Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District

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SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT					
FIRE PREVENTION STANDARD					
STANDARD TITLE:	**Alternate Materials and Methods**				
STANDARD NUMBER:	4	EFFECTIVE DATE:	05/01/07	REVISION DATE:	01/01/26

The Fire District is authorized to approve alternate materials or methods provided that the district finds that the proposed design, use or operation satisfactorily complies with the intent of the California Fire Code and that the method of work performed or operation is, for the purpose intended, at least equivalent to that prescribed in the fire code in quality, strength, effectiveness, fire resistance, durability and safety. Approvals shall be subject to approval of the building official having jurisdiction whenever the alternate material or method involves matters regulated by the California Building Code.

Requests for an alternate method of protection shall be made in writing to the Fire District by the owner or the owner's authorized representative and shall be accompanied by a full statement of the conditions as outlined below. Fees for the review shall be paid at that time. Requests for an alternate method or protection shall be made only after specific plans for a project were submitted to the district for review. The AMMR cannot be requested without being connected to a plan review already submitted to the district.

Approval of a request for the use of an alternate method shall be limited to the particular case covered by the request and shall not be construed as establishing any precedent for any future requests.

1. Background for the Alternate Method Request

a. Describe the proposed design in general.
b. List specific codes or ordinance sections and the applicable provisions related to the design.
c. Describe the intent of the applicable provisions of the codes or ordinance sections.

2. Alternate Method Request

a. List and describe all alternate materials and methods proposed.
b. Describe how the design intends to comply with the applicable provisions of the codes or ordinances.
c. Indicate how the alternate materials and methods provide equivalence to the specific codes or ordinance described above.