
RISK MODELING ADVISORY WORKGROUP

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, August 8, 2023, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Posted 8/17/23



Video link to meeting held on 8/8/23: https://youtu.be/bhhGzPg_i9I

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

Caroline Thomas Jacobs, Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety

Yana Valachovic California Fire Science Consortium Association

Chris Ochoa, California Building Industry

Robert Marshall, Fire California Fire Chiefs Association and the Fire Districts Association of California

Anthony Powers, California Professional Firefighters

Committee Members Not Present

Neil Matouka, State Planning and Research

Carlos Camarena, Emergency Services

Paul Glushku, Housing and Community Development

Max Moritz, Milliman

Joe Irvin, Local Government

Terry Woodrow, local government

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 2:03PM

B. Roll Call/Quorum Established

i. Celeste Jovanovic took roll call, Neil Matouka, Carlos Camarena, Paul Glushku, Max Mortiz, Joe Irvin, and Terry Woodrow were not present.

C. Agenda Review (**Motion Required/Adoption**)

Motion:	R. Marshall moved to accept the meeting agenda; N. Watkins 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. What is what we are asking for in this paper? Approach over method?
- ii. Discussion around what are wanting to accomplish with this document, *proposes that future effort follow an integrated approach* in the executive summary (page 4).
- iii. Section 1 in the Executive Summary (ES), WUI Fire Suppression capability and capacity changed.
- iv. Numbered items in the ES, collapse 3 and move it into 2 as a bullet point.
- v. Nancy, Yana, Jim to work on the Integrate Transparency paragraph in the ES.
- vi. Section 3 – Mitigations that matter, Yana is good to clean this up, but to add topics in this section about LRA.
- vii. Section 4.3.3 delete paragraph as this part on utility models is in section 6.
 1. Paragraph should stay where it is as we are discussing modeling therefore, not to move out of models.
- viii. Move 4.3.4 Integration with Climate Models after CAT Models.
- ix. 4.3.4 CAT Models – what public entity is using this? FEMA, HUD
- x. Place language under CAT models in section 7 limitation on models (page 28)
- xi. 4.4.1 Challenges of less mature models – edited the word “tail” out the paragraph and changed to lower probabilities and get rid of the upper tail of distribution of lower probability scenarios.
- xii. 4.4.7 – cleaned up some of the language in NAIC handbook information. Nancy to add a comment in this section.
- xiii. 4.5 Wildfire Challenges (page 33) – discussion around utility conversation, possible to do with case a study, side quote on the side. Give this paragraph its own header. Paragraph needs to be rewritten, and the 10% number needs to have some data to support it.
- xiv. Page 34 CDI requesting to change the language to fit the COMMS Department at CDI, will be brought back for discussion at the 8/23/23.
- xv. Clean up on the front end and to quantify some of the data.

3. ROUNDTABLE

Jim McDougald

None.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. UPCOMING MEETING DATES FOR 2023

1. August 23, 2023, at 1:30 – 3:30 PM (Virtual)
2. August 29, 2023, at 11:00 – 1:00 PM (Virtual)

6. MEETING ADJOURNMENT (Motion Required)

Jim McDougald

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

Meeting adjournment: 4:01PM