

FLAME RETARDANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ROSTER

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PURPOSE: The Flame Retardant Advisory Committee (Committee) will provide a means of communication between the CAL FIRE-Office of the State Fire Marshal, representatives of industry, state agencies, the fire service, and other stakeholders. The Committee will provide a forum for addressing flame retardant issues of statewide concern, share best practices, seek comments and specific input on programs and technical issues, and inform local agencies and the public of applicable new laws and regulations.

OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL PERSONNEL

Member	Title / Representation	Alternate Designee
Brice Bennett	Chairperson / Division Chief Fire Engineering and Investigations Division	NA
Jeff Schwartz	Supervising Deputy State Fire Marshal / Acting Flame Retardant Program Coordinator	NA

FIRE SERVICE MEMBERS (3)

Member	Title / Representation	Alternate Designee
Almeda Hall Term Expiration: December 31, 2027	Fire Prevention Specialists III / Fort Irwin Fire Department	NA
Riley Munson Term Expiration: December 31, 2027	Fire Inspector / City of Victorville	NA
Elizabeth McDowell Term Expiration: December 31, 2027	Senior Fire Protection Officer / Sacramento City Fire Department	NA

TESTING LABORATORIES (3)

Member	Title / Representation	Alternate Designee
Bobby Brown Term Expiration: December 31, 2027	Director of Operations / SGS North America, Inc.	NA
Brian Dement Term Expiration: December 31, 2027	Vice President / Diversified Testing Labs	NA
Jason Friedrich, P.E. Term Expiration: December 31, 2027	Engineering Manager / QAI	NA

INDUSTRY/ORGANIZATIONS/MANUFACTURERS (4)

Member	Title / Representation	Alternate Designee
Donny Vasquez Term Expiration: December 31, 2027	Business Owner / Made in the Shade Tent Rentals	NA
John Kardos Term Expiration: December 31, 2027	Research and Development Manager / Snyder Manufacturing	NA
Jonathan Ramos Term Expiration: December 31, 2027	Project Manager / BCT Entertainment	NA
Kathy Newman Term Expiration: December 31, 2027	CEO / FireTect	NA