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**MINUTES**  
**Residential Care Facility Advisory Committee**  
**Tuesday January 6, 2009**  
**Office of the State Fire Marshal, Sacramento, California**

**PRESENT:**

Ernie Paez, Chair, Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM)  
Stephen Hart, Co-Chair, Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM)  
Greg Lake, Sacramento Metropolitan Fire Department  
Jim Pettigrew, SoCal Fire Prevention Officers Association (teleconference)  
George Miller, CRCAC  
Richard Friend, Friend's Home Care (teleconference)  
Bob Gebel, LAAFMA (teleconference)  
Doug Pancake, Irwin Pancake Architects  
Sally Michael, CALA (substitute)  
Steve April, Contra County Fire Department  
Denise Johnson, CRCAC  
Rocque Yballa, California Fire Chiefs Association  
Charles Skoien, CRCAC (teleconference)  
Heather Harrison, California Assisted Living  
Walter Brandes, Riverside County Fire Department  
Cristina Flores, Cristina's Care Homes  
Joe Rodrigues, Department of Aging (CDA) (teleconference)

**PARTICIPANT:**

Daisy Braxton, DSS/CCL  
John Amanat, Perkins Eastman

**ABSENT:**

Ken Rohde, Erickson Retirement Community  
Eric Dowdy, Aging Services of California  
Kent Miller, NorCal Fire Prevention Officers (FPO)  
Diane Arend, Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM)  
John Avis, Department of Social Services (DSS-CCL)  
Tricia Nishio, Department of Social Services (DSS-CCL)  
Joe Garcia, Tulare County Fire  
Edward J. Garza, Small Provider Alliance  
Thomas Stahl, Department of Social Services (DSS)

**STAFF:** Kevin Reinertson, Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM)  
Vickie Sakamoto, Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM)  
Steve Guarino, Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM)

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Ernie Paez, Chair, called the meeting to order at **1000** hours at the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) Headquarters, 1131 S Street, Sacramento California.

**II. INTRODUCTIONS**

Each attendee gave a brief description of their background and the organization they represent.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

October 8, 2008

**IV. GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

1. The meeting began with a discussion with Kevin Reinertson regarding the following issues:

1. Possibility of Reclassifying Group I-1 to Group R Occupancy
2. Issues associated with the possible change i.e. accessibility, zoning.
3. Recommended the committee consider forming an Ad-Hoc committee to study the issue.

2. Ernie Paez discussed the topic of the fire department requiring/enforcing exterior ramps on R-3.1 facilities. This discussion was prompted due to a request for a code interpretation (08-035) to the SFM by a local fire department. The code interpretation had been posted on the SFM web-site but was pulled for further review and discussion by Ernie Paez. Ernie shared with the committee that this question has been posed at least four times since year 2000. Each time the SFM answer was the same; that it was not the intent of 2007 CBC section 425.8.5 or any prior issues to apply that section to the exterior portions of the building in R-3.1 occupancies. The committee discussed this at length and it was agreed upon that the SFM would issue an information bulletin addressing the issue of the enforcement of exterior ramps in R-3.1 occupancies.

3. John Amanat, Perkins Eastman Architects gave a presentation to the group regarding I-1 occupancies and dining/activity spaces greater than 750 square feet open to the corridor.

**V. ROUND TABLE**

Joe Rodrigues, Department of Aging advised the committee that all of their state funding had been eliminated and the program lost 60 of their 180 paid staff.

Bob Gebel & Jim Pettigrew suggested having some of the committee meetings in Southern California.

Steve April suggested large family day cares be classified as an R-3.1 not an I-4. He suggested the SFM fix this. Steve also stated that sprinklers in R-4's be discussed so that everyone is on the same playing field. Ernie Paez stated that that we would be hearing from the R-4 Ad-Hoc committee.

**VI. SET MEETING DATE(S)**

Next meeting **March 3, 2009** 1000 at the Prison Industries Conference Center, 1901 Broadway Suite D Sacramento, CA 95818.

**VII. MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 1400 hours.

Meeting Minutes January 6, 2009  
RCF Advisory Committee

**Meeting Minutes Developed by:**  
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