
RISK MODELING ADVISORY WORKGROUP

Meeting Minutes – Monday, December 19, 2022, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Posted January 13, 2023



Video link to meeting held on 12/19/2022: https://youtu.be/FkPNgZac_IM

Committee Members Present

Jim McDougald, Staff Chief, Office of the State Fire Marshal
Carlos Camarena, Emergency Services
Esteban Mendoza in lieu of Deborah Halsberstadt, The Insurance Commissioner
Nancy Watkins, Milliman
Robert Marshall Fire California Fire Chiefs Association and the Fire Districts Association of California
Yana Valachovic California Fire Science Consortium Association
Dore Bietz, local government
Joe Irvin, Local Government
Clay Kerchof, representing Paul Glushku, Housing and Community Development
Chris Ochoa, California Building Industry
Anthony Powers, California Professional Firefighters
Max Moritz, Milliman
Dave Winnacker, Fire California Fire Chiefs Association and the Fire Districts Association of California
Andi Brigg in lieu of Melissa Semcer, Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety
Terry Woodrow, local government

Committee Members Not Present

Neil Matouka, State Planning and Research

CAL FIRE – Office of the State Fire Marshal

Dave Sapsis, Supervisory Senior Environmental Scientist
Richard Brechbuehl, Assistant Chief
Mark Rosenburg, Research Data Manager
Celeste Jovanovic, Associate Governmental Program Analyst

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jim McDougald

- A. Welcome
 - i. Meeting called to order at 1:01PM
- B. Roll Call/Quorum Established
 - i. Celeste Jovanovic took roll call, Neil Matouka was not present.
- C. Agenda Review (**Motion Required/Adoption**)

Motion:	N. Watkins moved to accept the meeting agenda; R. Marshall seconded the motion.
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Action:	All members voted to unanimously approve the motion.
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D. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (Motion Required)

Motion:	J. Irvin moved to accept the meeting minutes; N. Watkins seconded the motion.
Action:	All members voted to unanimously approve the motion.

2. OLD BUSINESS

Jim McDougald

A. Overview of 11/21/22 meeting

3. NEW BUSINESS

Jim McDougald

A. Process

- i. Discussion about type of type of Model we are trying to accomplish, not necessarily looking at an actual equation, but generalize based off density area.
- ii. Visual provided by Yana Valachovic, to use a comparison to the bullet list for the Risk Modeling Advisory Workgroup Report Outline, see the additional documents for this visual

B. Risk Modeling Workgroup Report Outline

i. Section III (Mitigations that Matter)

1. Discussion around the NIST document provided, which provides a definition of SSD, which right now is around 30 feet. Category request to be added 0-30 feet 30-100 feet, greater than 100 feet. Originally set at 0-100 feet and greater than 100 feet.
2. Discussion continued around what models are for, and what do we want to get out of models. Risk is impacted at the home level, then effect the neighborhood, followed by effecting the community.
3. Building Code Compliance discussion when thinking about modeling, this topic should be added to structure section.
4. Consideration is being requested to think about adding vacant lot into the paper, as these play a large role in mitigating risk or contributing to risk.
5. Discussion around leaving the larger landscaping out of this modeling paper, as can be very cumbersome for what the workgroup is attempting to accomplish with the Goals and Objectives from the Charter.
6. Will be hosting Webinars on additional topics, these webinars will follow the Bagley-Keene Act and will be published on the website.

4. ROUNDTABLE

Jim McDougald

A. No roundtable discussion

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Members of the public present, no public comment.

6. UPCOMING MEETING DATES FOR 2022

Third Monday of each month starting at 1 PM and ending at 3 PM.

Next meeting is January 21, 2023

7. MEETING ADJOURNMENT (Motion Required)

Jim McDougald

Motion:	N. Watkins moved to accept the Meeting Adjournment; R. Marshall seconded the motion.
Action:	All members voted to unanimously approve the motion.

Meeting ended at PM