



PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, July 22nd, 2026, 01:30 PM – 04:30 PM

Hybrid Committee Meeting

Meeting Location:

Office of the State Fire Marshal

5th Floor, OSFM McKittrick Conference Room 512
37800 Kilroy Airport Way, Long Beach, Ca 90806

Meeting ID: 845 0158 5423

MEMBERS' PRESENT

Paul Cogburn, CALSAFE
Kimberly Golding, NAFED
Rebecca Leda, Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District
Matthew McCarrick, Code Red Fire Inc.
Garth Embree (Alternate), Amerex
Edie Wade, Brooks Equipment
Eric Stessel, Contra Costa County Fire Department
Chad Murbach, Jorgensen Company
Issac DeFee, Cintas Corporation
J.R. Nerat, Presto

MEMBERS ABSENT

GUESTS PRESENT

Dave Pelton, NAFED
Jacqueline Wilmont, Brooks

OSFM STAFF

Terence Liszewski, Chairperson, Deputy State Fire Marshal
Andrew Henning, Assistant Deputy Director
Brice Bennett, Division Chief
Cortney Walker, Supervisor I
Larry Godbout, Supervisor I
Patricia Rock, Deputy State Fire Marshal
Adam Stewart, Analyst I
Thomas Setnan, Analyst II
Chris Dale, Analyst II
Al Adams, Retired Annuitant

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Welcome and Logistics Briefing

Chairperson Terence Liszewski called the meeting to order at 13:30 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT). Logistics briefing was provided by Chairperson Terence Liszewski.

B. Committee Member Introductions and Roll Call

Roll call was conducted by Adam Stewart and determined that a quorum (10 of 10) of members was present.

C. Introductions of Non-Committee Members

All attendees introduced themselves.

D. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes – April 22nd, 2026

Chairperson Terence Liszewski asked for approval of the minutes for the April 22nd, 2026, meeting. It was moved by Member Issac DeFee to approve of the minutes as presented; motion seconded by Member Edie Wade. Motion was carried out with a unanimous vote in favor of approval of the April meeting minutes as presented.

E. Announcements/Division Updates

Chairperson Liszewski turned the floor over to Chief Brice Bennett. Chief Bennett provided updates on the portable fire extinguisher program, including training opportunities for fire prevention officers across California.

Cortney Walker provided an update with “bulk” payments in GovMOTUS. She stated that there is an option in GovMOTUS to pay for multiple applications in one credit card transaction. Cortney Walker mentioned an informational bulletin on OSFM’s website for helpful instructions.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Fire Extinguisher Placement

Chairperson Liszewski mentioned a reminder that all fire extinguisher selection and placement must comply with California Code of Regulations and Title 19.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Renewal Period Reminder

Chairperson Liszewski stated as a reminder that annual renewals are coming up September 1st to November 1st and for everyone to follow the guidelines when submitting a photo within the renewal application. Adam Stewart confirmed that incorrectly submitted photos will be rejected.

B. California Statutes and Regulations

Chairperson Liszewski emphasized that, when discussing fire extinguishers in California, it is essential to consider the established hierarchy of the governing authorities, including the Health and Safety Code, the California Code of Regulations, and applicable national standards.

C. Battery and Energy Storage System Symposium

Chairperson Liszewski Encouraged everyone to attend or inquire about this year’s Battery and Energy Storage System Symposium, scheduled for August 20, 2026, in Anaheim.

4. OPEN FORUM

Chairperson Liszewski opened the floor for an open forum.

Member Matthew McCarrick raised a question regarding a new Los Angeles County Home Hazardous Waste (HHW) extended producer responsibility (EPR) recycling ordinance. He stated that Los Angeles County proposed a new ordinance to classify fire extinguishers as HHW, which could impact costs and availability. Member McCarrick wanted to know if OSFM has heard of this proposal or thoughts on the topic.

Chief Bennett indicated that OSFM had not heard of the proposal for the new program and would require further research on the topic to provide any comment.

Member Edie Wade inquired about the status and location of the two regulatory packages that are under review.

Chairperson Liszewski provided an update explaining that one package incorporating NFPA 10 is in development and will be submitted to the Advisory Committee for review after internal analysis is complete. Chairperson Liszewski stated that he is working to compare current Title 19 Regulations to NFPA 10 standards.

Chief Andrew Henning clarified that while the NFPA working group from the advisory board remains active, staff will prepare most of the package internally before seeking Committee input rather than having the Committee develop it incrementally. Chief Henning mentioned well Chairperson Liszewski continues doing detailed analysis and getting feedback from stakeholders on the proposed packages, he hopefully plans to bring the packages back to the Advisory Committee for review by the end of calendar year 2027.

Chief Bennett reiterated from earlier and discussed Member J.R. Nerat's recent presentation at the NFPA convention, with participants praising the quality of the presentation and requesting access to the PowerPoint materials.

Member J.R. Nerat agreed to share the presentation materials, either through the NFPA site or separately from the group.

Member Kimberly Golding asked which version of NFPA 10 is being considered.

Chairperson Liszewski stated that it was 2026.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Terence Liszewski opened the floor for public comment.

Dave Pelton provided an update on the proposed Los Angeles County HHW EPR ordinance, clarifying that fire extinguishers are currently defined as HHW but have historically been considered industrial recyclable waste products. He suggested to the Advisory Committee to review them to understand potential local and state impacts.

6. UPCOMING MEETING DATES FOR 2026

- A.** October 28th, 2026, 01:30 PM to 04:30 PM (PST)
Office of the State Fire Marshal
The Natural Resources Agency Building
715 P Street, Sacramento, Ca 95814

7. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Member Matthew McCarrick and seconded by Member Edie Wade. Motion was carried with a unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting. Chairperson Terence Liszewski adjourned the meeting at 02:00 P.M. (PDT).