
AB 835 SINGLE EXIT STAIR TASK GROUP MEETING

Meeting Minutes –Tuesday, July 1, 2025



Crystal Sujeski, CAL FIRE – Office of the State Fire Marshal, Chair (Present)
Robert Marshall, Deputy Fire Chief San Mateo, Co-Chair

Task Group Members

Stoyan Bumbalov, Executive Director, Building Standards Commission
Irina Browsman (Alternate), Building Standards Commission (Present)
Kyle Krause, Deputy Director, Housing Community Development
Mitchel Baker (Alternate), Assistant Deputy Director, Housing Community Development
Stephan Smith, Executive Director, Center for Building in North America (Present)
Jeff Maddox (Alternate), The Fire Consultants (Present)
James Dobson, Fire Marshal, California Fire Chiefs (FM Section)
James Gillespie Fire Marshal (Alternate), California Fire Chiefs (FM Section)
Joe Cavin, Fire Marshal, California Fire Prevention Officers
Ian Hardage, Fire Marshal (Alternate), California Fire Prevention Officers
Brian Rice, President, California Professional Firefighters
Melissa McDonald, Executive Assistant (Alternate), California Professional Firefighters
Ed Mendoza, MAP Research Associate, California YIMBY
Brian Hanlon, CEO (Alternate), California YIMBY
Robert Raymer, Consultant, California Building Industry Association (Present)
Christopher Ochoa, Senior Council (Alternate), California Building Industry Association
Ali Fattah, Asst Deputy Director, San Diego, Representing California Building Officials
Matt Wheeler (Alternate), California Building Officials
Faruk Sezer (Alternate), California Building Officials
Tracy Rhine, Senior Policy Advocate, Rural Counties Representatives of California
Patrick Blacklock (Alternate), Rural Counties Representatives of California
Staci Heaton (Alternate), Rural Counties Representatives of California
Jack Smalley, Legislative Advocate, California State Association of Counties
Mark Neuburger, Legislative (Alternate), California State Association of Counties
Travis Tyler, Director, California State University (CSU) (Present)
Mike Major, (Alternate), California State University (CSU)
Stephen Guarino, Director, University of California (UC)
Tracy Staiger, (Alternate), University of California (UC)

CAL FIRE Staff

Jena Garcia, CAL FIRE – Office of the State Fire Marshal (Present)

1. CALL TO ORDER 8:01 AM

- A. Welcome/Introductions
- B. Roll Call/Quorum NOT Established
 - i. Review agenda items and report out without voting.
- C. Agenda Review (Motion Required) **(Tabled to next meeting)**

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Motion: N/A **Action:** N/A

D. Minutes Review (Motion Required) **(Tabled to next meeting)**

Motion: N/A **Action:** N/A

E. Report out and update –

- i. Technical writer contracted from SAC State – Ben Fell
 1. Takes workgroup/subgroup reports and creates one voice with a neutral perspective.

2. OLD BUSINESS

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A. Timeline

- i. Draft Report Format - Technical writer contracted from SAC State – Ben Fell
 1. Takes workgroup/subgroup reports and creates one voice with a neutral perspective
- ii. Template Draft
- iii. Timeline
 1. Draft August 2025
 2. 2nd Draft September 2025
 3. 3rd Draft October 2025
 4. Final November 2025 to present to the State Fire Marshal

3. NEW BUSINESS

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A. Subgroups

- i. Cost Impact [Lead Stephen Smith] stephen@centerforbuilding.org (No Report)
- ii. Fire Protection (Active/Passive) [Lead Jeff Maddox] jmaddox@thefireconsultants.com (No Report)
- iii. Code Comparison [Lead Ali Fattah] AFattah@sandiego.gov (No Report)
- iv. History / Baseline (US) [Lead Stephen Smith] stephen@centerforbuilding.org (No Report)
- v. Egress Analysis [Lead Joe Cavin] joe.cavin@santamonica.gov (No Report)
- vi. FD Capabilities [Lead James Dobson] james.dobson@sanjoseca.gov (No Report)

4. ROUNDTABLE

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- A. Robert Raymer – Governor signed AB 130. No impact to the Single Exit Stair work group efforts.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

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A. N/A

6. UPCOMING MEETING DATE FOR 2024

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A. The first Tuesday of each month starts at 8 AM and ends at 10 AM (unless voted on by the members for a better meeting time).

i. Next Meeting – August 5, 2025, 8-10 AM PDT

7. MEETING ADJOURNED (Motion Required) 8:15 AM

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Motion: N/A Action: N/A

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