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OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL
Automatic Extinguishing Systems Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2013

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.

STAFF

James Parsegian, Committee Chair
Jeff Schwartz, Program Coordinator
Wanda Albritten, Support Staff

MEMBERS PRESENT

Steve Fox, Sprinkler Fitters and Apprentices, Local 483
Randy Dysart, CALSAFE
Lawrence Shulman, Pacific Gas & Electric Co.
*Bruce LeCair, National Fire Sprinkler Association
*Jack Thacker, Allan Automatic Sprinkler Corporation
*Jim McLaughlin, Lund Pearson McLaughlin
*Allen Quirk, Paraclete Fire & Safety Inc.
*Fred Benn III, Advanced Automatic Sprinkler, Inc.
*Darryll Bolden
*Darrell Hefley, Jorgensen & Company
*Robert Nolan, ASCIP
*James Carver, El Segundo Fire Department
*Craig Voelkert, Amerex Corporation
* *Via Conference Call*

MEMBERS ABSENT

James M. Feld, University of California Berkeley
Carl Baust, Orange County Fire Authority
Patrick Chew, Roseville Fire Department
Sandi Hastings, Torrance Fire Department
Brian Weidman, Long Beach Fire Department
Stephen D. Hart, NSFA

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson James Parsegian at 9:35 A.M. on September 3, 2013.

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

Minutes from previous meeting were not available at this time they will be posted by September 28 last of the month.

OLD BUSINESS

James Parsegian, reminded the Automatic Extinguishing Systems Advisory Committee Members about the Robert Rules, and addressed the Appointment Letters.

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA 25) comments from the Advisory Committee:

- ***Commenter 1***

Comments were based on formatting issues on the AES forms. All formatting issues will corrected by the printers.

Motion by Lawrence Shulman to allow all of the comments from Commenter 1 be excepted and corrected by staff comments were editorial and form design will be corrected by staff. Annex not included in the document will be corrected by staff Lawrence Shulman and second by Randy Dysart. James Parsegian called for a vote; all were in favor and none opposed corrected by staff comments were editorial and form design will be corrected by staff.

- ***Commenter 2***

1. Editorial change to of the formatting in Section 3.3.19(1), (2), (3), and (4).
2. Editorial change to 3.3.28 Qualified to reflect Section 3.3.19(1), (2), (3), and (4) for Licensing criteria.
3. The asterisk refers you to Table 906.4(a) footnote #4. Any critical deficiency of a fire protection system shall result in the appropriate AES form being sent to the Fire Code or Building Code Official (comments 5,6,7) Form will only be sent to AHJ if needed.
4. Adding Title 19 CCR, Chapter 5, Section 902-910 in Annex H (comment 8).

Jim McLaughlin motioned to approve as amended; Randy Dysart seconded. James Parsegian called for a vote; all were in favor and none opposed to approve as amended comments by Commenter Two.

- **Commenter 3**

1. Comments #1 & 2 are there for consistency purposes.
2. Comment #3 & #4 was deemed to have no validity with the Committee Members present.

Randy Dysart motioned to approve as amended; Fred Benn seconded. James Parsegian called for a vote; all were in favor and none opposed to adopt forms as proposed by Advisory Committee Members.

- **Commenter 4**

1. Comments #1-3 were to amend the language in Section 14.3.2.3.

Jim McLaughlin motioned to accept the change move that amend 14.3.2.3 for Language we put in 14.5.1; Randy Dysart seconded. James Parsegian called for a vote; all were in favor and none opposed to accept the change move that amend 14.3.2 for Language we put in 14.5.1.

2. Comment #4 wanted to remove the Building Code Official in the Footnotes #3 & #4 from Section 906.4.

Jim McLaughlin motioned to remove building Code from the footnotes; Lawrence Schulman seconded. James Parsegian called for a vote; nine in favor, two opposed. The vote was passed by majority to remove building Code from the footnotes.

- **Commenter 5**

1. Comment #1 was handled by a previous Commenter.
2. Comment #2 Section 3.3.31 to change language to such as a deluge valve, and requires activation of a remote control device to provide water at hose connections.
3. Comment #3 Section 3.3.35 OAL want the definitions separate because you can reference Title 19 in Title 19.
4. Comments #4-6 Table 5.1.1.2 Summary of ITM & Table 6.1.1.2 Test, Water Flow Devices the proper table references.
5. Comment #8 Table 6.1.1.2 Manual or Semi-Automatic or Dry Stand Pipe leave as written.
6. Comment #9 Table 13.8.1 Information Sign, deemed to be invalid.
7. Comment #10 Table 8.1.1.2 Summary of Fire Permit ITM, deemed a clerical mistake to be fixed.
8. Comment #11 Section 9.2.1.3 Water level in tanks, deemed a clerical mistake to be fixed.
9. Comment #12 Section 13.4.3.1.3 & #13 Section 13.4.3.1.4 to remove weekly.
10. Comment #14 Section 14.3.2.3 Back Flushing FDC.

Lawrence Schulman motioned to approve as amended; Jim McLaughlin seconded. James Parsegian called for a vote; all were in favor and none opposed to adopt forms as proposed by Advisory Committee Members

11. Comment #15 Section 903.2 Employer Responsibilities deemed a clerical mistake to be fixed.
12. Comment #16 Section 904.2 Testing and Maintenance Requirements.

Jim McLaughlin motioned to remove the last sentence; Craig Voelkert seconded. James Parsegian called for a vote; 10 in favor 1 Abstain 2 not in favor to remove the last sentence.

13. All comments for Section 906 were handled by a previous Commenter.

- **Commenter 6**

1. Comment #1 was handled by a previous Commenter.
2. Comment #2 was deemed invalid.

Craig Voelkert motioned to leave as proposed by Advisory Committee Members; Jim McLaughlin seconded. James Parsegian called for a vote; all were in favor and leave as proposed by Advisory Committee Members.

- **Commenter 7**

1. Comment #1 was handled by a previous Commenter.
2. Comment #2 was handled by a previous Commenter.
3. Comment #3 & #4 table to discuss during Commenter 8.
4. Comment #5 to leave as purposed by Advisory Committee Members.
5. Comment #6 strikeout any person and add an employee.
6. Comment #7 was handled by a previous Commenter.
7. Comment on Section 904.2 (k) requested to change from "residences" to "facilities." The following vote occurred:

Jim McLaughlin motioned to approve as amended; Craig Voelkert seconded. James Parsegian called for a vote; ten in favor, two opposed and one abstention. The vote was passed by majority to replace residence with facility and remove the current language," *residence, before removal of the consumer goods from the customer's residence, or upon acceptance of the goods at the repair facility or registered location.*"

8. Comments on Section 906.4 Forms were handled by a previous Commenter.
9. The comment that pertained to Section 906.4 (4) critical deficiency to leave as purposed by Advisory Committee Members.

- **Commenter 8**

Suggest that non-sprinklered areas discovered during an inspection should be noted as a deficiency. He would like to add a new Section 5.2.1.5 and it would state, *Unsprinklered Areas shall be denoted as such and deemed a deficiency until a determination is made by the AHJ.* Also, add language to the Annex A 5.2.1.5 that would state, *"If it has been determined if areas of a building were constructed after the initial construction permit and not sprinklered, they shall be provided with sprinkler protection unless the AHJ waives the requirement."*

The Pros and Cons were discussed by the Committee.

Numerous members felt that there was need for addition. They believe that the contractors would incur a great deal of liability when they have to certify a system that does not meet this criteria.

Darryll Bolden said it was outside the scope of the contractor responsibility and Lawrence Schulman agreed. James Parsegian stated that this language goes against the Statute in the Health and Safety Code, Section 13195.

It also should be noted that the discussion also include that this proposal was rejected by the National NFPA 25 Committee in the adoption of the NFPA 25 2013 edition.

Jim McLaughlin made a motion to add the language and a new paragraph to Section 5.2.1.5 and the Annex Section 5.2.1.5 and seconded by Randy Dysart seconded. James Parsegian called for a vote; eight in favor, five opposed. The vote was passed by majority to add the language and a new paragraph to Section 5.2.1.5 to deem a deficiency and not certify the system until the AHJ makes a determination of the Non-sprinklered Areas.

Discussion about corrosion took place. It was discussed that the language in Section 5.2.1.1.1 of the NFPA 25 2002 edition was better than NFPA 25 2011 edition.

James Carver made a motion not to adopt the language in Section 5.2.1.1.1 of the NFPA 25 2011 edition, stay with the language from NFPA 25 2002 edition and Jim McLaughlin seconded. James Parsegian called for a vote; nine in favor, two opposed and two abstentions. The vote was passed by majority to not adopt the language in Section 5.2.1.1.1 of the NFPA 2011 edition, stay with the language from NFPA 2002 edition.

Randy Dysart made a motion nullify the motion not to adopt the language in Section 5.2.1.1.1 of the NFPA 25 2011 edition, stay with the language from NFPA 25 2002 edition, but rather adopt as is in NFPA 25 2011 edition and Steve Fox seconded. James Parsegian called for a vote; eleven in favor, one opposed and one abstentions. The vote was passed by majority to not adopt the language in Section 5.2.1.1.1 of the NFPA 2002 edition, stay with the language from NFPA 2011 edition.

Bruce LeCair made a motion to approve the NFPA 25 2011 edition as amended by the committee today and move forward and seconded by James Carver. James Parsegian called for a vote; twelve in favor, one abstained. The vote was passed by majority to move forward the proposed regulation language for NFPA 25 2011 edition package as amended by the committee on September 3, 2013.

Review and discuss AES Forms: 20, 21, 22.

Lawrence Schulman motioned to adopt the form as proposed and amended from the last meeting and today by Advisory Committee Members; Jim McLaughlin seconded. James Parsegian called for a vote; all were in favor to adopt the form as proposed and amended from the July 17, 2013 meeting and September 3, 2013.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment Letter for the Advisory Committee Members need to be updated.

ACTION ITEMS

Compile and complete NFPA 25 – Title 19 Regulation Package
Posting of Minutes from August meeting by September 28

NEXT MEETING

Oct 8, 2013 all three Advisory Committee will be invited will be Question and Answer Contractor State License Board (CSLB) enforcement about 10:00 until 12: 00 noon.
Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.