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**STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S  
Automatic Extinguishing Systems Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, November 15, 2006**

Committee Goal: To provide a means of communications between the Office 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 (CDF-CSFM)  
Mike Tanaka, Assistant Program Coordinator (CDF-CSFM)  
Caroline C. Fudge, Program Assistant (CDF-CSFM)  
Jim Feld, Feld Engineering  
Darrell Harguth, Brooks Fire Equipment  
Darrell Hefley, Jorgensen & Co.  
Jim McLaughlin, Lund, Pearson, McLaughlin  
Chris Gilbert, Simplex Grinnell  
Wayne Martin, FSABSC  
Randy Dysart, Beacon Fire & Safety  
Patrick Chew, City of Roseville Fire Department  
David Casey, Department of State Architect  
Russell Blair, Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District  
Fred Bern, Advanced Automatic Sprinkler, Inc.

**Members Absent:**

Vickie Sakamoto, Division Chief Fire Engineering (CDF-CSFM)  
Ken Liming, Insurance Services Office  
Jesse Franco, City of Los Angeles Fire Department  
Christopher Gray, City of Glendale Fire Department  
Robert Raymer, California Building Industry Association  
Jason Nailon, Apple Valley FPD  
Eddie Vasquez, DGS State Architect  
Scott McMillan, Alameda County Fire Department  
Tom Walsh, Santa Clara County Fire Department  
Lorin Neyer, OSHPD  
Mike Waldron, Simplex-Grinnell

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### **Members Absent Continued:**

Robert Blankenship, California Department of Corrections  
Steve Hart, NAS-IP  
Gary Boyles, Rodeo-Hercules Fire District ·  
Sam Husoe, NFSA  
Jaymae Wentker, City of Mountain View  
Dennis Grubb, Orange County Fire Authority

### **Meeting Called to Order**

Meeting was called to order by James Parsegian @ 10:00 a.m. on November 15, 2006.

### **Roll Call**

Roll call was taken, no quorum. James indicated that he would continue with the meeting so that the business could be completed due to this being the last meeting of the setting committee year.

Question was brought up about not having enough committee members showing up to the meetings to have a quorum. Take a good look at the Committee Appointee Letters when they come due to see who has been on the committee showing up to the meetings and who has not.

### **Announcements**

Mike Tanaka will be taking over as Program Coordinator for the Automatic Extinguishing System Program. The exact date will be determined.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

Motion made by Jim McLaughlin to approve the September 26, 2006 minutes, with the exception of grammar corrections. Motion seconded by Wayne Martin. All members approved.

### **Old Business**

1. NFPA 25 update...James Parsegian indicated that the NFPA 25 package was submitted to the Secretary of State with an effective date of April 1, 2007.
  - James Parsegian also indicated that he talked to Ray Bizal concerning NFPA 25 California Editions and Ray Bizal indicated NFPA would work with publishers.
  - Russ Blair, Jim Feld and Wayne Martin expressed serious concerns over the training of the Fire Prevention Officers (FPO) and C-16 contractors.
    - Ray Bizal had also indicated to James Parsegian that he would put something on the FPO workshop in Buellton and the FPO's North and South meetings.

## **Old Business Continued**

- Committee members indicated other sources should be informed of the adoptions of NFPA 25 (ASFA, NFSA, LOS ANGELES FIRE MARSHALS, CASH, STATE CONTRACTORS BOARD, NEWS LETTERS, FPOWEB PAGE AND STATE FIRE MARSAHL LINK.
  - Committee members suggested contracting NFPA to see what seminars could be provided for FPOS and contractors.
  - Established NFPA 25 training workgroup members are Russ Blair, Wayne Martin, Jim Feld, and Patrick Chew. James will ask Ray Bizal to sit on that committee as well. James Parsegian will also set up a conference call as soon as possible to work with group.
1. Mike Tanaka handed out a draft letter and State Fire Marshal Buellton to be sent to fire departments, contractors and "A" License holders.
    - Committee members made several recommendations for changes to the letter and bulletin, asking to wait and send them until NFPA 25 gives us the information on publishing the California Edition.
    - James Parsegian indicated that the new forms and the completed forms will be available on the web in 2 weeks.
    - Wayne Martin and James Parsegian discussed the changes requested by the LA Fire Department, and how they were to use the forms. There were only three changes requested: Building Type, Building Construction and Building Height/Stories.
  2. Code Adoptions James Parsegian briefed the committee on the final adoption 2006 building and fire codes. The only change that affects AES is UL 300 and the final January deadline for updates.
  3. UL710B, Chris Gilbert briefed the committee on the workgroups, finding concerning appliance listed under UL710B. Workgroup recommends that the State Fire Marshal allow this UL standard to be used. However recommends regulatory language for the placement of these appliances. The workgroup also recommends this to be completed during the pre-engineered and engineered regulation changes and form development. Workgroup members (all names) will hold a meeting on November 28th at Sacramento Metro Fire Department.

## **New Business**

1. Fred Benn asked to discuss the possible adoption of the IRC in May of 2007; he questioned what the State Fire Marshals position would be on the amendments to the IRC concerning the requirements for sprinklers in a single family dwelling. After the discussion there was a motion from the committee to recommend that the State Fire Marshal take the position of requiring sprinklers if there were no giveaways like hydrant spacing, fire flow, and response time. Motion made by Dave Casey and seconded by Jim McLaughlin. Motion passed unanimously.
2. James briefed on the adoptions of NFPA 13, 2002 edition. He will email the group the published date and the effective date for enforcement.

### **Open Forum**

Wayne Martin presented a letter of reinstatement to the AES committee. All committee members were informed that their need there letters in for reappointment now. The committee again expressed concern about pass members being on the committee but not attending the meetings, asked that the State Fire Marshal take a closer look at letters that will be coming in to the office for reappointment.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in Northern California, date and location to be determined.