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## ATTACHMENT 8

**Date:** August 20, 2015

**To:** State Board of Fire Services

**From:** Mike Richwine, Assistant State Fire Marshal

**SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:**

Fireworks Disposal Update

**Recommended Actions:**

Information/Discussion Only

**Background Information:**

2015/16 Budget included trailer bill language that amended Health and Safety Code Section 12726 requiring the OSFM to *manage* seized dangerous fireworks. The budget also appropriated \$5 million in one-time funding for the management of 2014/15 stockpiles and anticipated seizures for the current year.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

The change in statute eliminates the mandate for the OSFM to dispose of seized fireworks and provides flexibility in seeking a permanent solution. The budget action is to use the funding to bridge the gap between the current fireworks seizure problem and an anticipated Extended Producer Responsibility Model (EPR) that is proposed as a legislative bill (SB 522). This bill (if successful) would provide for a long term solution for seized fireworks management and be in place for the 2016 July 4th period.

Current management operations have Program working with a contractor to haul seized dangerous fireworks (not in original packaging) as hazardous waste. The hazardous waste is transported to an approved hazardous waste disposal site outside of California. Seized Fireworks that are in the original packaging are being temporarily stored as hazardous materials. This product will be available to transfer to the proposed EPR..

Seized product has been removed from the larger storage sites located in Los Angeles County and San Bernardino County. The product removal from other storage locations is being coordinated with the contractor.