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Re: Ham radio operation leases

Dear Mr. Zeliff,

CAL FIRE is in receipt of your letter of September 23, 2019 in which you convey the concerns of your clients that they are being directed to pay the fees associated with having private ham radio equipment on or in State of California owned and operated radio vaults and towers.

CAL FIRE is in consultation with the Office of Emergency Services (OES) and together our agencies are reviewing various options to resolve this issue. However, while that review process is ongoing CAL FIRE will maintain the current status of all ham radio operators who now have radio equipment in CAL FIRE radio vaults and towers. Specifically, during the review period, CAL FIRE will not evict any ham radio operators from any CAL FIRE radio vault or tower or require them to pay the lease fees which are paid by all other tenants who occupy space in State of California radio vaults or towers. Any deadlines that were previously communicated to you by CAL FIRE for action as to private ham radio equipment on State of California radio vaults or towers will not be enforced by CAL FIRE at this time.

CAL FIRE will communicate with you further once our review of this issue is completed.

Sincerely,

Bruce A. Crane
Chief Counsel
CAL FIRE