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**CALIFORNIA STATE FIRE MARSHAL  
FIRE ALARM ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Date: February 1, 2007  
Meeting Location: OSFM Main Conference Room  
1131 S St., Sacramento, CA 95814

**Members Present:**

Vickie Sakamoto, OSFM Fire Engineering, Chair  
Ken Vollenweider, BML Program Coordinator, Vice-Chair  
James Parsegian, DSFM Supervisor  
John Guhl, Senior DSFM Technical Assistant  
Von Costa, Program Assistant  
Rick Cortina, Wheelock, Inc.  
Howard Hopper, Underwriters Laboratories Inc.  
John Mapes, Foster City Fire Department  
Michael Reeser, Santa Rosa Fire Equipment Services  
Jim Langhorne, Montecito Fire Protection District  
Mark Latham, City of Santa Cruz Fire Department  
David Casey, Division of the State Architect (DSA)

**Members Absent:**

Mike Novotny, Office of Statewide Health Planning & Development  
Bill Hopple, SimplexGrinnell  
Cindy Moore, Orange County Fire Authority  
Doug Myers, City of Pasadena Fire Department  
Shane Clary, Bay Alarm Company  
Rick Lewis, Rolf Jensen and Associates  
Patrick Ward, Schirmer Engineering

**Guests:**

Jon Kapis, Rolf Jensen and Associates (On behalf of Rick Lewis)  
Nate Dirmingham, Rolf Jensen and Associates  
Bill Metzinger, Bay Alarm Company (On behalf of Shane Clary)

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Vickie Sakamoto at 9:35 A.M.

**2. Introductions**

Vickie welcomed everyone to the meeting and self-introductions were conducted. A quorum was established. Vickie introduced changes in personnel to the Building Materials Listing (BML) Program. Ken Vollenweider is the new program coordinator replacing Diane Arend, who is now working in the Regulations unit. Andrieu (AJ) Ching has relocated to another state agency. Von Costa will be taking minutes for today's meeting.

### **3. Minutes of Last Meeting**

A copy of the minutes for the August 10, 2006 meeting was distributed to the committee. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mark Latham and seconded by Mike Reeser. Minutes of August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting was approved.

## **OLD BUSINESS (WORK GROUP UPDATES)**

### **4. Patient Room Corridor Lamps**

Mike Novotny from OSHPD was not present. This issue will be tabled to next meeting. Vickie will contact OSHPD to see if he will be representing their department.

### **5. Fire Alarm Plan Review Guide/Check List**

The work group is still waiting for the code changes. The I code adoption is not yet available. David Casey distributed the Division of the State Architect's (DSA) "Plan Submittal Requirements for Fire Alarm and Detection Systems" check list to the group. This document is used as a checklist for clients to provide the necessary information for a timely plan review. David welcomes any suggestions and/or changes to this document.

### **6. Replacing System Control Units – Update on Draft Document**

A workgroup committee was formed with Rick Cortina serving as chairperson. Committee members include John Guhl, Jim Langhorne, Mark Latham, Mike Reeser, and Jon Kapis. A conference call is scheduled for February 2, 2007 at noon to come up with code interpretations.

### **7. NFPA 72, 2002 Adoption**

Vickie reported that since the 2002 adoption is completed, the State Fire Marshal's Office will now focus on the 2007 edition of NFPA 72.

### **8. AB-2177 Meeting Update**

A meeting with the Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) representatives was held on January 17 to discuss what SFM needs from the NRTL to expedite the listing review process and a list of items was discussed. The next day, the entire workgroup discussed the procedure on how to implement AB-2177. There was a discussion to determine if the entire process could be done paperless. SFM will check with accounting to see if this is possible. The workgroup is moving forward and quickly with a positive attitude.

### **9. Regulations Update-IBC/IFC**

The Building Standards Commission (BSC) approved all amendments to the International Building Code and International Fire Code. There were no comments on the fire code and everything passed. The 2009 model code amendments to the IBC and IFC are required to be sent to ICC by August 20, 2007. The first supplement to the 2007 California IBC and IFC Codes must be submitted to the Building Standards Commission in September, 2007.

### **10. Miscellaneous Item**

A letter written by the State Fire Marshal's Office to CAFAA dated June 29, 2005, regarding UL Standard 864, 9<sup>th</sup> Edition was distributed to the group.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2007 at 9:30 A.M. at the State Fire Marshal's Office in Sacramento.

### **Adjournment**

Rick Cortina made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jon Kapis seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Vickie Sakamoto at 11:45 A.M.