
RISK MODELING ADVISORY WORKGROUP

Meeting Minutes – Monday, February 27, 2023, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Posted 3/20/2023



Video link to meeting held on 2/27/23: <https://youtu.be/Gn1IMLimSWg>

Committee Members Present

Jim McDougald, Staff Chief, Office of the State Fire Marshal
Robert Scott in lieu of Carlos Camarena, Emergency Services
Dave Winnacker, Fire California Fire Chiefs Association and the Fire Districts Association of California
Deborah Halsberstadt, The Insurance Commissioner
Nancy Watkins, Milliman
Dore Bietz, local government
Michael Maguire in lieu of Neil Matouka, State Planning and Research
Clay Kerchof, in lieu of Paul Glushku, Housing and Community Development
Chris Ochoa, California Building Industry
Anthony Powers, California Professional Firefighters
Max Moritz, Milliman
Melissa Semcer, Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety

Committee Members Not Present

Yana Valachovic California Fire Science Consortium Association
Joe Irvin, Local Government
Terry Woodrow, local government

CAL FIRE – Office of the State Fire Marshal

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, Yana Valachovic, Joe Irvin and Terry Woodrow were not present.
- C. Agenda Review (**Motion Required/Adoption**)

Motion:	M. Semcer 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:	M. Semcer moved to accept the meeting minutes; N. Watkins seconded the motion.
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Action:	All members voted to unanimously approve the motion.
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2. OLD BUSINESS

Jim McDougald

- A. Overview of 1/23/23 meeting
 - i. Nothing to add for the outline.

3. NEW BUSINESS

Jim McDougald

- A. Review Section IV (Barriers)
 - i. Discussion around the section Barriers and Recommendations, section IV of the outline.
 - ii. Moved possible stakeholders to the intended audience.
 - iii. Added Limitations - under Barriers
 - 1. Home verse community
 - 2. Jurisdictions Responsibility
 - 3. Sensitive Data
 - iv. Group the barriers, data frequency updates, limitations, data availability, sensitive data, and should be all grouped together under barriers, and not separate topics.
 - v. Recommendation of improving understanding catastrophic models – how do we better articulate what this barrier is, and how to address this for the public.
 - vi. Moved the outline around, see version from 2/27/23 and 3/20/23 for all the changes.
 - vii. What are the objections to mitigations? How might the advisory workgroup address this.
 - viii. Not looking to create a model, but looking to create a framework, so the model can be integrated later. Data is first, that will feed the models, working reduce the barriers of data to assist in creating the model.
 - ix. Conversation around hardening and insurance, what might that look like, and how might that impact residents. -do I get a reduction in premium if I participate, does the cost of hardening outweigh the cost of insurance.
 - 1. Broke Barriers out into similar sections, by creating a section title of barrier and reducing wildfire risk.
 - 2. Environmental and Regulatory Section Added CEQA, traffic patterns, carbon, CEQA.
 - 3. Added insurance in the financial section of barrier (how much will it cost me, and how much will it save me)
 - x. Barriers to *determine* wildfire risk.
 - xi. Barriers to *reducing* wildfire risk
 - xii. Barrier to getting people to mitigation.
 - 1. Recommendations, not really our role. Our responsibility is the model, if we want we can add this part as our recommendations for the Legislator if they want to explore more.

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 March 20, 2023

7. MEETING ADJOURNMENT (Motion Required)

Jim McDougald

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

Meeting ended at 1:57PM