy Roxson, Sprinkler Fitters Association of California  
 Robert Rowe, Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board  
 Randy Dysart, CALSAFE  
 \*James Carver, El Segundo Fire Department  
 \* *Via Conference Call*

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Stephen D. Hart, NSFA  
 James Feld, University of California Berkeley  
 Steve Fox (alternate), Sprinkler Fitters and Apprentices  
 Chris Heyer, Beverly Hills Fire Department  
 Ken Liming, Insurance Services Office Inc.  
 Robert Raymer, California Building Industry Assoc.

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**MEMBERS ABSENT (cont'd)**

Sandie Hastings, Torrance Fire Department  
Stanley Smith, Sprinkler Fitters and Apprentices  
Allen Quirk, Paraclete Fire & Safety Inc.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jeff Schwartz at 9:05 A.M. on  
May 22, 2014.

**ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

A round table roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum of members were  
present.

**APPROVAL OF MINTUES**

The minutes for February 19, 2014 were distributed to the group for review. Jim  
McLaughlin motioned to approve minutes as presented; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Benn; all in favor,  
none opposed; motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Title 19

Jeff Schwartz updated the committee on the status of this package. OSFM is hoping for  
an effective date of July 1, 2014. NFPA 2013 California Edition cannot be published  
until it has been fully approved. Jeff Schwartz will notify the group when the document  
is approved and posted to the web.

Occupancy Verification Paper

Handout 1 & 2 were distributed by Jack Thacker and Larry Shulman for review.  
Thacker stated that in his opinion, there should not be "forever" permits but that there  
should be walk-thrus every 5-10 years to ensure that the occupancy type has not been  
changed. James Parsegian suggested that the committee could draft a guidance for  
AHJs but a workgroup would need to be developed. It was suggested that the subject  
be moved to the next meeting to allow time for the handouts to be reviewed.  
Ideas/suggestions on how to proceed will be brought to the next meeting for discussion.  
Bruce Lecair motioned to table the discussion to the next meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tracy Staiger;  
all in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

CPVC Update

Jeff Schwartz stated that the SFM will have drafted an Informational Bulletin (IB) for  
distribution regarding the CPVC issue. The IB is pending approval and signature.

AES Certification Workgroup

A copy of the Power Point presentation on data collection was shared with the  
committee. There are currently 5-7 questions being developed to collect additional data  
from AHJs and contractors. The committee will be notified once this task has been  
completed.

### NFPA 25, 2013 California Edition FAQ

Bruce Lecair shared a Power Point with the committee that outlined the NFPA 25 changes. Most changes were made to align language to be consistent with the CBC and CFC.

### UL300 School Exception

DSA has asked for the exception to be removed from California Fire Code. DSA is moving forward with removing the UL300 school modernization exception. This will require a code change and will likely be addressed with the 2016 Edition of Title 24.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Larry Shulman reminded the group that the annual NFPA conference will be in Las Vegas again. He stated there are several sessions being offered that will be pertinent to the members.

Jack Thacker discussed an issue he is having with K-14s. He asked for the opinion of the OSFM staff. James and Jeff both stated they have not had a chance to discuss. Jack stated he would share his document with OSFM for review, and it will then be shared with the committee during the next meeting.

### **OPEN FORUM**

Patrick Chew distributed Handout #3 to the group. This was a presentation on low-flow sprinklers for residential use. Jeff stated that the documents were mailed to the OSFM and will be shared with the group via email. It was felt that the information should be shared with other AHJs. James Carver asked whether the OSFM could issue an IB regarding this issued, as it is felt that most AHJs are not familiar with the issue. Robert Rowe asked if an itemized spreadsheet for the items could be developed/shared. Patrick Chew stated the manufacturers are not willing to provide that at this time. Bruce Lecair motioned to distribute an IB addressing this topic/issue; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jack Thacker; all in favor, none opposed; motion carried. Bruce Lecair, Jeff Schwartz and Patrick Chew will work together to draft the IB.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Discussion of Occupancy Verification Paper
2. Status of AES Certification data collection
3. Status of low-flow residential sprinkler IB

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was set for September 24, 2014 at 9:30 A.M. The location will be announced once confirmed. Meeting adjourned at 11:52 A.M.