
RISK MODELING ADVISORY WORKGROUP

Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, July 19, 2023, 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Posted 7/24/23



Video link to meeting held on 7/19/23: <https://youtu.be/9aCtPWYEDZY>

Committee Members Present

Jim McDougald, Staff Chief, Office of the State Fire Marshal
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
Melissa Semcer, Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety
Yana Valachovic California Fire Science Consortium Association
Chris Ochoa, California Building Industry
Anthony Powers, California Professional Firefighters
Terry Woodrow, local government

Committee Members Not Present

Neil Matouka, State Planning and Research
Carlos Camarena, Emergency Services
Paul Glushku, Housing and Community Development
Joe Irvin, Local Government
Robert Marshall, Fire California Fire Chiefs Association and the Fire Districts Association of California
Max Moritz, Milliman

CAL FIRE – Office of the State Fire Marshal

Mark Rosenburg, Research Data Manager
Chris Ramey, Division Chief
Scott Witt, Deputy Chief

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jim McDougald

- A. Welcome
 - i. Meeting was called to order at 3:02 PM
- B. Roll Call/Quorum Established
 - i. Celeste Jovanovic took roll call, Neil Matouka, Carlos Camarena, Paul Glushku, Joe Irvin, Robert Marshall and Max Mortiz were not present.
- C. Agenda Review **(Motion Required/Adoption)**

Motion:	N. Watkins moved to accept the meeting agenda; M. Semcer 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:	N. Watkins moved to accept the meeting minutes; C. Ochoa 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. Discussion and Review of Draft Risk Modeling Report

B. Discussion around current draft of report.

- i. To hold off on the Executive summary until workgroup works through all sections of the paper.
- ii. Discussion around utility corridors, Dave, and Melissa to work on this offline to add pertinent information in the paper.
- iii. Yana to work on closing section of Executive Summary – also requesting to work on the editing team.
- iv. Yana and Dave to work on Section 2: Mitigating Wildfire Risk
- v. Recommendation that people should read this who are not in the space of Risk Modeling.
- vi. Section 4.1 – deleted paragraph that explains what this section is about, added back in and will become 4.1 and all other subsections below will be updated to start with 4.2.
 1. A key point of models is to be able to look at potential outcomes based on conditions, or changes in conditions.
- vii. Section 4.2 second to last paragraph needs to be updated. The word “novel” to be updated.
- viii. 4.4.3 Probabilistic Models: create its own section, in section 6 for utility models remove Technosylva as the vendor.
- ix. Celeste to reach out to Neil and OPR to clear up nonmember workgroup suggestion.
- x. 4.4.5 Catastrophe Models: deleted section added back into the paper after the first paragraph.
- xi. Model evolution: will remove some of the insurance information, but keep paragraph in.
- xii. Lesson learned from other States and Perils – on the outline and will need to be discussed at the 7/26/23 meeting.
- xiii. Small group to be given edit rights.
 1. Executive summary and conclusion to be assigned out later.

3. ROUNDTABLE

Jim McDougald

None.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. UPCOMING MEETING DATES FOR 2023

1. July 26, 2023, at 1:00 – 2:30 PM (Virtual)

6. MEETING ADJOURNMENT (Motion Required)

Jim McDougald

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

Meeting adjournment: 4:34PM