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### PROPOSED ACTION ON REGULATIONS

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#### TITLE 2. EARTHQUAKE AUTHORITY

#### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AMEND THE CONFLICT–OF–INTEREST CODE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Earthquake Authority, pursuant to the authority vested in it by section 87306 of the Government Code, proposes amendment to its conflict–of–interest code. A comment period has been established commencing on September 15, 2023 and closing on October 30, 2023. All inquiries should be directed to the contact listed below.

The California Earthquake Authority proposes to amend its conflict—of—interest code to include employee positions that involve the making or participation in the making of decisions that may foreseeably have a material effect on any financial interest, as set forth in subdivision (a) of section 87302 of the Government Code. The amendment carries out the purposes of the law and no other alternative would do so and be less burdensome to affected persons.

Changes to the conflict-of-interest code include: remaining of the positions of Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Mitigation and Research Officer, Chief Risk and Actuarial Officer, Claim Manager, and Compliance Manager, adding the Chief Insurance Officer and also makes other technical changes. The proposed amendment and explanation of the reasons can be obtained from the agency's contact.

Any interested person may submit written comments relating to the proposed amendment by submitting them no later than *October 30, 2023*, or at the conclusion of the public hearing, if requested, whichever comes later. At this time, no public hearing is scheduled. A person may request a hearing no later than October 15, 2023.

The California Earthquake Authority has determined that the proposed amendments:

- 1. Impose no mandate on local agencies or school districts.
- 2. Impose no costs or savings on any state agency.
- 3. Impose no costs on any local agency or school district that are required to be reimbursed under Part

7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

- 4. Will not result in any nondiscretionary costs or savings to local agencies.
- 5. Will not result in any costs or savings in federal funding to the state.
- 6. Will not have any potential cost impact on private persons, businesses or small businesses.

All inquiries concerning this proposed amendment and any communication required by this notice should be directed to:

Shannon McEuen California Earthquake Authority 801 K Street, Suite 1000 Sacramento, CA 95814 Phone: (916) 813–0852 Email: <u>smceuen@calquake.com</u>

#### TITLE 2. FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fair Political Practices Commission (the Commission), pursuant to the authority vested in it by Sections 82011, 87303, and 87304 of the Government Code to review proposed conflict–of–interest codes, will review the proposed/ amended conflict–of–interest codes of the following:

#### CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODES

#### AMENDMENT

| MULTI-COUNTY: | California Mental Health<br>Services Authority    |
|---------------|---|
|               | Petaluma Schools                                  |
| STATE AGENCY: | California Public Employees'<br>Retirement System |
|               | Department of FISCal                              |

#### ADOPTION

MULTI-COUNTY: Los Vaqueros Reservoir Joint Powers Authority Pajaro River Flood Management Agency

A written comment period has been established commencing on September 15, 2023 and closing on October 30, 2023. Written comments should be directed to the Fair Political Practices Commission, Attention Daniel Vo, 1102 Q Street, Suite 3000, Sacramento, California 95811.

At the end of the 45-day comment period, the proposed conflict-of-interest codes will be submitted to the Commission's Executive Director for his review, unless any interested person or his or her duly authorized representative requests, no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period, a public hearing before the full Commission. If a public hearing is requested, the proposed codes will be submitted to the Commission for review.

The Executive Director of the Commission will review the above-referenced conflict-of-interest codes, proposed pursuant to Government Code Section 87300, which designate, pursuant to Government Code Section 87302, employees who must disclose certain investments, interests in real property and income.

The Executive Director of the Commission, upon his or its own motion or at the request of any interested person, will approve, or revise and approve, or return the proposed codes to the agency for revision and re– submission within 60 days without further notice.

Any interested person may present statements, arguments or comments, in writing to the Executive Director of the Commission, relative to review of the proposed conflict–of–interest codes. Any written comments must be received no later than October 30, 2023. If a public hearing is to be held, oral comments may be presented to the Commission at the hearing.

#### COST TO LOCAL AGENCIES

There shall be no reimbursement for any new or increased costs to local government which may result from compliance with these codes because these are not new programs mandated on local agencies by the codes since the requirements described herein were mandated by the Political Reform Act of 1974. Therefore, they are not "costs mandated by the state" as defined in Government Code Section 17514.

#### EFFECT ON HOUSING COSTS AND BUSINESSES

Compliance with the codes has no potential effect on housing costs or on private persons, businesses or small businesses.

#### AUTHORITY

Government Code Sections 82011, 87303 and 87304 provide that the Fair Political Practices Commission as the code–reviewing body for the above conflict–of– interest codes shall approve codes as submitted, revise the proposed codes and approve them as revised, or return the proposed codes for revision and re–submission.

#### REFERENCE

Government Code Sections 87300 and 87306 provide that agencies shall adopt and promulgate conflict– of–interest codes pursuant to the Political Reform Act and amend their codes when change is necessitated by changed circumstances.

#### CONTACT

Any inquiries concerning the proposed conflictof-interest codes should be made to Daniel Vo, Fair Political Practices Commission, 1102 Q Street, Suite 3000, Sacramento, California 95811, telephone (916) 323–9103.

#### AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODES

Copies of the proposed conflict-of-interest codes may be obtained from the Commission offices or the respective agency. Requests for copies from the Commission should be made to Daniel Vo, Fair Political Practices Commission, 1102 Q Street, Suite 3000, Sacramento, California 95811, telephone (916) 323–9103.

#### TITLE 2. FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fair Political Practices Commission (the "Commission" or "FPPC"), under the authority vested in it under the Political Reform Act (the Act)<sup>1</sup> by Section 83112 of the Government Code, proposes to adopt, amend, or repeal regulations in Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations. The Commission will consider the proposed regulation at a public hearing on or after **October 19, 2022,** at the campus of California State University, Fresno, Leon S. Peters Ellipse Gallery, 5241 North Maple, Avenue, Fresno, California, commencing at approximately **10:00 a.m.** Written comments should be received at the Commission offices no later than **5:00 p.m.** on **October 18, 2022.** 

#### BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW

The Commission and staff are currently reviewing the Commission's Collection Program and updating policies in accordance with the Commission's direction. In order to make the Collection Program more

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code Sections 81000 through 91014. All statutory references are to the Government Code, unless otherwise indicated. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in Sections 18110 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations. All regulatory references are to Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations, unless otherwise indicated.

effective moving forward and to address current outstanding collection matters, staff recommends clarifying the Executive Director's authority to enter into a settlement agreement in full satisfaction of a monetary penalty order. This authority will enable the Executive Director to obtain payments in a cost–effective and timely manner.

The Commission has primary responsibility for the impartial, effective administration and implementation of the Act.<sup>2</sup> (Section 83111.) In this capacity, the Commission has the authority to enforce the Act, and where warranted, initiate an administrative action to seek monetary penalties of up to \$5,000 per violation. (Sections 83115.5, 83116(c), 91000.5.) Enforcement matters may be resolved by stipulation, a full hearing, default proceeding, or through settlement where the FPPC is a party within another agreement, and, where appropriate, include an Order for Monetary Penalties.<sup>3</sup> The proposed regulation applies only to orders for monetary penalties arising from a full hearing, default proceeding, or settlement involving the FPPC within another agreement. (Collection actions do not arise in matters resolved by stipulation because the respondent must pay the fine at the time of entering into the agreement.) The majority of collection matters result from default proceedings.

#### Commission's Collection Program

Monetary penalties due by a respondent (hereinafter "debtor") that remain unpaid are an account receivable payable to the State's General Fund. It is the purpose of the Commission's Collection Program to collect the penalties imposed by the Commission to achieve compliance with the Act, and deter non–compliance, as well as to collect debts due to the State as required by state law and administrative procedures. (See the Accounts Receivable Management Act ("ARMA"), Sections 16580–16586, Sections 12433–12438, and the State Administrative Manual ("SAM"), "Accounts Receivable," provisions 8291–8296.)

These laws and policies mandate that state agencies allocate collection resources with the highest priority given to accounts with the highest expected return. The SAM requires that an agency first send three "demand" letters at 30 day intervals, and if the debt remains unpaid, to then determine the most efficient and effective collection method using a cost benefit analysis and initiating one or more of the following to satisfy the debt: "offset" procedures with other state departments, court judgements and settlement agreements, or contracting with a state or private collections agency. For "uncollectible" debts, the state agency (but not the debtor) may be "discharged" from its duty to collect, if the State Controller's Office approves the agency's Application for Discharge from Accountability, form STD 27.<sup>4</sup>

#### **Proposed Regulation 18318:**

This regulation provides the Executive Director with the authority to enter into a settlement agreement on behalf of the Commission in full satisfaction of on order for monetary penalties where the following standards are met: the penalty order is final, the three demand letters have been sent, staff has made reasonable collection efforts, and the Executive Director determines that the settlement agreement is appropriate.

In making this determination, the Executive Director is to consider four factors: whether the settlement amount exceeds the amount likely to be collected within a reasonable time period; the debtor's ability to satisfy the full debt or a greater amount within a reasonable time period given their income, assets, and prospects for either; the amount of the debt attributable to interest; and the severity and type of the violation underlying the penalty assessment. The regulation proposes defining "reasonable collection efforts" as staff seeking offsets from other state departments, and, where legally permissible, obtaining a judgement and pursuing an appropriate judgment enforcement method under the Code of Civil Procedure.

#### REGULATORY ACTION

#### Adopt 2 Cal. Code Regs. Section 18318.

Commission staff proposes Regulation 18318 for adoption.

#### SCOPE

The Commission may adopt the language noticed herein, or it may choose new language to implement its decisions concerning the issue identified above or any related issue.

#### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact on Local Government. None. Fiscal Impact on State Government. None. Fiscal Impact on Federal Funding of State Programs. None.

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  All statutory references are to the Government Code, unless otherwise indicated.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Regulation 18361.5, Administrative Hearings, 18361.5(f), Stipulated Orders, and Regulation 18361.11, Default Proceedings. See also Section 91001, Responsibility for Enforcement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The application must state the estimated cost of collection, collection efforts (letters issued, offset attempts, legal actions pursued), facts warranting the discharge (e.g., bankruptcy, statute of limitations, debtor deceased, or other factors) a statement that the debt is uncollectible, and the amount of the debt does not justify the cost of further collection actions.

Section 83112 provides that the Fair Political Practices Commission may adopt, amend, and rescind rules and regulations to carry out the purposes and provisions of the Act.

#### REFERENCE

83116 and 91013.5, Government Code.

#### CONTACT

Any inquiries should be made to L. Karen Harrison, Fair Political Practices Commission, 1102 Q Street, Suite 3000, Sacramento, CA 95811; email: <u>KHarrison@</u> <u>FPPC.CA.Gov</u>; telephone (916) 322–5660 or 1–866– ASK–FPPC. Proposed regulatory language can be accessed at <u>http://www.fppc.ca.gov/the-law/fppc–</u> <u>regulations/proposed–regulations–and–notices.html</u>.

#### TITLE 2. FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fair Political Practices Commission (the Commission), under the authority vested in it under the Political Reform Act (the Act)<sup>1</sup> by Section 83112 of the Government Code, proposes to adopt, amend, or repeal regulations in Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations. The Commission will consider the proposed regulation at a public hearing on or after **October 19**, **2023**, at the campus of California State University, Fresno, Leon S. Peters Ellipse Gallery, 5241 North Maple, Avenue, Fresno, California, commencing at approximately **10:00 a.m.** Written comments should be received at the Commission offices no later than **5:00 p.m. on October 17, 2023**.

#### BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW

The express purposes of the Act, set forth in Sections 81001 and 81002, include reducing the influence of large campaign contributors, abolishing laws and practices that unfairly favor incumbents, and promoting fair elections. The Act imposes contribution limits in furtherance of these purposes.

Section 85318 permits a candidate for elective state, county, or city office to raise general election cam-

paign funds during the primary election for the same office. Upon the defeat of the candidate, Section 85318 requires the candidate to return the funds to contributors for the general election on a pro rata basis. While strict, the requirements of Section 85318 serve the purpose of preventing candidates defeated in a primary election from circumventing the Act's contribution limits by using general election funds raised during the primary election, which would otherwise exceed the primary election's applicable contribution limits, for purposes unrelated to the general election.

Sections 85306 and 85317 set forth parameters within which candidates are permitted to transfer and carryover funds from one committee to another. Section 85306 permits candidates to "transfer campaign funds from one controlled committee to a controlled committee for elective state, county, or city office of the same candidate." Moreover, Section 85306 requires candidates to attribute transferred contributions using either a "last in, first out" or "first in, first out" accounting method. Funds may not be transferred, if the funds attributed to a specific contributor exceed the contribution limits of Section 85301 or 85302 when aggregated with all other transfers attributed to, and contributions from, the same contributor.

Sections 85317 and 85318 of the Act address scenarios for the return and transfer of campaign funds after an election. Regulation 18531.2, interpreting Section 85318, requires a candidate to refund contributions raised for a general election if the candidate is defeated in the primary election, or withdraws from the general election. However, the regulation does not currently address refunding contributions when a candidate chooses to withdraw from the primary election. Since winning the primary is a prerequisite to appear on the ballot in the general election, a candidate's withdrawal from the primary election also effectuates a withdrawal from the general election for that office. To address this issue, Commission staff recommends adding a provision to the regulation explicitly treating withdrawal from the primary election in the same manner as defeat in the primary election or withdrawal from the general election.

Similarly, Regulation 18537.1 interpreting Section 85317 concerns the "carry over" of campaign funds from a candidate–controlled committee to that candidate's committee for a subsequent election to the same office. Section 85317 does not require attribution to specific contributors for the carry over of contributions after a general election. However, that section presumes the candidate ran in the election, so it does not address the situation where a candidate is elected to office by receiving a majority of votes in the primary election, without advancing to the general election. For certain, mostly local offices, a candidate that receives a majority of the votes in a primary election

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code Sections 81000 through 91014. All statutory references are to the Government Code, unless otherwise indicated. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in Sections 18104 through 18998 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations. All regulatory references are to Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations, unless otherwise indicated.

wins the office and does not run in the general election. To address this issue, Commission staff has identified three possible options for implementing existing requirements in circumstances where a general election is not required.

#### **REGULATORY ACTION**

The Commission may review and consider all aspects of the refunding of general election contributions regulation, including, but not limited to, the adoption of regulatory language requiring the refund of contributions when a candidate chooses to withdraw from the primary election. The Commission may also consider all aspects of the regulation establishing rules for the carry over of campaign funds when a candidate is elected to office at the primary election without advancing to the general election, including the three proposed options outlined below. While the Commission may review and consider any aspect of Regulations 18531.2 and 18537.1, it is anticipated that the Commission will specifically consider each of the following proposals made by Commission staff: *Pagulation 18521.2* 

### Regulation 18531.2

Amend 2 Cal. Code Regs. Section 18531.2 subdivision (a) to add the requirement that a candidate who withdraws from the primary or special primary election must return contributions raised for the general election.

#### Regulation 18537.1

(Option 1) Amend 2 Cal. Code Regs. Section 18537.1 subdivision (d) to add the requirement that if a candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for an office at the primary election, so that the candidate is elected to the office without advancing to the general election, the remaining campaign funds may be transferred to a committee for a subsequent election to the same office without attributing funds to specific contributors.

(Option 2) Amend 2 Cal. Code Regs. Section 18537.1 subdivision (d) to add the requirement that if a candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for an office at the primary election, so that the candidate is elected to the office without advancing to the general election, the remaining campaign funds may be transferred to a committee for a subsequent election to the same office without attributing funds to specific contributors. Funds raised for the general election transferred to a committee for a subsequent election to the same office shall be attributed to specific contributors as provided in Section 85306 and Regulation 18536.

(Option 3) Amend 2 Cal. Code Regs. Section 18537.1 subdivision (d) to add the requirement that if a candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for an office at the primary election, so that the candidate is elected to the office without advancing to the general election, the remaining campaign funds may be transferred to a committee for a subsequent election to the same office without attribution, while funds raised for the general election must be refunded under Section 85318 and Regulation 18531.2.

#### SCOPE

The Commission may adopt the language noticed herein, or it may choose new language to implement its decisions concerning the issues identified above or any related issues.

#### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

*Fiscal Impact on Local Government.* This regulation will have no fiscal impact on any local entity or program.

*Fiscal Impact on State Government.* This regulation will have no fiscal impact on any state entity or program.

Fiscal Impact on Federal Funding of State Programs. This regulation will have no fiscal impact on the federal funding of any state program or entity.

#### AUTHORITY

Section 83112 provides that the Fair Political Practices Commission may adopt, amend, and rescind rules and regulations to carry out the purposes and provisions of the Act.

#### REFERENCE

The purpose of this regulation is to implement, interpret, and make specific Government Code Sections 85306, 85317, and 85318.

#### CONTACT

Any inquiries should be made to Zachary Norton, Fair Political Practices Commission, 1102 Q Street, Suite 3050, Sacramento, CA 95811; telephone (916) 322–5660 or 1–866–ASK–FPPC. Proposed regulatory language can be accessed at <u>http://www.fppc.ca.gov/</u> the-law/fppc-regulations/proposed-regulationsand-notices.html.

#### TITLE 2. DEPARTMENT OF FISCAL

#### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AMEND THE CONFLICT–OF–INTEREST CODE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Department of FISCal, pursuant to the authority vested in it by section 87306 of the Government Code, proposes amendment to its conflict-of-interest code. A comment period has been established commencing on September 15, 2023 and closing on November 1, 2023. All inquiries should be directed to the contact listed below.

The Department of FISCal proposes to amend its conflict-of-interest code to include employee positions that involve the making or participation in the making of decisions that may foreseeably have a material effect on any financial interest, as set forth in subdivision (a) of section 87302 of the Government Code. The amendment carries out the purposes of the law and no other alternative would do so and be less burdensome to affected persons.

Changes to the conflict-of-interest code include:

- Removed Accounting Administrator I from FIS-Cal designated classifications list.
- Removed Associate Accounting Analyst from FISCal designated classifications list.
- Amended Attorney III disclosure categories to remove categories 2 and 3, and add categories 1 and 4.
- Removed Consultants providing IT services from FISCal designated classifications list.
- Added Consultants/New Positions to FISCal designated classifications list.
- Removed Partner Business Executive from FIS-Cal designated classifications list.
- Added Equal Employment Officer to FISCal designated classifications list.
- Removed Steering Committee Members from FISCal designated classifications list.

The proposed amendment and explanation of the reasons can be obtained from the agency's contact.

Any interested person may submit written comments relating to the proposed amendment by submitting them no later than November 1, 2023, or at the conclusion of the public hearing, if requested, whichever comes later. At this time, no public hearing is scheduled. A person may request a hearing no later than October 17, 2023.

The Department of FISCal has determined that the proposed amendments:

- 1. Impose no mandate on local agencies or school districts.
- 2. Impose no costs or savings on any state agency.
- 3. Impose no costs on any local agency or school district that are required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.
- 4. Will not result in any nondiscretionary costs or savings to local agencies.
- 5. Will not result in any costs or savings in federal funding to the state.
- 6. Will not have any potential cost impact on private persons, businesses or small businesses.

All inquiries concerning this proposed amendment and any communication required by this notice should be directed to: Peter Vu, Attorney, (916) 926–7604, <u>Peter.vu@fiscal.ca.gov</u>

### TITLE 10. FILM COMMISSION

#### CALIFORNIA SOUNDSTAGE FILMING TAX CREDIT PROGRAM CHAPTER 7.75, ARTICLE 4, SECTIONS 5530–5541

Notice is hereby given that the California Film Commission (CFC) proposes to amend the regulations described below after considering all comments, objections and recommendations regarding the proposed action.

#### PROPOSED REGULATORY ACTION

The CFC proposes to amend sections 5530 through 5541 in Article 4 of Chapter 7.75 of Title 10 of the California Code of Regulations in order to implement, interpret and make specific Revenue and Taxation Code sections 17053.98, 17053.99, and 23698 relating to a film and television tax credit program.

No public hearing is scheduled; however, any interested person or their duly authorized representative may request a public hearing no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the close of the public comment period.

#### WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Any interested person, or their authorized representative, may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action to the Agency. Written comments will be accepted by the Agency until 5:00 p.m. on October 31, 2023. Submit comments to:

Name: Hedvig Marx Address: California Film Commission 7080 Hollywood Boulevard Hollywood, CA 90028

Email: <u>SoundstageIncentive@film.ca.gov</u>

#### AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

The proposed regulation will be adopted under the authority of Government Code section 11152, and Revenue and Taxation Code sections 17053.98(k)(10) and 23698(k)(10). The proposed regulation implements, interprets, and makes specific Revenue and Taxation Code sections 17053.98, 17053.99 and 23698.

#### INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

The California Film Commission (CFC) proposes to amend sections 5530, 5531, 5532, 5533, 5534, 5535, 5536, 5537, 5538, 5539, 5540, and 5541 of Article 4 of Chapter 7.75 of Title 10 of the California Code of Regulations. The regulations outline a procedure for allocating tax credits to qualified taxpayers in the motion picture industry and the proposed amendments align that procedure with statutory changes and/or provide necessary additional clarity to applicants.

# Summary of Related Existing Laws and Regulations:

In 2021, the Legislature and Administration approved Senate Bill (SB) 144 (Chapter 114, Stat. 2021), as modified by Assembly Bill (AB) 176 (Chapter 256, Stat. 2021), which among other things, created the new California Soundstage Filming Tax Credit Program, applicable to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2022, and before January 1, 2032. Permanent regulations for the California Soundstage Filming Tax credit program were adopted on February 15, 2023, as Article 4 of Chapter 7.75 of Title 10 of the California Code of Regulations. These regulations provided a program to the motion picture industry allocating tax credits for qualified motion pictures. In July 2023, SB 132 (Chapter 56, Stat. 2023) amended subdivision (k) of sections 17053.98 and 23698 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, which details the requirements of this Program. These statutory amendments necessitate regulatory amendments to ensure that the Program is aligned with statute.

Existing law also provides for a similar program, the California Film and Television Program 3.0 (Program 3.0), allocating tax credits to qualified taxpayers in the motion picture industry until June 30, 2025. The provisions in the existing program, outlined in Article 3 of Chapter 7.75 of Title 10 of the California Code of Regulations, provide for applicants to file a written application for the allocation of the tax credit and for the CFC to establish criteria for allocating tax credits, determine and designate applicants who meet the requirements to apply for the tax credit, and issue the credit certificate to the qualified taxpayer upon completion of an eligible and approved qualified motion picture. Program 3.0 does not contain any provisions to incentivize the construction or renovation of soundstages in the state.

## Broad Objectives and Anticipated Benefits of the Proposed Regulations:

The California Soundstage Filming Tax Credit Program, implemented through Article 4 of Chapter 7.75 of Title 10 of the California Code of Regulations, encourages production companies regardless of distribution outlet to film in California instead of other

states, provinces, and countries offering incentives. The Program is structured to encourage job creation, in-state infrastructure growth, motion picture industry diversity, training opportunities for disadvantaged youth, as well as skilled and trained construction labor, and to increase and retain motion picture production in California. The proposed amendments to the previously adopted California Soundstage Filming Tax Credit Program regulations align the regulations with recent statutory changes and clarify the specific processes necessary for Program implementation, enabling the state to successfully operate the Program and realize its benefits. The objective of these amendments is to ensure that the Program regulations are fully consistent with statute, as well as to ensure that Program processes and requirements are detailed and clear so that applicants can understand and utilize the Program as intended, and so that the CFC is better able to administer the program fairly and consistently. **Consistency and Compatibility with Existing State Regulations:** 

During the process of developing these regulations, the CFC has conducted a search of any similar regulations on this topic and has concluded that these regulations are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing state regulations. The CFC has endeavored to ensure that these regulatory amendments comply with the non-duplication standard found in Title 1, California Code of Regulations. In some instances, the amended regulations duplicate California statute in part where the statute is cited as "authority" or "reference" for the proposed regulation and the duplication or overlap is necessary to satisfy the "clarity" standard of Government Code section 11349.1(a)(3). This duplication aids the regulated public in gaining a comprehensive understanding of the relevant provisions of this specific program as the sections of statute that govern the program are lengthy and complex, and also include provisions relevant to other programs. In addition, in some cases, certain related process components are outlined in separate parts of the governing sections, making it necessary for the CFC to incorporate these components in a process-structured manner within the regulations in order for the public to be able to follow complete process requirements from start to finish.

#### ESTIMATES OF ECONOMIC IMPACT

The California Film Commission has made the following determinations:

- Mandate on local agencies and school districts: None.
- Cost or savings to any state agency: None.
- Cost to any local agency or school district which must be reimbursed in accordance with

Government Code sections 17500 through 17630: None.

- Other nondiscretionary cost or savings imposed on local agencies: None.
- Cost or savings in federal funding to the state: None.
- Significant effect on housing costs: None.
- Significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states: None.
- Potential cost impact on representative person or businesses: The agency is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

#### EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS

The California Film Commission has determined that the proposed regulations will not directly affect small businesses. The businesses that may elect to participate in the Soundstage Filming Tax Credit Program and in such cases will be complying with these regulations are film production companies or soundstage developers and are as such not small businesses, as defined in section 11342.610 of the Government Code. Small businesses in California may, however, provide goods and services to the businesses electing to comply with these regulations and thus benefit from the additional filming in California.

#### RESULTS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Pursuant to clause (iii) of subparagraph (C) of paragraph (10) of subdivision (k) of sections 17053.98 and 23698 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the CFC is not required to provide an economic impact analysis. Due to the nature of tax credit incentives in relation to economic impact, the CFC has been exempted from the economic impact analysis throughout the existence of the California Film and Television Tax Credit Programs in all iterations; this exemption for the Soundstage Filming Tax Credit Program is consistent with previous practice.

It is worth noting that the Soundstage Filming Tax Credit Program is optional and only applies to entities who elect to participate, and further, that the parameters and functions of a tax credit program such as this ensures that any participating entities will contribute to a positive economic impact on the state, its existing businesses, and opportunities for prospective businesses, as credits are allocated based on percentages of actual in-state spending for labor, goods, and services. The Program is enabling California to increase the number of productions and therefore, jobs and dollars spent in state. In addition, the Soundstage Filming Tax Credit Program specifically benefits skilled and trained construction labor by incentivizing construction and renovation of soundstages within the state, subject to workforce requirements; this contributes to safe working conditions as well as job creation. The California Soundstage Filming Tax Credit Program further benefits the wellbeing of Californians by promoting intentionally diverse motion picture production, providing motion picture production training opportunities for disadvantaged youth, and preventing motion picture production migration to other states and countries with fewer civil rights and protections for the workers on those productions.

#### REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The California Film Commission must determine that no reasonable alternative considered by the Commission or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the Board would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective as and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or would be more cost–effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

#### CONTACT PERSON

Inquiries concerning the proposed action may be directed to:

Name: Nancy Rae Stone Email: <u>Nancy.Stone@film.ca.gov</u> Phone Number: (323) 860–2960

The backup contact person for these inquiries is:

Name: Hedvig Marx Email: <u>Hedvig.Marx@film.ca.gov</u> Phone Number: (323) 817–4115 or (310) 290–6501

Questions on the substance of the proposed regulations may be directed to:

Name: Hedvig Marx Email: <u>SoundstageIncentive@film.ca.gov</u> Phone Number: (323) 817–4115 or (310) 290–6501

#### AVAILABILITY OF CHANGED OR MODIFIED TEXT

After the close of the forty-five (45) day public comment period, the CFC may adopt the proposed

regulation. As a result of public comments, either oral or written, that are received by the CFC regarding this proposal, the CFC may determine that changes to the proposed regulation are appropriate. If the CFC makes modifications that are sufficiently related to the originally proposed text, it will make the modified text (with the changes clearly indicated) available to the public for at least 15 days before the CFC adopts the regulations as revised. The CFC will provide notification of any such modifications to all persons whose comments were received during the public comment period, all persons whose comments (written or oral) were received at the public hearing (if one is held) and all persons who requested notice of such modifications. Otherwise, please send requests for copies of any modified regulations to the attention of Hedvig Marx at the above email address. The CFC will accept written comments on the modified regulations for 15 days after the date on which they are made available.

#### AVAILABILITY OF INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS, RULEMAKING FILE AND EXPRESS TERMS OF THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS

The CFC has established a rulemaking file for this regulatory action, which contains those items required by law. The file is available for inspection at the California Film Commission, 7080 Hollywood Boulevard, Suite 900, Hollywood, California during normal business working hours (9 a.m.–5 p.m.). Please contact Hedvig Marx at the above email address to arrange a date and time to inspect the files. As of the date this Notice is published in the Notice Register, the rulemaking file consists of this Notice, the Initial Statement of Reasons and the proposed text of the regulations. Copies of these items are available, upon request, from the Contact Person designated in this Notice.

# AVAILABILITY OF FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

The CFC is required to prepare a Final Statement of Reasons. Once the CFC has prepared a Final Statement of Reasons, a copy will be made available to anyone who requests a copy. Requests for copies should be addressed to the Contact Person identified in this Notice.

#### OFFICE INTERNET WEBSITE

The Office maintains an Internet website for the electronic publication and distribution of written material. Copies of the Notice of Proposed Action, the Initial Statement of Reasons and the text of the regulations can be accessed through our website at: <u>www.</u> <u>film.ca.gov</u>

#### TITLE 13. HIGHWAY PATROL

#### AMEND SECTIONS 1151.9 AND 1153 EXPLOSIVES STOPS (CHP-R-2023-06202)

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) proposes to amend regulations in Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Division 2, Chapter 6, Article 1, Section 1151.9, Routes — Map 9, and Section 1153, Safe Stopping and Parking Places, related to the designation of safe stopping places, safe parking places, inspection stops, and required inspection stops for commercial vehicles transporting explosives on highways in the state.

#### INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

Pursuant to Section 31616, Designation of Routes, of the California Vehicle Code (CVC), the CHP shall prescribe, by regulation, a list of safe stopping places and maps of the designated routes for commercial vehicles transporting explosives on the highways. Section 31616 CVC further requires the CHP to revise the list and maps, and keep them current. The proposed amendments will update the list of safe stopping places and Map 9 in the regulations.

The CHP's field commands conduct annual surveys of the explosives routes and safe stopping places to determine if changes are necessary. The CHP field commands inspected the locations of business establishments serving as safe stopping or parking places. Business owners expressed their willingness to provide their business location and service information in the CCR by signing the CHP 114, Designation as Safe Stopping Place, or CHP 114A, Designation as Safe Parking Place.

The proposed amendments will update the list of safe stopping places and Map 9 to be used by carriers transporting explosives along the designated explosives routes. These updates are due to permissions received or denied, or a change of business information or ownership. The CHP has received concurrence with the proposed regulation amendments from the State Fire Marshal.

This proposed regulatory action will continue to provide a nonmonetary benefit by protecting the health, safety, and welfare of California's residents, workers, and environment. The changes to the application of the regulation are not substantive and bring the regulation in conformance with existing statute. The proposed changes update and clarify the safe stops designated for carriers transporting explosives, and contribute to transportation safety and public health.

During the process of developing these regulations and amendments, the CHP has conducted a search of any similar regulations on this topic and has concluded that these regulations are neither inconsistent, nor incompatible, with existing federal and state regulations.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Any interested person may submit written comments on the proposed action via fax, at (916) 322– 3154, by Email to <u>cvsregulations@chp.ca.gov</u>, or by writing to:

California Highway Patrol Commercial Vehicle Section Attention: Sergeant Adam Roha P.O. Box 942898 Sacramento, CA 94298–0001

Written comments must be received by November 1, 2023.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS

No public hearing has been scheduled. If any person desires a public hearing, a written request must be received by the CHP, Commercial Vehicle Section (CVS), no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period.

#### AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION

The CHP has available for public review an initial statement of reasons for the proposed regulatory action, the information upon which this action is based, and the proposed regulation text in strikeout and underline format. Requests to review or receive copies of this information should be directed to the CHP either at the above address, by fax, at (916) 322–3154, or by calling the CHP, CVS, at (916) 843–3400. All requests for information should include the following: the title of the rulemaking package, the requester's name, proper mailing address (including city, state, and zip code), and a daytime telephone number in case the information is incomplete or illegible.

The rulemaking file is available for inspection. Interested parties are advised to call CHP, CVS, for an appointment.

All documents regarding the proposed action are available through the CHP's Website at <u>https://www.</u> <u>chp.ca.gov/News-Alerts/Regulatory-Actions</u>. Any person desiring to obtain a copy of the adopted text and a final statement of reasons may request them at the above-noted address. Copies will also be posted on the CHP Website.

#### CONTACT PERSON

Any inquiries concerning the written materials pertaining to the proposed regulations or the substance of the proposed regulations should be directed to Sergeant Adam Roha or Lieutenant James Mitchell, at (916) 843–3400.

#### ADOPTION OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS

After consideration of public comments, the CHP may adopt the proposal substantially as set forth without further notice. If the proposal is modified prior to adoption and the change is not solely grammatical or nonsubstantive in nature, the full text of the resulting regulations, with the changes clearly indicated, will be made available to the public for at least 15 days prior to the date of adoption.

# FISCAL IMPACT AND RESULTS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The CHP has made an initial determination that this proposed regulatory action: (1) will have no effect on housing costs; (2) will not impose any new mandate upon local agencies or school districts; (3) will involve no nondiscretionary cost or savings to any local agency, no cost to any local agency or school district for which Government Code (GC) Sections 17500-17630 require reimbursement, no cost or savings to any state agency, nor costs or savings in federal funding to the state; (4) will neither create nor eliminate jobs in the State of California, nor result in the elimination of existing businesses, or create or expand businesses in the State of California; and (5) will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

Benefits of the Proposed Action: The proposed regulations updating the safe stopping places, safe parking places, inspection stops, and required inspection stops designated for carriers transporting explosives will continue to provide benefits, including the nonmonetary benefit of protecting public health and the safety of residents, workers, and the environment by providing a regulatory basis for enforcement efforts as they relate to safety compliance ratings.

The regulated community is encouraged to respond during the comment period of this regulatory process if significant impacts are identified.

### COST IMPACTS ON REPRESENTATIVE PRIVATE PERSONS OR BUSINESSES

The CHP is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative, private person, or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

#### EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

The CHP has determined the proposed regulatory action may affect small businesses. If a business can no longer meet the requirements for safety, they will be deleted from the list of safe stopping and safe parking places. However, due to the very limited number of commercial vehicles transporting explosives on the designated routes in the state, no foreseeable economic impact is projected for a small business if it were to be removed from the list.

#### ALTERNATIVES

In accordance with Section 11346.5(a)(13) GC, the CHP must determine that no reasonable alternative considered by the CHP, or otherwise identified and brought to the attention of the CHP, would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed, would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or would be more cost–effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law. The CHP invites interested parties to present statements or arguments with respect to alternatives to the proposed regulations during the written comment period.

#### AUTHORITY

This regulatory action is being taken pursuant to Section 31616, CVC.

#### REFERENCE

This action implements, interprets, or makes specific Sections 31303, 31304, 31601, 31602, 31607, 31611, 31614, and 31616, CVC.

#### TITLE 16. STATE OPTOMETRY BOARD

#### DIVISION 13.5 AND DIVISION 15 NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATORY ACTION CONCERNING: FEES

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the California State Board of Optometry (CSBO or Board) is proposing to take the action described in the Informative Digest below, after considering all comments, objections, and recommendations regarding the proposed action.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

The Board has not scheduled a public hearing on this proposed action. However, the Board will hold a hearing if it receives a written request for a public hearing from any interested person, or the interested person's authorized representative, no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period. A hearing may be requested by making such request, in writing, addressed to the individuals listed under "Contact Person" in this Notice.

#### WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Written comments relevant to the action proposed, including those sent by mail or email to the addresses listed under "Contact Person" in this Notice, must be *received* by the Board at its office no later than 5:00 p.m. by Tuesday, October 31, 2023, or must be received by the Board at the hearing, should one be scheduled.

#### AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Pursuant to the authority vested by sections 2565, 2566, 2566.1, and 3152 of the Business and Professions Code (BPC), and to implement, interpret, or make specific BPC sections 2565, 2566, 2566.1, and 3152, the Board is considering amending sections 1399.260, 1399.261, and 1399.263 of title 16 and section 1524 of title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).

#### INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

The California State Board of Optometry is a licensing board within the Department of Consumer Affairs. The Board regulates licensed optometrists, registered dispensing ophthalmic businesses, registered spectacle lens dispensers, and registered contact lens dispensers. California Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 3010.1 states that protection of the public shall be the highest priority for the Board in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Sections 3021 and 3025 of the BPC authorize the Board to adopt regulations as may be necessary to enable the Board to effectuate the practice of optometry and opticianry.

BPC 3145 establishes the Optometry Fund (Fund) and requires all fees deposited in the Fund and made available to the Board upon appropriation by the Legislature. BPC section 2567 requires all fees collected from the opticianry program to be deposited in the Fund and available to the Board upon appropriation.

BPC sections 2565, 2566, 2566.1 authorize the Board to set fees by regulation and sets forth the minimum and maximum fee ranges for application, initial registration, renewal, and delinquency for registered dispensing ophthalmic businesses, registered contact lens dispensers, and registered spectacle lens dispensers (collectively, opticianry). BPC section 3152 authorizes the Board to set fees by regulation and sets forth the minimum and maximum fee ranges for renewal for optometrists, and other miscellaneous fees such as application for continuing education course approval, and certain certifications.

The Board is seeking to increase the fees charged for application, initial registration, and renewal, and set the delinquency fee for opticianry applicants and seeking to increase the fees charged for renewal for optometry applicants, and miscellaneous fees associated with certifications and continuing education course approval. The fee increases are necessary to help alleviate the structural imbalance the Board currently faces and thus ensure the Board can meet its consumer protection goals.

#### **Anticipated Benefits of Proposal**

This regulatory proposal seeks to make amendments to the Board's fee schedule, which will help to reduce the Board's structural budget imbalance and to maintain a sufficient fund balance reserve until the Board can increase statutory fee levels to eliminate the structural imbalance.

The amendments will help to ensure the Board has sufficient funding to meet its consumer protection mandate and goals.

The Board has historically been able to operate within its existing budget. However, due primarily to recent increased licensing and enforcement workload and costs, the Board Members began considering options to stabilize the Board's budget at the August 25, 2022, Board meeting and voted unanimously to approve the proposed regulations at its May 12, 2023, Board meeting.

Immediate action to increase the regulatory fees collected by the Board is required. The fee increases will bolster the Board's revenues and funding available to continue the Board's daily functions, enforcement, and licensing operations without interruptions.

If this regulatory proposal is not adopted, the Board may need to restrict its core operations, including slowing its ability to process applications, restricting investigations, and limiting the Board's ability to adjudicate violations of the laws of optometry and opticianry in an expedient manner.

These restrictions to the operational functions of the Board could result in licensing backlogs and compromise the Board's ability to achieve its mission and statutory mandate of consumer protection.

This regulatory proposal will benefit the health and welfare of California residents because the proposal will increase the Board's revenue and funding available to continue the Board's enforcement, investigative, licensing, examination, and public outreach operations.

# Evaluation of Consistency and Compatibility with Existing State Regulations

During the process of developing this regulatory proposal, the Board conducted a search of any similar regulations on these topics and has concluded that these regulations are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing state regulations.

#### INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

There are no forms or documents incorporated by reference.

#### DISCLOSURES REGARDING THIS PROPOSED ACTION

The Board has made the following initial determinations:

#### FISCAL IMPACT ESTIMATES

#### Fiscal Impact on Public Agencies Including Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State:

The Board estimates the proposed regulations will increase revenues by approximately \$597,000 per year and help to reduce the structural imbalance.

Because the Board currently charges the fees in this proposal and/or performs workload associated with these programs and fees, no additional workload and costs are anticipated.

The Board estimates one-time information technology (IT) costs of \$3,000 to update cashiering and accounting software. Any IT costs will be absorbed within existing resources.

Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies: None.

Cost to any Local Agency or School District for which Government Code Sections 17500-17630 Require Reimbursement: None.

Mandate Imposed on Local Agencies or School **Districts:** None.

Significant Effect on Housing Costs (and, if applicable, including any estimated costs of compliance or potential benefits of a building standard) None.

#### BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATES

The Board has made the initial determination that the proposed regulatory action would have no significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

#### Cost Impact on Representative Private Person or **Business**

The proposed regulations increase fees in section 1399.260 as follows:

Registered Dispensing Ophthalmic (business):

- Initial Application: Current \$150; Proposed \$200
- Initial Registration: Current \$200; Proposed \$300
- Biennial Renewal: Current \$200; Proposed \$300 • The proposed regulations increase fees in section 1399.261 as follows:

Contact Lens Dispenser:

- Initial Application: Current \$150; Proposed \$200
- Initial Registration: Current \$200; Proposed \$300
- Biennial Renewal: Current \$200; Proposed \$300

The proposed regulations increase fees in section 1399.263 as follows:

Spectacle Lens Dispenser:

- Initial Application: Current \$150; Proposed \$200
- Initial Registration: Current \$200; Proposed \$300 •
- Biennial Renewal: Current \$200; Proposed \$300 The proposed regulations increase fees in section

1524 as follows:

**Optometrist:** 

Biennial Renewal: Current \$425; Proposed \$500 Application (various):

- Continuing Education Course Approval: Current \$50; Proposed \$100
- Glaucoma Certificate: Current \$35; Proposed \$50 •
- Lacrimal Irrigation & Dilation Certificate: Current \$25; Proposed \$50

#### **RESULTS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT** ASSESSMENT/ANALYSIS

The Board has made the initial determination that the proposed regulatory action would have no significant statewide adverse economic impact directly

affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. **Impact on Jobs/Businesses** 

The Board has determined that this regulatory proposal will not have any impact on the creation of jobs or new businesses or the elimination of jobs or existing businesses or the expansion of businesses in the State of California because the proposed fees are anticipated to have minimal impact on businesses because the incremental fee increase is negligible compared to the average salary of licensees.

#### **Benefits of Regulation:**

This regulatory proposal will benefit the health and welfare of California residents because the proposal will increase the Board's revenue and funding available to continue the Board's enforcement, investigative, licensing, examination, and public outreach operations. The proposal is not anticipated to benefit worker safety or the state's environment.

#### **Business Reporting Requirements**

The regulatory action does not require businesses to file a report with the Board.

#### **Effect on Small Business**

The Board has determined that the proposed regulations may affect small businesses because this proposal will increase fees for individual licenses. The corporate practice of optometry is not prohibited, but is limited to owning only 11 locations, and some businesses may pay for or recoup the license fees of individual employees.

#### CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

In accordance with Government Code section 11346.5, subdivision (a)(13), the Board must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered to the regulation or that has otherwise been identified and brought to its attention would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed; would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposal described in this Notice; or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

Any interested person may submit comments to the Board in writing relevant to the above determinations at 2450 Del Paso Road, Suite 105, Sacramento, CA, 95834 during the written comment period, or at the hearing if one is scheduled or requested.

#### AVAILABILITY OF STATEMENT OF **REASONS AND RULEMAKING FILE**

The Board has compiled a record for this regulatory action, which includes the Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR), proposed regulatory text, and all the informa-

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tion on which this proposal is based. This material is contained in the rulemaking file and is available for public inspection upon request to the contact persons named in this notice.

#### TEXT OF PROPOSAL

Copies of the exact language of the proposed regulations, and any document incorporated by reference, and of the initial statement of reasons, and all of the information upon which the proposal is based, may be obtained upon request from the Board, at 2450 Del Paso Road, Suite 105, Sacramento, CA 95834.

#### AVAILABILITY OF CHANGED OR MODIFIED TEXT

After considering all timely and relevant comments, the Board upon its own motion or at the request of any interested party, may thereafter adopt the proposals substantially as described below or may modify such proposals if such modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. With the exception of technical or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified proposal, with the modifications clearly indicated, will be available for review and written comment for 15 days prior to its adoption from the person designated in this Notice as the Contact Person and will be mailed to those persons who submit written comments or oral testimony related to this proposal or who have requested notification of any changes to the proposal.

#### AVAILABILITY AND LOCATION OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND RULEMAKING FILE

All the information upon which the proposed regulations are based is contained in the rulemaking file which is available for public inspection by contacting the person named below.

You may obtain a copy of the Final Statement of Reasons once it has been prepared by making a written request to the Contact Person named below or by accessing the website listed below.

#### CONTACT PERSONS

Inquiries or comments concerning the proposed rulemaking action may be addressed to:

Name: Gregory Pruden Address: California State Board of Optometry 2450 Del Paso Road, Suite 105 Sacramento, CA 95834 Telephone Number: 916–574–7808 Email Address: <u>Gregory.Pruden@dca.ca.gov</u> The backup contact person is:

Name: Jonathan Gasca Address: California State Board of Optometry 2450 Del Paso Road, Suite 105 Sacramento, CA 95834 Telephone Number: 916–244–6660 Email Address: Jonathan.Gasca@dca.ca.gov

#### AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS ON THE INTERNET

Copies of the Notice of Proposed Action, the Initial Statement of Reasons, and the text of the regulations with modifications noted, as well as the Final Statement of Reasons when completed, and modified text, if any, can be accessed through the Board's website at https://optometry.ca.gov/lawsregs/propregs.shtml.

#### TITLE 22/MPP. DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

#### INTERGOVERNMENTAL CASES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the requirements of Government Code section 11346.8(c), and section 44 of title 1 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), the California Department of Child Support Services (Department) hereby provides notice of modifications made to proposed regulation sections 110132, 110192, 110196, 110268, 110296, 110307, 110430, 110446, 110450, 110466, 110590, 110594, 110654, 110710, 110794, 113100, 115510, 116100, 117200, 117300, 117301, 117302, 117303, 117400, 117401, 117402, 117405, 117500, 117501, 117503, 117600, and 118203 of title 22 of the CCR, the proposed adoption of sections 110146, 110198, 110860, 117000, and 117700 of title 22 of the CCR, the proposed repeal of sections 110375, 110422, 110474, 110478, 110518, 110730, 110734, 110758, 110762, 110858, 117403, 117404, 117406, 117407, 117502, and 117504 of title 22 of the CCR, the proposed modifications to sections 12-101.3(i) and 12-701 of Chapters 12-100 and 12-700 in the Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP), and the proposed repeal of sections 12-101.3(c)(1), 12-101.3(q)(1), 12-701(i)(4), 12-701(r)(1), and 12-701(r)(2) of Chapters 12-100 and 12-700 in the MPP. The text with proposed modifications indicated in underline and strikethrough, is attached to this notice.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

The Department has not scheduled a public hearing on this proposed action. However, the Department will hold a hearing if it receives a written request for a public hearing from any interested person, or their authorized representative, no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period.

#### WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Written comments, including those sent by mail, facsimile, or email to the address listed under Contact Persons in this Notice, must be received by the Department at its office no later than **October 30, 2023**, or must be received by the Department at the hearing, should one be scheduled. When commenting, please indicate the proposed rulemaking action to which your comment refers.

#### AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Pursuant to the authority vested by sections 17306, 17310, and 17312 of the Family Code (FC), and to implement, interpret or make specific sections 5206, 5216, 5246, 5604, 5700.101 et seq., and 17212 of said Code; 45 Code of Federal Regulations sections 301.1, 303.2 and 303.7; Welfare and Institutions Code section 1147.8; Code of Civil Procedure section 706.011(a); and 28 United States Code, section 1738B.

# SUMMARY OF EXISTING LAWS AND EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED ACTION

In 2014 Congress enacted Public Law 113-183, the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act, which amended the Social Security Act to ensure access to IV-D services for international cases. It also required states, as a condition of receiving federal funds, to enact the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA 2008) as "officially adopted as of September 30, 2008 by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws." UIFSA 2008 added international provisions to be consistent with the 2007 Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance, a treaty the United States became a party of. This treaty was ratified by the United States on August 31, 2016, and the effective date in the United States was January 1, 2017.

In 2015 the California legislature enacted Senate Bill (SB) 646 (Jackson, Chapter 493, Statutes of 2015), which repealed Chapter 6 (commencing with section 4900) of FC to remove codified versions of UIFSA 1996 and UIFSA 2001. SB 646 added sections 5700.101–5700.905 to the FC to codify UIFSA 2008 provisions as required by Public Law 113–183.

These proposed regulations aim to conform to SB 646 (Jackson, Chapter 493, Statutes of 2015), codified in FC sections 5700.101 et seq., and to clarify policies

for intergovernmental child support cases. Existing intergovernmental regulations are in chapter 7, division 13, title 22 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) and terms are defined in chapter 1, division 13, title 22 of the CCR. The proposed regulations do the following: define new terms and repeal terms which are already defined in governing statutes; clarify the ruling jurisdiction in intergovernmental cases; specify intergovernmental forms; define requirements for long arm jurisdiction; clarify continuing, exclusive jurisdiction determinations; define duration of support; clarify interest calculation on arrears; explain reconciling multiple support orders; define limited intergovernmental services; clarify general requirements, timeframes, and paternity as an initiating or responding jurisdiction; define disclosure of information requirements; clarify direct income withholding orders; and specify registration of support orders.

These proposed regulations are necessary to implement state and federal law for the administration of both the state and federal child support program.

#### ANTICIPATED BENEFITS OF PROPOSAL

This regulatory action will benefit custodial parties in child support cases because it will increase the collection of payments for interstate and international child support cases. This will be accomplished by clarifying the requirements related to handling intergovernmental cases and to the continuing, exclusive jurisdiction of these cases. This regulatory action will increase the protection, health, and safety of families and children by clarifying disclosure requirements for intergovernmental cases.

#### CONSISTENCY AND COMPATIBILITY WITH EXISTING STATE REGULATIONS

During the process of developing these regulations and amendments, the Department has conducted a search of any similar regulations on this topic and has concluded that these regulations are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing state and federal regulations.

#### UPDATED FORMS PREVIOUSLY CITED AND INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

- Affidavit of Non–Disclosure, DCSS 0722 (Rev. 08/20/2023)
- Application for Non Title IV–D Locate Services, DCSS 0073 (Rev. 08/20/2023)
- Affidavit of Non–Disclosure Cover Letter, DCSS 0758 (Rev. 08/20/2023)

#### FISCAL IMPACT ESTIMATES

The Department has made the following initial determinations:

Fiscal Impact on Public Agencies, Including Costs or Savings to State Agencies: None.

*Cost or Savings in Federal Funding to the State:* None.

*Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies:* None.

Mandate on Local Agencies or School Districts: None.

Cost to Any Local Agency or School District for Which Government Code Sections 17500–17630 Require Reimbursement: None.

Business Impact: The Department has made the initial determination that the proposed regulatory action would have no significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. This initial determination was made based on state and federal statutes that established the child support program. The proposed regulatory action does not have an effect on any businesses.

Cost Impact on Representative Private Person or Business: The Department is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

Effect on Housing Costs: None.

#### EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS

The Department has made an initial determination that the proposed regulatory action would have no effect on small businesses. This initial determination was made based on state and federal statutes that established the federal and nonfederal child support programs.

#### RESULTS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT/ANALYSIS

#### Impact on Jobs/Businesses:

The Department has determined that this regulatory proposal will not have any impact on the creation of jobs or new businesses or the elimination of jobs or existing businesses or the expansion of businesses in the State of California.

#### Benefits of Regulation

These amendments will benefit the health and welfare of California residents, specifically, custodial parties of child support cases because they will increase the collection of payments for intergovernmental child support cases. This will be accomplished by clarifying the requirements related to handling intergovernmental cases and the jurisdiction of these cases. Also, this regulatory action will increase the protection, health, and safety of families and children by clarifying disclosure requirements for intergovernmental cases.

The proposed regulations will not have any effect on worker safety or the state's environment.

#### CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

In accordance with Government Code section 11346.5, subdivision (a)(13), the Department must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the Department would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed, would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposal described In this Notice, or would be more cost–effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

The Department invites any interested persons to present statements or arguments in writing with respect to alternatives to the proposed regulations during the written comment period, or if scheduled, orally and/or in writing during a requested public hearing.

#### AVAILABILITY OF THE INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS, TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS, AND RULEMAKING FILE

The Department will make the entire rulemaking file available for inspection and copying throughout the rulemaking process at the Department's office location. As of the date this notice is published in the Notice Register, the rulemaking file consists of the Notice of Proposed Action, the proposed text of the regulations, the Initial Statement of Reasons, the STD. 399, and the supportive factual documents. Please direct requests to inspect or copy the rulemaking file to Jessica Lile at the information listed below in *Contact Persons* as appointments are required to visit the Department's office. Copies of the Initial Statement of Reasons and proposed text of the regulations may also be accessed from the Department's website at childsupport.ca.gov/regulations.

#### AVAILABILITY OF CHANGED OR MODIFIED TEXT

After considering all relevant and timely comments received, the Department may adopt the proposed regulations substantially as described in this notice. If the Department makes modifications which are sufficiently related to the originally proposed text, it will make the modified text (with the changes clearly indicated) available to the public for at least 15 days before the Department adopts the regulations as revised. Please send requests for copies of any modified regulations to the attention of Jessica Lile at the information listed below in *Contact Persons*. The Department will accept any written comments on the modified regulations for 15 days after the date on which they are made available.

#### AVAILABILITY AND LOCATION OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Upon its completion, the Department will make copies of the Final Statement of Reasons available. Please direct requests for copies to Jessica Lile at the information listed below in *Contact Persons* or by accessing the website listed below.

#### CONTACT PERSONS

Any inquiries or comments regarding this proposed rulemaking action to amend, repeal, and adopt regulations for Intergovernmental Cases may be addressed to:

Name: Jessica Lile Telephone: 916–464–5099 Fax: 916–464–5772 Email Address: Jessica.Lile@dcss.ca.gov Postal Address: Dept. of Child Support Services Policy, Program, & Statewide Training Branch MS–210

Attention: Jessica Lile P.O. Box 419064 Rancho Cordova, CA 95741–9064

The backup contact person is:

Name: Andrew Enriques Telephone: 916–464–6689 Fax: 916–464–5772 Email Address: <u>Andrew.Enriques@dcss.ca.gov</u> Postal Address: Dept. of Child Support Services Policy, Program, & Statewide Training Branch MS–210 Attention: Andrew Enriques P.O. Box 419064 Rancho Cordova, CA 95741–9064

#### WEBSITE ACCESS

Materials regarding this proposal can be found on the Department's website at <u>childsupport.ca.gov/</u><u>regulations</u>.

### GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST

### AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE HEAVY–DUTY ENGINE AND VEHICLE OMNIBUS REGULATION

By notice posted on the California Air Resources Board's (CARB or Board) webpage on August 1, 2023, and published in the August 4, 2023, California Regulatory Notice Register (Register 2023, Number 31–Z), CARB announced a public comment period for Proposed Amendments to the Heavy–Duty Engine and Vehicle Omnibus Regulation. No hearing was scheduled at the time of publication; however, a request for a hearing could be made by September 3, 2023. Subsequently, CARB received several requests for a public hearing, and is therefore providing notice that it has scheduled a public hearing as detailed below.

*Please Be Advised* that CARB will conduct an Executive Officer hearing at the date, time, and location noted below:

Date: October 20, 2023 Time: 10:00 a.m. In–Person Location:

California Air Resources Board Coastal Hearing Room 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Remote Option:

Zoom

Please consult the public agenda, which will be posted ten days before the October 20, 2023, Executive Officer Hearing, for important details, including how the public can participate via Zoom if they choose to be remote.

The original 45–Day Notice, the Initial Statement of Reasons, and all subsequent regulatory documents, are available on CARB's website for this rulemaking at <u>https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/rulemaking/2023/</u> hdomnibus2023.

# Written Comment Period and Submittal of Comments

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, interested members of the public may present comments orally or in writing during the hearing and may provide comments by postal mail or by electronic submittal during the 45–day public comment period

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before the hearing. The public comment period for this regulatory action began on August 4, 2023, and will close on September 18, 2023. The public comment period will not be extended per this notice. Written comments not submitted during the hearing must be submitted on or after August 4, 2023, and **received no later than September 18, 2023**. Comments submitted outside that comment period are considered untimely. CARB may, but is not required to, respond to untimely comments. CARB also encourages members of the public to bring to the attention of staff in advance of the hearing any suggestions for modification of the proposed regulatory action. Comments submitted in advance of the hearing must be addressed to one of the following:

Postal mail:

Clerks' Office, California Air Resources Board 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

#### Electronic submittal:

#### https://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code § 7920.000 et seq.), your written and verbal comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

Additionally, CARB requests but does not require that persons who submit written comments reference the title of the proposal in their comments to facilitate review.

#### **Special Accommodation Request**

Consistent with California Government Code section 7296.2, special accommodation or language needs may be provided for any of the following:

- An interpreter to be available at the hearing;
- Documents made available in an alternate format or another language; and
- A disability-related reasonable accommodation.

To request these special accommodations or language needs, please contact the Clerks' Office at <u>cotb(a)</u> <u>arb.ca.gov</u> or (916) 322–5594 as soon as possible, but no later than ten business days before the scheduled Board hearing. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

Consecuente con la sección 7296.2 del Código de Gobierno de California, una acomodación especial o necesidades lingüísticas pueden ser suministradas para cualquiera de los siguientes:

- Un intérprete que esté disponible en la audiencia;
- Documentos disponibles en un formato alterno u otro idioma; y
- Una acomodación razonable relacionados con una incapacidad.

Para solicitar estas comodidades especiales o necesidades de otro idioma, por favor llame a la oficina del Consejo al <u>cotb@arb.ca.gov</u> o (916) 322–5594 lo más pronto posible, pero no menos de 10 días de trabajo antes del día programado para la audiencia del Consejo. TTY/TDD/Personas que necesiten este servicio pueden marcar el 711 para el Servicio de Retransmisión de Mensajes de California.

### DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

#### FISH AND GAME CODE SECTION 1653 CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION REQUEST FOR IMPROVING THE STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY OF BEAVER DAMS AND NATURALLY OCCURRING LOG JAMS IN MID FRENCH CREEK (TRACKING NUMBER: 1653–2023–127–001–R1) SISKIYOU COUNTY

California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) received a Request to Approve on September 5, 2023, that the Scott River Watershed Council (Council) proposes to carry out a habitat restoration or enhancement project pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1653. The proposed project involves installing posts in beaver dams and log jams to increase their structural integrity and restore and retain key coho salmon spawning and rearing habitat in French Creek. The proposed project will be carried out on French Creek, tributary to the Scott River, located in the Klamath Basin, Siskiyou County, California.

On August 3, 2023, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received a Notice of Intent (NOI) to comply with the terms of, and obtain coverage under, the General 401 Water Quality Certification Order for Small Habitat Restoration Projects (General 401 Order) for the Improving the Structural Integrity of Beaver Dams and Naturally Occurring Log Jams in Mid French Creek. The Regional Water Board determined that the Project, as described in the NOI, was categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review (section 15333 — Small Habitat Restoration Projects) and met the eligibility requirements for coverage under the General 401 Order. The Regional Water Board issued a Notice of Applicability (WDID Number 1A23123WNSI; ECM PIN Number CW-889853) for coverage under the General 401 Order on September 5, 2023.

The Council is requesting a determination that the project and associated documents are complete pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1653 subdivision (d). If CDFW determines the project is complete, the Council will not be required to obtain an incidental take permit under Fish and Game Code section 2081 subdivision (b) or a Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement under Fish and Game Code section 1605 for the proposed project.

In accordance with Fish and Game Code section 1653 subdivision (e), if CDFW determines during the review, based on substantial evidence, that the request is not complete, the Council will have the opportunity to submit under Fish and Game Code section 1652.

### DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

#### FISH AND GAME CODE SECTION 1653 CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION REQUEST FOR LOWER TRYON CREEK FISH PASSAGE AND OFF CHANNEL HABITAT PROJECT — CROSSING 1 (TRACKING NUMBER: 1653–2023–128–001–R1) DEL NORTE COUNTY

California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) received a Request to Approve on September 5, 2023, that the Smith River Alliance (Alliance) proposes to carry out a habitat restoration or enhancement project pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1653. The proposed project involves replacing an undersized culvert with a prefabricated bridge, the restoration of the stream channel, and installation of large woody debris. The proposed project will be carried out on Tryon Creek, located north of the unincorporated town of Fort Dick, Del Norte County, California.

On August 16, 2023, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received a Notice of Intent (NOI) to comply with the terms of, and obtain coverage under, the General 401 Water Quality Certification Order for Small Habitat Restoration Projects (General 401 Order) for the Lower Tryon Creek Fish Passage and Off Channel Habitat Project — Crossing 1. The Regional Water Board determined that the Project, as described in the NOI, was categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review (section 15333 — Small Habitat Restoration Projects) and met the eligibility requirements for coverage under the General 401 Order. The Regional Water Board issued a Notice of Applicability (WDID Number 1A32131WNDN; ECM PIN Number CW–889962) for coverage under the General 401 Order on August 16, 2023.

The Alliance is requesting a determination that the project and associated documents are complete pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1653 subdivision (d). If CDFW determines the project is complete, the Alliance will not be required to obtain an incidental take permit under Fish and Game Code section 2081 subdivision (b) or a Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement under Fish and Game Code section 1605 for the proposed project.

In accordance with Fish and Game Code section 1653 subdivision (e), if CDFW determines during the review, based on substantial evidence, that the request is not complete, the Alliance will have the opportunity to submit under Fish and Game Code section 1652.

#### DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

#### HABITAT RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT ACT CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION NUMBER 1653–2023–126–001–R1

| Project:          | Middle Creek Salmonid Spawning<br>Habitat Project |  |
|-------------------|---|--|
| Location:         | Shasta County                                     |  |
| <b>Applicant:</b> | William Vanderwaal (Reclamation                   |  |
|                   | District Number 108)                              |  |

#### Background

*Project Location:* The Middle Creek Salmonid Spawning Habitat Project (Project) is located at Middle Creek Road, Redding, California, 40.596662° North, 122.439449° West; at a property owned by the State of California, and affects the Sacramento River. The Sacramento River supports populations of Central Valley spring-run chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), Central Valley fall/late fall-run chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), and Sacramento River winter-run chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*).

*Project Description:* William Vanderwaal, Reclamation District Number 108, (Applicant) proposes to enhance or restore habitat within Sacramento River to provide a net conservation benefit for Central Valley spring-run chinook salmon, Central Valley fall/late fall-run chinook salmon, and Sacramento River winter-run chinook salmon.

The Project will provide improved spawning conditions along the right bank of the Sacramento River, immediately downstream of the confluence of Middle Creek and the Sacramento River. Spawning conditions will be improved by placing existing and new spawning gravel to create additional spawning areas as week as creating spawning bed areas at deeper depths. The right bank overburden material will be excavated and replaced with spawning gravel at a lower elevation, increasing the area available for spawning. The overburden material will be placed on higher ground.

Approximately 2,500 cubic yards of spawning gravel material will be brought into the site and no material will be removed from the site. The work will be performed by excavators, bulldozers, loaders and off–road trucks, working both on the stream bank and in the river.

*Project Size:* The total area of ground disturbance associated with the Project is approximately 4.0 acres and 460 linear feet. The proposed Project complies with the General 401 Certification for Small Habitat Restoration Projects and associated categorical exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (Cal. Code Regs., title 14, § 15333).

*Project Associated Discharge:* Discharge of materials into Waters of the State, as defined by Water Code section 13050 subdivision (e), resulting from the Project include those associated with the following: 2,500 cubic yards of spawning gravel.

Project Timeframes: Start date: January 2024.

Completion date: April 2024.

Work window: Winter — subject to fish spawning and flows (7,000 cfs or lower) and presences/absence of redd.

Water Quality Certification Background: Because the Project's primary purpose is habitat restoration intended to improve the quality of waters in California and improve fish passage spawning and rearing habitat, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) issued a Notice of Applicability (NOA) for Coverage under the State Water Resources Control Board General 401 Water Quality Certification Order for Small Habitat Restoration Projects SB12006GN (Order) (Waste Discharge Identification (WDID) Number 5A45CR00643 for the Project. The NOA describes the Project and requires the Applicant to comply with terms of the Order. Additionally, the Applicant has provided a supplemental document that sets forth measures to avoid and minimize impacts to fish and wildlife.

Receiving Waters: Sacramento River.

Filled or Excavated Areas: Permanent area impacted: 0.5 acres.

Temporary area impacted: 4 acres.

Length permanently impacted: 460 linear feet.

Length temporarily impacted: 460 linear feet.

Discharge volume: 2,500 cubic yards of spawning gravel.

Regional Water Board staff determined that the Project may proceed under the Order. Additionally, Regional Water Board staff determined that the Project, as described in the Notice of Intent (NOI) complies with the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.).

*Noticing*: On August 14, 2023, the Director of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) received a notice from the Applicant requesting a determination pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 1653 that the NOA, NOI, and related species protection measures are consistent with the Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Act (HREA) with respect to the Project.

Pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1653 subdivision (c), CDFW filed an initial notice with the Office of Administrative Law on August 14, 2023, for publishing in the General Public Interest section of the California Regulatory Notice Register (Cal. Reg. Notice File Number Z–2023–0814–04) on August 25, 2023. Upon approval, CDFW will file a final notice pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1653 subdivision (f).

#### Determination

CDFW has determined that the NOA, NOI, and related species protection measures are consistent with HREA as to the Project and meets the conditions set forth in Fish and Game Code section 1653 for authorizing the Project.

Specifically, CDFW finds that: (1) The Project purpose is voluntary habitat restoration and the Project is not required as mitigation; (2) the Project is not part of a regulatory permit for a non-habitat restoration or enhancement construction activity, a regulatory settlement, a regulatory enforcement action, or a court order; and (3) the Project meets the eligibility requirements of the State Water Resources Control Board's Order for Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification for Small Habitat Restoration Projects.

#### Avoidance and Minimization Measures

The avoidance and minimization measures for Project, as required by Fish and Game Code section 1653, subdivision (b)(4), were included in an attachment to the NOI. The specific avoidance and minimization measures as well as water quality protection measures are found in the addendum titled: Block20Middle CreekBMP.pdf in section titled Best Management Practices of the addendum.

#### **Monitoring and Reporting**

As required by Fish and Game Code section 1653, subdivision (g), the Applicant included a copy of the monitoring and reporting plan. The Applicant's Monitoring and Reporting Plan provides a timeline for restoration, performance standards, and monitoring parameters and protocols. Specific requirements of the plan are found in an attachment to the NOI, titled: Monitoring Plan Middle Crk–2023 v2.pdf, in the

section titled, Performance Monitoring Plan, of the addendum.

#### **Notice of Completion**

Coverage under the State Water Resources Control Board General 401 Water Quality Certification Order for Small Habitat Restoration Projects requires the Applicant to submit a Notice of Completion (NOC) no later than 30 days after the project has been completed. A complete NOC includes at a minimum:

- photographs with a descriptive title;
- date the photograph was taken;
- name of the photographic site;
- WDID number and ECM PIN number indicated above;
- success criteria for the Project.

The NOC shall demonstrate that the Applicant has carried out the Project in accordance with the Project description as provided in the Applicant's NOI. Applicant shall include the project name, WDID number, and ECM PIN number with all future inquiries and document submittals. Pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1653, subdivision (g), the Applicant shall submit the monitoring plan, monitoring report, and notice of completion to CDFW as required by the General Order. Applicant shall submit documents electronically to: <u>Stacey.Alexander@wildlife.ca.gov</u>.

#### **Project Authorization**

Pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1654, CD-FW's approval of a habitat restoration or enhancement project pursuant to section 1652 or 1653 shall be in lieu of any other permit, agreement, license, or other approval issued by the department, including, but not limited to, those issued pursuant to Chapter 6 (commencing with section 1600) and Chapter 10 (commencing with section 1900) of this Division and Chapter 1.5 (commencing with section 2050) of Division 3. Additionally, Applicant must adhere to all measures contained in the approved NOA and comply with other conditions described in the NOI.

If there are any substantive changes to the Project or if the Water Board amends or replaces the NOA, the Applicant shall be required to obtain a new consistency determination from CDFW. (See generally Fish and Game Code, § 1654, subdivision (c).)

#### DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR PROPOSED CONSENT DECREE SETTLEMENT BENSON RIDGE FACILITY, 7620 HIGHWAY 29, KELSEY VILLE, CALIFORNIA PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 15, 2023 THROUGH OCTOBER 14, 2023

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on a proposed consent decree (Consent Decree) between DTSC and 5 parties (Settling Defendants, identified below) regarding the closed Benson Ridge Facility landfill, located at 7620 Highway 29, Kelseyville, California 95451 (Parcel Nos. 7–018–13, 7–029–6, 7–030–21, and 9–022–01) (Facility).

DTSC lodged in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, the proposed Consent Decree in the case California Department of Toxic Substances Control, et al. v. Pacific Gas & Electric Company, et al., Case Number 4:21-cv-07450. The proposed Consent Decree resolves DTSC's claims against the Settling Defendants under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601 et seq. for the Facility. The Settling Defendants are named as defendants in DTSC's lawsuit seeking to recover costs of responding to releases and threatened releases of hazardous substances at the Facility. Under the proposed Consent Decree, Settling Defendants will provide funding for the Facility's post closure and corrective action activities to protect human health and the environment at and around the Facility. Settling Defendants will also pay \$436,789.03 to reimburse a portion of DTSC's past costs incurred for response actions at the Facility. Settling Defendants also agree to reimburse DTSC's future response costs at the Facility. The proposed Consent Decree provides that Settling Defendants are entitled to contribution protection under CERCLA and state law and DTSC's covenant not to sue Defendants with respect to certain matters.

The 5 Settling Defendants include: Chevron U.S.A. Inc.; Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Phillips 66 Company; SWEPI LLC; and Union Oil Company of California.

HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE: DTSC will consider public comments on the proposed Consent Decree postmarked or received by October 14, 2023. Comments should include the phrase "Benson CD Settlement Comments" in the subject line of your **letter or email.** DTSC may withdraw its consent to the proposed Consent Decree if it receives comments that disclose facts or considerations that indicate the proposed Consent Decree is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate.

Address comments to:

#### Mary Gaspari

Department of Toxic Substances Control 8800 Cal Center Drive Sacramento, CA 95826 <u>Mary.Gaspari@dtsc.ca.gov</u>

WHERE DO I GET INFORMATION: The proposed Consent Decree is available in DTSC's EnviroStor database at: <u>https://www.envirostor.dtsc.</u> ca.gov/getfile?filename=/public%2Fdeliverable\_ documents%2F1507359147%2F2023-8-23%20 FINALProposedConsentDecree\_Benson%20 %20%20%20Document%2058-1%20%5B%5B Proposed%5D%20Consent%20Decree%5D.pdf.pdf.

General Benson Ridge Facility Information at: <u>https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile\_report.asp?global\_id=80001336</u>.

A hard copy of the proposed Consent Decree is also available from the DTSC Sacramento Office by written request to Mary Gaspari sent to the physical address or the email address above. Or the proposed Consent Decree can be reviewed in person, by appointment Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at:

DTSC Regional Central File Room/Contact:

Tee Xiong 8800 Cal Center Drive Sacramento, CA 95826 (916) 255–3611

FOR ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BENSON RIDGE FACILITY OR THE PROPOSED CONSENT DECREE: Please contact the following DTSC staff:

For the Project:

Mary Gaspari DTSC Project Manager (916) 255–6574 Mary.Gaspari@dtsc.ca.gov

For Public Participation:

Ashley Blesio DTSC Public Participation Specialist (916) 255–6519 <u>Ashley.Blesio@dtsc.ca.gov</u> For Media:

Devin Hutchings DTSC Public Information Officer (916) 903–6949 Devin.Hutchings@dtsc.ca.gov

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### DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR PROPOSED CONSENT DECREE SETTLEMENT MONTEZUMA HILLS FACILITY, 6292 LITTLE HONKER BAY ROAD, RIO VISTA, CALIFORNIA PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 15, 2023 THROUGH OCTOBER 14, 2023

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on a proposed consent decree (Consent Decree) between DTSC and 17 parties (Settling Defendants, identified below) regarding the closed Montezuma Hills Facility landfill, located at 6292 Little Honker Bay Road, Rio Vista, California 94571 (Solano County Parcel Number 0048–050–340) (Facility).

DTSC lodged in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, the proposed Consent Decree in the case California Department of Toxic Substances Control. et al. v. Chevron Oronite Company LLC, et al., Case Number 2:21-cv-01737. The proposed Consent Decree resolves DTSC's claims against the Settling Defendants under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601 et seq., for the Facility. The Settling Defendants are named as defendants in DTSC's lawsuit seeking to recover costs of responding to releases and threatened releases of hazardous substances at the Facility. Under the proposed Consent Decree, Settling Defendants will provide funding for the Facility's post closure and corrective action activities to protect human health and the environment at and around the Facility. Settling Defendants will also pay \$444,708.65 to reimburse a portion of DTSC's past costs incurred for response actions at the Facility. Settling Defendants also agree to reimburse DTSC's future response costs at the Facility. The proposed Consent Decree provides that Settling Defendants are entitled to contribution protection under CERCLA and state law and DTSC's covenant not to sue Defendants with respect to certain matters.

The 17 Settling Defendants include: Atlantic Richfield Company; Bayer CropScience, Inc.; Chevron Oronite Company LLC; The Dow Chemical Company; Exxon Mobil Corporation; ExxonMobil Oil Corporation; ExxonMobil Pipeline Company LLC; Ford Motor Company; Georgia–Pacific LLC; HP Inc.; Mobil Exploration and Producing North America Inc.; Mobil Producing Texas & New Mexico Inc.; Pacific Gas and Electric Company; The Procter & Gamble Manufacturing Company; Texaco Downstream Properties Inc.; Shell USA, Inc. f/k/a Shell Oil Company; and Union Oil Company of California.

HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE: DTSC will consider public comments on the proposed Consent Decree postmarked or received by October 14, 2023. Comments should include the phrase "Montezuma CD Settlement Comments" in the subject line of your letter or email. DTSC may withdraw its consent to the proposed Consent Decree if it receives comments that disclose facts or considerations that indicate the proposed Consent Decree is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate.

Address comments to:

Mary Gaspari Department of Toxic Substances Control 8800 Cal Center Drive Sacramento, CA 95826 Mary.Gaspari@dtsc.ca.gov

WHERE DO I GET INFORMATION: The proposed Consent Decree is available in DTSC's EnviroStor database at: <u>https://www.envirostor.dtsc.</u> ca.gov/getfile?filename=/public%2Fdeliverable\_ documents%2F9579426407%2F2023-8-24%20 FINALProposedConsentDecree\_Montezuma%20 %20%20Document%2039-1%20%5BProposed%20 Consent%20Decree%5D%20(Montezuma%20Hills). pdf.pdf.

General Montezuma Hills Facility Information at: <u>https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile\_report.asp?global\_id=48290004</u>.

A hard copy of the proposed Consent Decree is also available from the DTSC Sacramento Office by written request to Mary Gaspari sent to the physical address or the email address above. Or the proposed Consent Decree can be reviewed in person, by appointment Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at: DTSC Regional Central File Room/Contact:

Tee Xiong 8800 Cal Center Drive Sacramento, CA 95826 (916) 255–3611

FOR ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MONTEZUMA HILLS FACILITY OR THE PROPOSED CONSENT DECREE: Please contact the following DTSC staff: For the Project:

Mary Gaspari DTSC Project Manager (916) 255–6574 Mary.Gaspari@dtsc.ca.gov

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### DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR PROPOSED CONSENT DECREE SETTLEMENT PANOCHE FACILITY, 2251 LAKE HERMAN ROAD, BENICIA, CALIFORNIA PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 15, 2023 THROUGH OCTOBER 14, 2023

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on a proposed consent decree (Consent Decree) between DTSC and 56 parties (Settling Defendants, identified below) regarding the closed Panoche Facility landfill, located at 2251 Lake Herman Road, Benicia, California 94510 (Solano County Parcel Nos. 181–270–01, 181–270–05, and 181–240–05) (Facility).

DTSC lodged in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, the proposed Consent Decree in the case California Department of Toxic Substances Control, et al. v. Exxon Mobil Corporation, et al., Case Number 2:21-cv-01739. The proposed Consent Decree resolves DTSC's claims against the Settling Defendants under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601 et seq., and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6901 et seq., for the Facility. The Settling Defendants are named as defendants in DTSC's lawsuit seeking to obtain injunctive relief and to recover costs of responding to releases and threatened releases of hazardous substances at the Facility. Under the proposed Consent Decree, Settling Defendants will provide funding for the Facility's post closure and corrective action activities to protect human health and the environment at and around the Facility. Settling Defendants will also pay \$619,865.90 to reimburse a portion of DTSC's past costs incurred for response actions at the Facility. Settling Defendants also agree to reimburse DTSC's future response costs at the Facility. The proposed Consent Decree provides that Settling Defendants are entitled to contribution protection under CERCLA and state law and DTSC's covenant not to sue Defendants with respect to certain matters.

The 56 Settling Defendants include: Aerojet Rocketdyne, Inc.; Aramark Uniform & Career Apparel, LLC; Arris Solutions, Inc.; AT&T Corp.; Atlantic Richfield Company; Bayer CropScience, Inc.; Beazer East, Inc.; Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc.; The Boeing Company; BP Products North America Inc.; Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC; Broadcom Inc.; Chevron Oronite Company LLC; Chevron U.S.A. Inc.; CROWN Beverage Packaging, LLC; Delta Tech Service, Inc.; The Dow Chemical Company; E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company n/k/a EIDP, Inc.; Evoqua Water Technologies LLC; Exxon Mobil Corporation; ExxonMobil Oil Corporation; ExxonMobil Pipeline Company LLC; FMC Corporation; Ford Motor Company; Gallo Glass Company; General Electric Company; Georgia-Pacific LLC; Honeywell International Inc.; HP Inc.; Intel Corporation; International Business Machines Corporation; Levin Enterprises, Inc.; Lockheed Martin Corporation; Mobil Exploration and Producing North America Inc.; Mobil Producing Texas & New Mexico Inc.; National Semiconductor (Maine), Inc.; New United Motor Manufacturing, Inc.; Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation; PAC Operating Limited Partnership; PACCAR Inc; Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Phillips 66 Company; PPG Industries, Inc.; The Proctor & Gamble Manufacturing Company; Raytheon Company; Renesas Electronics America Inc.; United Technologies Corporation n/k/a RTX Corporation; Sanmina Corporation; Shell USA, Inc. f/k/a Shell Oil Company; TE Connectivity Corporation; Texaco Downstream Properties Inc.; Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.; Union Oil Company of California; Union Pacific Railroad Company; United States Steel Corporation; and USS–UPI, LLC.

HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE: DTSC will consider public comments on the proposed Consent Decree postmarked or received by October 14, 2023. Comments should include the phrase "Panoche CD Settlement Comments" in the subject line of your letter or email. DTSC may withdraw its consent to the proposed Consent Decree if it receives comments that disclose facts or considerations that indicate the proposed Consent Decree is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate.

Address comments to:

#### Mary Gaspari

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WHERE DO I GET INFORMATION: The proposed Consent Decree is available in DTSC's EnviroStor database at: <u>https://www.envirostor.dtsc.</u> ca.gov/getfile?filename=/public%2Fdeliverable\_ documents%2F7041584610%2F2023-8-24%20 FINALProposedConsentDecree\_Panoche%20 %20%20%20Document%20%2385-1%20%5B Proposed%20Consent%20Decree%5D%20(Panoche). pdf.pdf.

General Panoche Facility Information at: <u>https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/</u> profile report?global id=80001291.

A hard copy of the proposed Consent Decree is also available from the DTSC Sacramento Office by written request to Mary Gaspari sent to the physical address or the email address above. Or the proposed Consent Decree can be reviewed in person, by appointment Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at:

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR PROPOSED CONSENT DECREE SETTLEMENT VINE HILL COMPLEX, 896 WATERBIRD WAY, MARTINEZ, CALIFORNIA PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 15, 2023, THROUGH OCTOBER 14, 2023

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on a proposed consent decree (Consent Decree) between DTSC and 57 parties (Settling Defendants, identified below) regarding the closed Vine Hill Complex landfill, located at 896 Waterbird Way, California 94553 (Contra Costa County Parcel Nos. 159–250–014, 380– 020–002, and 380–020–016) (Facility).

DTSC lodged in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California the proposed Consent Decree in the case *California Department of Toxic Substances Control, et al. v. Chevron U.S.A. Inc., et al.,* Case Number 4:21–cv–07453. The proposed Consent Decree resolves DTSC's claims against the Settling Defendants under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601 et seq., and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6901 et seq., for the Facility. The Settling Defendants are named as defendants in DTSC's lawsuit seeking to obtain injunctive relief and to recover costs of responding to releases and threatened releases of hazardous substances at the Facility. Under the proposed Consent Decree, Settling Defendants will provide funding for the Facility's post closure and corrective action activities to protect human health and the environment at and around the Facility. Settling Defendants will also pay \$498,636.43 to reimburse a portion of DTSC's past costs incurred for response actions at the Facility. Settling Defendants also agree to reimburse DTSC's future response costs at the Facility. The proposed Consent Decree provides that Settling Defendants are entitled to contribution protection under CERCLA and state law and DTSC's covenant not to sue Defendants with respect to certain matters.

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Union Pacific Railroad Company; United States Steel Corporation (U.S. Steel); and USS–UPI, LLC.

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General Vine Hill Complex Information at: <u>https://</u> <u>www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile\_report.</u> <u>asp?global\_id=80001501</u>

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#### FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

#### NOTICE OF FINAL CONSIDERATION OF PETITION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the provisions of Fish and Game Code Section 2078, that the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission), has scheduled final consideration of the petition to list Inyo rock daisy (*Perityle inyoensis* synonym *Laphami inyoensis*) as threatened or endangered and the petition to list Lime Ridge eriastrum (*Eriastrum ertterae*) as an endangered species for its October 11–12, 2023 meeting. It is expected that consideration of the petitions will be heard October 11, 2023 in San Jose, California.

Members of the public can participate in person or via webinar/teleconference. Instructions for participation in the hearing will be posted at <u>www.fgc.ca.gov</u> in advance of the meeting or may be obtained by calling 916–653–4899.

The agenda of the October 11–12, 2023 meeting, and the agendas and video archive of previous meetings where actions were taken on Inyo rock daisy and Lime Ridge eriastrum are available online at <u>http://www.fgc.ca.gov/meetings/</u>.

Pursuant to the provisions of Fish and Game Code, sections 2075 and 2075.5, the Commission will consider the petition and all other information in the record before the Commission to determine whether listing Inyo rock daisy as a threatened or endangered species and Lime Ridge eriastrum as an endangered species is warranted.

The petitions, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's evaluation reports, and other information in the records before the Commission are posted on the Commission website at <u>https://fgc.ca.gov/CESA</u>.

### SUMMARY OF REGULATORY ACTIONS

#### REGULATIONS FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE

This Summary of Regulatory Actions lists regulations filed with the Secretary of State on the dates indicated. Copies of the regulations may be obtained by contacting the agency or from the Secretary of State, Archives, 1020 O Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 653–7715. Please have the agency name and the date filed (see below) when making a request.

California Pollution Control Financing Authority File # 2023–0821–01 California Investment and Innovation Program

This emergency rulemaking action from the California Pollution Control Financing Authority adopts regulations for the administration of the California Investment and Innovation Program (Cal IIP), Article 7 (commencing with Section 44558) of Chapter 1 of Division 27 of the Health and Safety Code.

Title 04 Adopt: 8140, 8141, 8142, 8143, 8144, 8145, 8146, 8147, 8148 Filed 08/31/2023 Effective 08/31/2023 Agency Contact: Andrea Gonzalez (916) 651–7284

Department of Human Resources File # 2023–0808–02 Conflict–of–Interest Code

This is a Conflict-of-Interest code that has been approved by the Fair Political Commission and is being submitted for filing with the Secretary of State and printing only.

Title 02 Amend: 599.885 Filed 08/30/2023 Effective 09/30/2023 Agency Contact: Aicha Nakamura (916) 445–9904 Department of Insurance File # 2023–0724–01 Workers' Compensation Classification/Rating Rules

In this file–and–print action, the Department of Insurance amends the California Workers' Compensation Uniform Statistical Reporting Plan– 1995. This publication is incorporated by reference in Section 2318.6 in Title 10 of the CCR. The full text of this publication is available at the Insurance Commissioner's office and is published by the Workers' Compensation Insurance Rating Bureau of California. These amendments are exempt from the APA under the "rates" exemption of Government Code section 11340.9(g) and become effective on September 1, 2024.

Title 10 Amend: 2318.6 Filed 08/30/2023 Effective 09/01/2024 Agency Contact: Margaret Hosel (916) 492–3567

Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board File # 2023–0824–01 Service Pits and Yard Surface Openings

This change without regulatory effect corrects a grammatical error in section 3213(a) of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations.

Title 08 Amend: 3213 Filed 08/31/2023 Agency Contact: Michelle Iorio (916) 274–5722

### PRIOR REGULATORY DECISIONS AND CCR CHANGES FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE

A quarterly index of regulatory decisions by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) is provided in the California Regulatory Notice Register in the volume published by the second Friday in January, April, July, and October following the end of the preceding quarter. For additional information on actions taken by OAL, please visit <u>oal.ca.gov</u>.