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**EMERGENCY EVACUATION INFORMATION
TASK FORCE****MEETING ACCOUNT
FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2002****Meeting Attendees:**

Hugh Council, *Chair*
Kathleen Anderson, *Rose Resnick Lighthouse for the Blind*
Bill Crandall, *Smith-Kettlewell Eye Research Institute*
John Fennah, *Sound Alert Technology*
Nick Garcia, *Tactile Signage*
Larry Hageman, *Larry Hageman and Associates (representing AMSECO-KAI Corporation)*
Lt. Robert Kehoe, *San Francisco Fire Department*
Eugene Lozano, *California Council for the Blind*
Chris Louros, *Trammell Crow Company (representing BOMA)*
Manny Muniz, *Manny Muniz Associates*
Linda Myers, *California Association of Orientation and Mobility Specialist*
John Perricone, *West & East Bay Construction*
James Simon, *SBI*

Opening Remarks:

Hugh Council introduced John Fennah, Director-North American Operations, Sound Alert Technology. Mr. Fennah was invited to attend the meeting to give a presentation explaining Sound Alert Technology, a company based in England that has made advancements in fire alarm systems, including patented directional sound technology.

Sound Alert Technology:

In brief, Sound Alert Technology adds sound to exit points, because signs are not seen in most smoke situations where visibility is reduced. Sound Alert is made to work with regular fire alarms. Sound bursts include all ranges of bandwidth; humans tune out alarm sound and go toward "white noise" sound bursts.

Sound Alert Technology, continued:

Hugh wants to set up a test of this system at the State Fire Marshal's Office at 1131 S Street in Sacramento. The test would be conducted on a Saturday. The CalPERS building in Sacramento was mentioned as another possible test site.

Title 19, 3.09:

Hugh wants task force members to look at and redo the existing Title 19,3.09 document. Members should use Jim Abrams' version as a starting point. Everyone is encouraged to make strikeouts and additions and bring their revised document to the next task force meeting. Hugh wants to devote the entire meeting to rewriting the 3.09 document. Hugh informed the group that the regulatory process to have the document changed is lengthy. Once the revised document goes through the required procedures, the State Fire Marshal's Office Regulations staff will review the revised document for accuracy and finalize it. It would then be submitted to the Office of Administrative Law for completion of the process.

Closing Remarks:

Hugh requested that a copy of the *U.S. Fire Problem Overview Report* be enclosed with the meeting account. Hugh also reminded task force members to bring their Title 19, 3.09 revisions to the next meeting and be prepared to discuss the revised material.

Set Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 21, 2002, beginning at 10:00am at the Office of the State Fire Marshal, 1131 S Street, Conference Room, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Enclosure