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SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:

An update on Fire Engineering & Investigations Division's proposed regulations for Title 19, California Code of Regulations, Division 1, Chapter 5, Article 5 and Chapter 5.5, Article 3, regarding the fee increase for the Automatic Fire Extinguishing Systems Program.

Recommended Actions:

Information only

Background Information:

In 2017-18, the Division initiated the process of fully assessing workload, analyzing business processes, and updating regulations and fees to create a fee structure that is commensurate with supporting each of the programs' current operations. Throughout this process, it was identified the revenues generated by each of the Licensing and Certification (L&C) programs needed to be updated to support current and future program costs. Furthermore, additional positions need to be added to reflect current workload demands to ensure full enforcement of the Health and Safety Code (HSC), and L&C expenditures needed to be re-baselined.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

To offset the additional cost of additional staff, the OSFM is proposing to increase the program fees. This proposal would provide the appropriate fees to operate the program and cover the cost for additional workload and staffing. Since the Automatic Fire Extinguishing Systems Program's fees have not been increased for over 11 years and 4 years for Sprinkler Fitter Certification, the proposed fees increase is necessary to cover the costs of doing business and to provide better services to our stakeholder. The

proposed fees will provide the staffing necessary to enhance licensing and certification service and program oversight. The proposed regulations will have a positive impact on the ability of the OSFM to carry out its statutory mandates.

Title 19, California Code of Regulations
Division 1. State Fire Marshal
Chapter 5. Automatic Fire Extinguishing Systems
Article 5. Licenses

§ 905.3. Fees

(a) The original or renewal fee for licensees to service each type of automatic fire extinguishing systems were increased to various amounts for the following types of licenses:

Type 1
Type 2
Type L

Title 19, California Code of Regulations
Division 1. State Fire Marshal
Chapter 5.5. Automatic Fire Extinguishing Systems
Article 3. General Provisions and Fee Schedule

§ 925.1. Fee Schedule

Fees for application or renewal of any certification or registration were increased to various amounts to the following types of licenses:

Sprinkler Fitter Certification
Apprentice Registration
Trainee Registration
Annual Renewal
Commercial Continuing Education Unit Course
Multi-family Residential Continuing Education Unit Course.