1. Chief Skiles called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. The flag was saluted.

2. Roll Call – The following agency representatives were present:

   Chief Barrett          Cal Fire-SCU
   Chief Brian Weber      City of Ceres
   Chief Karl Curnow      Denair Fire District
   Chief Jim Miguel       Modesto Fire
   Chief Rob Hoyer        Oakdale Rural Fire District
   Chief Bill Kinnear     City of Patterson
   Chief Dale Skiles      Salida Fire District
   Chief Steve Mayotte    Stanislaus Consolidated Fire
   Chief Ray Jackson      Stanislaus County Fire Warden
   Chief Gary Thompson    Westport Fire District
   Director Bob Kimball   West Stanislaus Fire District
   Chief Mike Passalaqua  Woodland Ave. Fire District

Also present were: Chad Homme, Ed Bartley, Salida Fire; Mike Kraus, Mike Payton,
Modesto Fire Department; Ray Jackson, Ken Slamon, Bill Houk, Melba Hibbard, Mimi
DeSimoni, Nicole Raabe Fire Warden’s Office; John Borges and John Burton, Burton’s
Fire; Tod Woodward, DER.

3. Public Comment: No Public Comment

4. Minutes – Chief Mayotte made a motion to accept the minutes from the January
   meeting, Director Bob Kimball seconded the motion. Motion was passed
   unanimously.

   6.1 Out of Order on the Agenda. Tod Woodward, of the Department of
   Environmental Resources, Code Enforcement, made a presentation on weed
   abatement. He referred to Title 9 of the County Ordinance. He stated that Code
   Enforcement gets involved if the property is more than 10 acres, or is health and
   safety issue. He requested that, when a property requiring code enforcement does
   get forwarded to his office, it be accompanied by all of the required documentation so
   that he then can move forward with the process. Any weed abatement issue or fire
   hazard will still go through the Fire Prevention Bureau. There was much discussion
   on alley ways, and it was clarified that there is no mechanisms in place to enforce
   clean-up of alley ways.

5. Staff Committee Reports

5.1 Management/Finance: Mimi reported that the Executive Committee has been
   working on next year’s business plan and the proposed budget revenue
   projections. She has also been working with Westport to project revenues derived
   out of areas to be annexed to Ceres; and Oakdale Rural with training for their
new Administrator. The Fire Prevention Records Management System is an on-going project.

5.2 Investigations: Chief Payton distributed the January report. Chief Miguel reported that there may be some changes on April 1st in the second cell system for the Investigators. There was a question regarding Modesto’s involvement with the Arson Task Force. Chief Miguel noted that the authority still rests with the DA’s Office and they have not shown much interest. He also stated that if there are any concerns, please don’t hesitate to call him.

5.3 Prevention: Chief Slamon handed out the Fire Prevention Activity for January. He discussed the pre-construction sign off by local fire agencies regarding water/access. The final is being held until the response from the fire agency is given.

5.4 Communications: Chad handed out a complete Communications Report for activities in the month of February. The Fire Master Frequency List will be out next month, and the fire paging tone plan will be also be discussed next month.

5.5 Training: Ed Bartley handed out a training report for February and announced the Training Advisory Committee had 14 agencies represented. WildLand ’08 is coming up on April 5th.

5.6 Special Operations: Chief Houk handed out a report of last month’s activities and discussed several items of interest. He requested that a resource survey be filled out and returned to him so that he may continue working with SR911 on it. There was discussion on the proposed MOU for the Bauer Air Unit that the Fire Warden’s Office has purchased for use by local agencies.

6 Agenda Items

6.1 Out of order... see above.

6.2 Fire Authority Business Plan for 2008-2009- Consideration and adoption. The Fire Authority goals were updated to reflect the 6 services we currently provide. Fees for Fire Prevention cost recovery were allocated to the Fire Prevention Bureau in an effort to provide additional services that were identified as priorities. This plan, if approved will be taken by the Executive Committee to each Supervisor in an effort to highlight the programs and successes. Chief Miguel made a motion to approve the 2008-2009 Fire Authority Business Plan; Chief Mayotte seconded the motion. It was approved with a unanimous role-call vote.

6.3 Chief Jackson and Melba Hibbard of the Fire Warden’s Office presented information on the upcoming fire season and required reporting components. Melba demonstrated how to update the information for IQS in the Fire Warden’s Website.

Announcements:
- The next meeting will be Thursday, April 3, 2008 at 0900hrs at the RFTC

The meeting was adjourned at 1120hrs.

Mimi DeSimoni
Clerk of the Board