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TITLE 3. DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

SECTION 3591.15 MELON FRUIT FLY ERADICATION AREA

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (Department) proposes to amend the host list in Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 3591.15 Melon Fruit Fly Eradication Area, which provides authority to the Department to allow effective eradication and quarantine activities to prevent Melon Fruit Fly (*Bactrocera cucurbitae*) from spreading throughout California.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing is not scheduled. However, a public hearing will be held if any interested person, or his or her duly authorized representative, submits a written request for a public hearing to the Department no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Any interested person or his or her authorized representative may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulations to the Department. Comments may be submitted by USPS, FAX or email. The written comment period closes on July 8, 2024. The Department will consider only comments received at the Department offices by that date or postmarked no later than July 8, 2024. Submit comments to:

Erin Lovig, Senior Environmental Scientist Supervisor California Department of Food and Agriculture 1220 N Street Sacramento, CA 95814 Permits@cdfa.ca.gov (916) 403–6650 (916) 651–2900 (FAX)

Questions regarding the substance of the proposed regulation should be directed to Erin Lovig. In her

absence, you may contact Dean Kelch at (916) 261–9252 or dean.kelch@cdfa.ca.gov, FAX number (916) 651–2900.

Unless there are substantial changes to the proposed regulations prior to adoption, the Department may adopt the proposal as set forth in this notice without further notice to the public. Following the public hearing, if one is requested, or following the written comment period if none is requested, the Department, at its own motion, or at the instance of any interested person, may adopt the proposal substantially as set forth without further notice.

AUTHORITY

The Department proposes to amend Section 3591.15 pursuant to the authority vested by Sections 407, 5322, and 5761 of the Food and Agricultural Code (FAC).

REFERENCE

The Department proposes this action to implement, interpret and make specific Sections 5762 and 5763 of the Food and Agricultural Code.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

The specific purpose of amending Section 3591.15 Melon Fruit Fly Eradication Area is to revise and update the known host list for Melon Fruit Fly (MFF) to coincide with the official MFF host list promulgated in September, 2016 by the United Stated Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

EXISTING LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Existing law, FAC Section 401.5, states that the department shall seek to protect the general welfare and economy of the state and seek to maintain the economic well-being of agriculturally dependent rural communities in this state.

Existing law, FAC Section 407, provides that the Secretary may adopt such regulations as are reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of this code that the Secretary is directed or authorized to administer or enforce.

Existing law, FAC Section 5322, provides that the Secretary may establish, maintain, and enforce quarantine, eradication, and such other regulations as are in their opinion necessary to circumscribe and exterminate or prevent the spread of any pest that is described in FAC Section 5321.

Existing law, FAC Section 5761, provides that the Secretary may proclaim any portion of the state to be an eradication area with respect to the pest, prescribe

the boundaries of such area, and name the pest and the hosts of the pest which are known to exist within the area, together with the means or methods which are to be used in the eradication or control of such pest.

Existing law, FAC Section 5762, provides that the Secretary may proclaim any pest with respect to which an eradication area has been proclaimed, and any stages of the pest, its hosts and carriers, and any premises, plants, and things infested or infected or exposed to infestation or infection with such pest or its hosts or carriers, within such area, are public nuisances, which are subject to all laws and remedies which relate to the prevention and abatement of public nuisances.

Existing law, FAC Section 5763, provides that the Secretary, or the commissioner acting under the supervision and direction of the director, in a summary manner, may disinfect or take such other action, including removal or destruction, with reference to any such public nuisance, which he thinks is necessary.

Expenditures, if any, allocated for the replacement nursery stock shall not exceed an amount which is budgeted for the purpose or approved by the Director of Finance.

ANTICIPATED BENEFITS OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The amendment of the host list will allow the Department to have the authority to eradicate a serious insect pest, which is a mandated, statutory goal.

This regulation is necessary to prevent the spread of MFF to un–infested areas of the state. The regulation benefits industries (nursery, fruit for domestic use and exports, packing facilities), the environment (urban landscapes), and the overall California economy by preventing the spread of MFF.

The amendment of this regulation benefits the citrus and tomato (nursery, fruit for domestic use and exports, packing facilities) industries, and the environment (urban landscapes) by providing the Department an accurate host list to prevent the artificial spread of the MFF over short and long distances.

The California, national and international consumers of California citrus and tomatoes benefit by having high quality produce available at lower cost. It is assumed that any increases in production costs will ultimately be passed on the consumer.

The amendment of this regulation benefits homeowners who grow their own host fruits for consumption and host material which is planted as ornamentals in various rural and urban landscapes.

By working with an up—to—date host list the Department is more likely to prevent infestation with MFF and thereby preventing damage to hosts, the regulation eliminates any future need for hosts to be treated to mitigate infestations of MFF.

There is no existing, comparable federal regulation or statute regulating the intrastate movement of MFF.

There are no known specific benefits to worker safety or the health of California residents.

EVALUATION OF INCONSISTENCY/ INCOMPATIBILITY WITH EXISTING STATE REGULATIONS

The Department considered any other possible regulations addressing MFF, and it found that these are the proposed amendments are the only regulations dealing with this subject, and the Department is the only state agency which can designate these eradication areas for plant pests. As required by Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(3)(D), the Department has conducted an evaluation of Section 3591.15 and has determined that it is not inconsistent or incompatible with existing state regulations.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

Prior to conducting any action authorized by this regulation, the Department shall comply with the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq. as amended) and the State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14 California Code of Regulations Section 15000 et seq.).

DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE PROPOSED ACTION

The Department has made the following initial determinations:

Mandate on local agencies or school districts: None.

Cost or savings to any state agency: Compliance activities are currently being performed by existing state staff throughout quarantine areas within the state. The Department is currently monitoring for pests, and thus there is no change to the cost due to these regulations. The Department has determined that no savings or increased costs to any state agency and no costs or savings in federal funding to the state will result from the amendment of Section 3591.15. The amendment of this regulation would have no fiscal impact on the Department.

Cost to any local agency or school district which must be reimbursed in accordance with Government Code sections 17500 through 17630: None and no nondiscretionary costs or savings to local agencies or school districts.

Other nondiscretionary cost or savings imposed on local agencies: None.

Cost or savings in federal funding to the State: None.

Cost impacts on a representative private person or business: The amendment of Section 3591.15. will provide authority for the Department to conduct eradication and quarantine activities against MFF and there are no known private sector cost impacts. The agency is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

Significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states: The cost impacts are expected to be none and minimal/non-consequential. The Department makes the initial determination that the proposed action will not have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact.

Significant effect on housing costs: None.

Significance Adverse Impact on Business: The amendment is designed to minimize the spread of MFF in California through regulation of host material. Detection activities are currently being performed by existing CDFA staff throughout the state by trapping and identifying pests. No businesses are currently adversely affected by these activities. Therefore, the Department has determined that this regulatory proposal will not have any significant adverse impacts on businesses currently doing business in California.

Small business determination: The proposed action will not affect small business because compliance activities are currently being performed by existing state staff throughout quarantine areas within the state without any impact on small business.

RESULTS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS/ASSESSMENT

The amendment of Section 3591.15 is designed to prevent or minimize the spread of MFF. The Department has made an assessment that the amendment to this regulation would: (1) not create or eliminate jobs within California, (2) not create new business or eliminate existing businesses within California, (3) not affect the expansion of businesses currently doing business within California, (4) is expected to benefit the health and welfare of California residents, (5) is expected to benefit the state's environment, and (6) not expected to benefit workers' safety.

Health and welfare: The proposed action will benefit the health and welfare of California residents by making is more likely that MFF would be detected before an infestation can happen, and, if there is an infestation, the Department can react quickly and effectively. Speed of response is key to eradicating an incipient pest infestation. Programmatic delays potentially can lead to pest quarantines, as well as increased production costs and potential job loss. The state's environment: The proposed action will benefit the state's environment by increasing the chance that MFF would be detected before an infestation can happen. If the Department neglects to regulate the types of hosts, this pest could spread into the local environment via the surrounding non–agricultural ecosystems. This could adversely impact private and commercial landscape plantings, local, regional, state and national parks, other recreational sites, open habitats, and wild lands. Affected plants could become less vigorous and may produce fewer seeds. Plants/trees with low propagule output can result in major changes to plant community structure.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

The Department must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered 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 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 Department invites interested persons to present alternatives during the written comment period.

AVAILABILITY OF STATEMENT OF REASONS, TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS, AND RULEMAKING FILE

The Department has prepared an initial statement of reasons for the proposed action, and has made available all the information upon which its proposal is based and the express terms of the proposed action. The Department has posted the information regarding this proposed regulatory action on its Internet website (www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/Regulations.html). A copy of the initial statement of reasons and the proposed regulations in underline and strikeout form may be obtained upon request. The location of the information on which the proposal is based may also be obtained upon request. In addition, the final statement of reasons will be available upon request. Requests should be directed to the contact named herein.

AVAILABILITY OF CHANGED OR MODIFIED TEXT

After the comment period and considering all timely and relevant 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. Any person interested may obtain a copy of said regulations prior to the date of adoption by contacting the agency officer named herein. The Department will accept written comments on the modified regulations for 15 days after the date on which they are made available.

AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Upon its completion, copies of the Final Statement of Reasons may be obtained by contacting the agency officer named herein.

TITLE 10. DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PARITY IN HEALTH INSURANCE REG-2021-00008

Notice is given that California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara proposes to repeal, revise, and adopt sections in Article 15.2 (commencing with section 2562.1) of Subchapter 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 10 of the California Code of Regulations, pursuant to the authority granted by Insurance Code sections 10144.4, 10144.5, 10144.51, 10144.52, 10144.53, and 10144.57. The date and time for the public hearing, as well as applicable contact information, are set forth in this Notice of Proposed Action and Notice of Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing Date and Virtual Attendance

The Commissioner will hold a public hearing to provide all interested persons an opportunity to present statements or arguments, either orally or in writing, with respect to these regulations, as follows:

Date: July 10, 2024

Time: 10:00 a.m. The virtual workshop shall continue until all in attendance wishing to provide comments have commented, or 1:00 p.m., whichever is earlier.

Location: Link to Register for the Web-based Virtual Format: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xwhLLe3LRQ-v4st4UBmTUA#/registration.

ACCESS TO PUBLIC HEARING

To increase public participation and improve the quality of regulations, interested parties are invited to attend the virtual meeting and offer comment, if they so choose.

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 6250, et seq.), your written and oral comments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone number, email, etc.) become part of the public record and may be released to the public upon request. The telephonic callin line that is available to access the public hearing is accessible to persons with hearing impairment. Persons with sight or hearing impairments are requested to notify CDIRegulations@insurance.ca.gov to review available accommodations, if necessary.

PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS; CONTACT PERSONS

All persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed regulations during the public comment period. The last day of the public comment period will be July 10, 2024. Please direct all written comments to the following contact person:

Sarah Sullivan, Attorney III Health Equity and Access Office 300 Capitol Mall, Suite 1700 Sacramento, CA 95814

Phone: (916) 492-3645

Email: CDIRegulations@insurance.ca.gov

Inquiries regarding the proposed action should be addressed to the above contact person. If she is unavailable, inquiries may be addressed to the following backup contact person:

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Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 7920.530, et seq.), your written and oral comments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone number, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS

All written materials must be received by the Insurance Commissioner, addressed to the contact person at the address listed above, by the end of July 10, 2024.

Any written materials received after that time may not be considered.

COMMENTS TRANSMITTED BY EMAIL

The Commissioner will accept written comments transmitted by email, provided they are sent to the following email address: CDIRegulations@insurance.ca.gov.

Comments sent to email addresses other than those designated in this notice will not be accepted. Comments sent by email are subject to the deadline set forth above for written comments.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

The proposed regulations will implement, interpret, and make specific the provisions of Insurance Code sections 10144.4, 10144.5, 10144.51, 10144.52, 10144.53, and 10144.57, which also provide the rulemaking authority for this action.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

Summary of Existing Law

Insurance Code section 10144.4 requires health insurance policies to provide all covered mental health and substance use disorder benefits in compliance with the federal Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addition Equity Act of 2008 (MHPAEA).

Insurance Code section 10144.5(a) requires health insurers to cover health care benefits for preventing, diagnosing, and treating mental health and substance use disorder (MHSUD) conditions as medically necessary, in accordance with current generally accepted standards of mental health and substance use disorder care. Insurance Code section 10144.5(b) requires insurers to cover basic health care services for MHSUD conditions.

Pursuant to section 10144.5(d), health insurers must arrange for out–of–network coverage when in–network MHSUD care or follow–up care cannot be provided in the network within statutory and regulatory standards for geographic and timely access. Timely access standards are found in Insurance Code section 10133.54(b)(5). Geographic access standards are found in subdivision (c) of section 2240.1 of Title 10 of the California Code of Regulations.

Under Insurance Code section 10144.51, health insurers must provide coverage for behavioral health treatment for pervasive development disorders or autism.

Insurance Code section 10144.52(a) mandates that health insurers base any medical necessity determina-

tions or utilization review criteria for MHSUD benefits on current generally accepted standards of care. Insurance Code section 10144.52(b) requires insurers to apply the most recent criteria and guidelines set forth in treatment criteria developed by the nonprofit professional association for the relevant clinical specialty in utilization review. Pursuant to Insurance Code section 10144.52(e)(1)–(3), insurers are required to sponsor a formal education program to train their staff on the proper application of implementation of the nonprofit professional association clinical criteria for utilization review of MHSUD benefits, and make this training available at no cost to stakeholders, insureds, their representatives and other interested parties.

Insurance Code section 10144.53 requires health insurers to cover medically necessary treatment of MHSUD conditions when that treatment is delivered at schoolsites as defined in Insurance Code section 10144.53(b)(6).

Insurance Code section 10144.57 requires health insurers subject to section 10144.5 to cover behavioral health crisis services provided by a 988 center, mobile crisis team or other provider of behavioral health crisis services, regardless of the network status of the provider. Section 10144.57 prohibits utilization management for behavioral health crisis stabilization services and sets forth detailed requirements for coverage of both behavioral health crisis stabilization services and post–stabilization care.

Insurance Code section 10123.135(e) provides that only "a licensed physician or a licensed health care professional who is competent to evaluate the specific clinical issues involved in the health care services requested by the provider" may make an adverse benefit determination. Section 10123.135(h)(2) provides that when an insured's condition is urgent, decisions to approve, modify, or deny requests by providers prior to, or concurrent with, the provision of health care services shall be made in a timely fashion, appropriate for the nature of the insured's condition, but not to exceed 72 hours or, if shorter, the period of time required under Section 2719 of the federal Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 300gg-19) and any subsequent rules or regulations issued thereunder. Section 10123.135(h)(4) includes the required contents of an adverse benefit determination notice.

Effect of Proposed Action

The proposed regulations will implement, interpret, and make two laws, SB 855 (Weiner, Stats. 2020, chapter 151) and AB 988 (Bauer–Kahan, Stats. 2022, ch, 747), specific, by setting forth requirements for MHSUD benefits coverage, including basic health care services and behavioral health crisis services. The proposed regulations will also establish requirements for health insurer utilization review of MHSUD benefits, as well as set forth requirements for the pro-

vision of utilization review criteria and the training of utilization review staff. Additionally, the proposed regulations will clarify the required qualifications for MHSUD utilization reviewers to ensure that these reviewers have the proper training and experience in the field of behavioral health care that is under review.

Furthermore, the proposed regulations will establish limited standards for constituting MHSUD networks, require health insurers to arrange for out–of–network care when medically necessary care is unavailable from a network provider within standards for geographic and timely access to benefits, and clarify the required contents of adverse benefit determination notices. Finally, the proposed rules will specify the required disclosures that must appear in health insurance policies for compliance with SB 855 and AB 988, as well as establish how the commissioner intends to enforce SB 855 and AB 988 consistent with the Insurance Code and the Administrative Procedure Act.

Comparable Federal Law

After evaluation of current federal regulations and statutes, the Department has determined that there are no existing comparable federal regulations or statutes. However, the proposed regulations implement and interpret federal MHPAEA as set forth in that law, in conjunction with state law.

Policy Statement Overview

Broad Objectives

The primary objective of the proposed adoption is to implement SB 855 and AB 988 in regulation. As such, these proposed regulations will clarify and set forth requirements for MHSUD benefits coverage and health insurer utilization review of MHSUD benefits, including in the context of MHPAEA. An important objective of these regulations is to require insurers to apply specific nonprofit professional association clinical instruments in utilization review involving level of care placement of insureds with MHSUD conditions. The required clinical instruments are codified in proposed Section 2562.3(a).

Another important objective is to implement section 10144.5(d), requiring insurers to arrange for out–of–network coverage in the event of a network deficiency. Proposed section 2562.06 clarifies the process through which insurers must arrange for out–of–network MHSUD care, further providing that failure to arrange out–of–network coverage permits an insured to obtain care from any out–of–network provider of their choice, subject to in–network cost sharing.

Finally, another purpose of these regulations is to implement the authority that SB 855 provided to the Commissioner to enforce MHSUD law. To enforce SB 855 consistent with the Administrative Procedure Act's administrative adjudication requirements, it is

necessary to specify in regulation certain aspects of how the Commissioner intends to enforce the law.

Benefits Anticipated

The anticipated benefits of the proposed regulations are as follows:

- Clarifying the scope of the statutory coverage mandate for mental health and substance use disorder benefits, including basic health are services, intermediate services, behavioral health crisis services, outpatient prescription drugs, to facilitate health insurer compliance.
- Clarifying the current, generally accepted standards of MHSUD care that are statutorily applicable to utilization management of MHSUD benefits, including "level of care" coverage determinations placing patients in the continuum of MHSUD care, to facilitate health insurer compliance.
- Ensuring that the most recent, generally accepted standards of MHSUD care are used in utilization review of MHSUD benefits by minimizing lag time, variation, or insurer error in implementing and incorporating evidence—based nonprofit professional association clinical criteria in utilization review.
- Clarifying the obligation of health insurers to arrange and pay for out—of—network MHSUD care when clinically appropriate care is unavailable from a network provider or facility within applicable geographic or timely access standards.
- Clarifying requirements for insurer-sponsored formal education programs on utilization review criteria, as well as the provision of education program materials and utilization review criteria.
- Clarifying the treatment of urgent care, as well as content and language assistance requirements applicable to notices of adverse benefit determinations under Insurance Code section 10123.135 and Senate Bill 855.
- Clarifying that for substance abuse disorder benefits, a health care provider who is competent to evaluate the specific clinical issues involved in the benefits under review and make an adverse benefit determination means an actively practicing board—certified addiction specialist physician.
- Ensuring that coverage for behavioral health crisis services pursuant to Assembly Bill 988 (Bauer-Kahan, Stats. 2022, chapter 747), including mobile crisis teams and crisis receiving and stabilization services, is integrated with coverage requirements under Senate Bill 855.
- Clarifying how Insurance Code section 10144.4, through which the federal MHPAEA is incorporated into the Insurance Code, regulates health

insurer utilization review practices, and interacts with Senate Bill 855 and Insurance Code section 10144.51 on behavioral health treatment.

- Easing and enhancing consumer access to medically necessary and clinically appropriate
 MHSUD care by incentivizing health insurers to
 proactively comply with benefits coverage, provider and facility network, utilization review,
 transparency, and parity and nondiscrimination
 requirements.
- Clarifying administrative enforcement mechanisms and considerations for assessing penalty amounts, deterring noncompliance and facilitating effective enforcement of mental health and substance use disorder coverage requirements under SB 855 and AB 988.

Consistency or Compatibility with Existing State Regulations

After conducting an evaluation of applicable law, the Department has found that the proposed regulations are not inconsistent or incompatible with any other existing state regulations.

NOT MANDATED BY FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATIONS

These regulations are not mandated by federal law. There are no comparable federal regulations. However, the proposed regulations include provisions that implement and interpret federal MHPAEA in conjunction with state law.

OTHER STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

The Department evaluated whether there were other requirements prescribed by statute applicable to these regulations by reviewing relevant statutes, and determined that there were no such specific requirements.

LOCAL MANDATE

The proposed regulations do not impose any mandates on local agencies or school districts.

FISCAL IMPACT

Fiscal Impact on Other State and Local Government Agencies

There are no costs or savings to any other State agencies; however, the Department is expected to incur a fiscal impact, as discussed immediately below under "Fiscal Impact on the Department." There is no cost to any local agency or school district for which Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code would require reimbursement. There are no other nondiscretionary costs or savings

to local agencies, nor do the regulations impose a cost or savings in federal funding to the state.

Fiscal Impact on the Department

The proposed regulations are anticipated to have a fiscal impact on the Department due to increased enforcement actions resulting from proposed Section 2562.12. The Department expects that the proposed regulations will, on average, result in one additional enforcement action annually. To estimate the expected annual fiscal impact, the Department analyzed two different scenarios. In the first scenario, the Department would settle the enforcement action without a hearing, resulting in an estimated fiscal cost to the Department of \$28,000 calculated using the average attorney time typically needed to work on a similar enforcement action. In the second scenario, the enforcement action is not initially settled, which requires a hearing to take place, which results in an estimated fiscal cost of \$65,000. This cost includes both additional attorney time as well as an administrative law judge to preside over the hearing. The Department estimates that one enforcement action every four years will proceed to a hearing. The enforcement actions are weighted accordingly and the Department estimates that the average cost of bringing one additional enforcement action a year is, on average, \$37,300 (\$28,000 x .75 + \$65,000 x .25). The Department may recoup attorney's fees when an enforcement is settled before going to hearing, but that outcome is not guaranteed.

HOUSING COSTS

The proposed regulations are not anticipated to impact housing costs.

SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT DIRECTLY AFFECTING BUSINESS, INCLUDING THE ABILITY OF CALIFORNIA BUSINESSES TO COMPETE

The Department has made an initial determination that the adoption of the proposed regulations may have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. The businesses that will be affected by the proposed regulations are disability insurers that provide health insurance and are regulated by the Department. In this rulemaking, disability insurers that provide health insurance are referred to as health insurers.

Under the proposed regulations, health insurers would be required to compile information and keep records establishing that their gap—filling clinical policies for utilization review, for which nonprofit clinical criteria do not exist, are based on current, generally

accepted standards of MHSUD care, as required by SB 855.

The proposed regulations clarify the professional qualifications of providers that conduct utilization review of MHSUD benefits and issue adverse benefit determinations on behalf of health insurers, including specifically for substance use disorder benefits.

Additionally, health insurers would be required to cover benefits for gender dysphoria that are recommended by, and conduct utilization review consistent with, the World Professional Association of Transgender Health's (WPATH) Standards of Care for the Health of Transgender and Gender Diverse People. Health insurers' utilization review staff must be trained by WPATH in the proper application of the Standards of Care.

Further, the regulation prescribes a process for arranging out-of-network coverage under Insurance Code section 10144.5(d), and specifies how innetwork cost sharing for arranged out-of-network benefits must be calculated.

The Department has considered proposed alternatives that would lessen any adverse economic impact on business and invites interested parties to submit proposals. Submissions may include the following considerations:

- The establishment of differing compliance or reporting requirements or timetables that take into account the resources available to businesses.
- Consolidation or simplification of compliance and reporting requirements for businesses.
- The use of performance standards rather than prescriptive standards.
- Exemption or partial exemption from the regulatory requirements for businesses.

STATEMENT OF RESULTS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The Department is required to assess any impact the proposed adoption may have on the following: the creation or elimination of jobs within the State of California (Government Code § 11346.3(b)(1)(A)); the creation of new business or the elimination of existing businesses within the State of California (Government Code § 11346.3(b)(1)(B); and the expansion of businesses currently doing business within the State of California (Government Code § 11246.3(b)(1)(C)).

Below is a summary of the results of the Economic Impact Assessment pursuant to Government Code §§ 11346.3(b)(1)(A) through (D). A detailed analysis is as follows.

A. The proposed regulations are estimated to have a minimal effect, a gain of 3.6 jobs within the State of California. The net impact of the regula-

- tions on employment is expected to be less than one—hundred—thousandth of a percent of the projected total nonfarm employment in California (3.9/18.087.000 = 0.0002%).
- B. The proposed regulations are estimated to have a minimal effect, a loss of 7.5 jobs within the State of California. The net impact of the regulations on employment is expected to be less than one–hundred–thousandth of a percent of the projected total nonfarm employment in California (3.9/18,087,000=0.0002%).
- C. Given that the estimated initial direct benefit to one business that provides health insurers utilization review staff training is \$163,400, it is not anticipated that the proposed regulations will result in the expansion of existing business in California.
- D. Given that the average initial direct cost to the impacted health insurers regulated by the Department is estimated to be \$116,300 (\$1,046,500/9 companies), it is not anticipated that the proposed regulations will result in the elimination of existing businesses in California.
- E. Given the estimated net loss to total output is \$1.6 million, the proposed regulations are not anticipated to impact the ability of businesses in California to expand.
- F. By adding utilization review staff qualification and training requirements and increasing Department enforcement actions, adoption of the proposed regulations is expected to protect the health and welfare of Californians by increasing the number of MHSUD services provided by health insurance companies.

Health and Welfare Effects, the Impact on Worker Safety and Environmental Effects

The Department also assessed whether, and to what extent, the proposed regulations might affect the other criteria set forth in Government Code sections 11346.3(b)(1)(D).

Worker Safety and Environmental Effects

Compliance with the proposed regulations does not change the job responsibilities of employees in the affected industries in a way that would impact their safety. Thus, the proposed regulations will neither increase nor decrease worker safety. The Department also concludes that there will be no measurable effect on the state's environment.

Health and Welfare Effects

By adding insurer utilization review staff qualification and training requirements and increasing Department enforcement actions, adoption of the proposed regulations is expected to protect the health and welfare of Californians by increasing the number of MHSUD services provided by health insurance companies.

POTENTIAL COST IMPACTS ON REPRESENTATIVE PERSON OR BUSINESSES

The initial average direct cost to an impacted health insurer is estimated to be \$116,300 (\$1,046,500/9 health insurers). There are no other cost impacts known to the Department that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

BUSINESS REPORT

The Department finds that it is necessary for the health, safety, or welfare of the people of the state that the regulations apply to businesses.

IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

The proposed regulations are not expected to have an adverse impact on small businesses. The regulations are only expected to impact insurance companies, and the definition of "small business" in California Government Code section 11342.610(b)(2) specifically excludes insurance companies.

ALTERNATIVES INFORMATION

The Department must determine that no reasonable alternative considered by the Department, 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 this 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.

AVAILABILITY STATEMENTS

The Department has prepared an Initial Statement of Reasons that sets forth the reasons for the proposed action. Upon request, the Initial Statement of Reasons will be made available for inspection and copying. Requests for the Initial Statement of Reasons or questions regarding this proceeding should be directed to the contact person listed above. Upon request, the Final Statement of Reasons will be made available for inspection and copying once it has been prepared. Re-

quests for the Final Statement of Reasons should be directed to the contact person listed above.

The file for this proceeding, which includes a copy of the express terms of the proposed action, the Initial Statement of Reasons, the Economic Impact Assessment, and all the information upon which the proposed action is based, and any supplemental information, including any reports, documentation and other materials related to the proposed action that are contained in the rulemaking file, is available by appointment for inspection and copying at 300 Capitol Mall, 16th Floor, Sacramento, California, 95814 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

If the amended regulations adopted by the Department differ from those which have originally been made available but are sufficiently related to the action proposed, they will be available to the public for at least 15 days prior to the date of adoption. Interested persons should request a copy of these amended regulations prior to adoption from the contact person listed above.

AUTOMATIC MAILING

A copy of this Notice, including the Informative Digest, which contains the general substance of the proposed adoption, will be sent to all persons who have previously filed a request with the Department to receive notice of proposed rulemakings.

FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Upon request, the Final Statement of Reasons will be made available for inspection and copying once it has been prepared pursuant to Government Code section 11346.9(a). Requests for the Final Statement of Reasons should be directed to the contact person listed above.

INTERNET ACCESS

Documents concerning proposed regulations are available on the Department's website at the following link: https://legaldocs.insurance.ca.gov/publicdocs/RegulationList.

GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

HABITAT RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT ACT CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION NUMBER 1653–2024–135–001–R1

Project: Five Springs and Deep Creek

Location: Lassen County

Applicant: Amy Holmen, Lassen Land and Trails

Trust

Background

Project Location: The Five Springs and Deep Creek Project (Project) is located north of Susanville on Highway 395 off Smoke Creek Road (Five Springs) and Deep Cut Road (Deep Creek), at a property owned by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and affects Five Springs and Deep Creek, both tributaries to Secret Creek which eventually flows to Honey Lake. The Project area supports populations of greater sage—grouse (Centrocercus Urophasianus) and other native sagebrush species.

Project Description: The Lassen Land and Trails Trust (Applicant) proposes to enhance or restore habitat within Five Springs and Deep Creek to provide a net conservation benefit for greater sage—grouse and other native sagebrush species. The Project includes the installation of up to 41 beaver dam analogs (BDAs) and 12 rock erosion control "Zeedyk" structures at Five Springs, and up to 29 BDAs and five Zeedyk structures at Deep Creek. The purpose of the Project is to spread and slow flows along two incised spring—fed systems in order to aggrade and widen riparian areas.

The Zeedyk structures will be made of rock and will be hand built. The rock will be placed in the stream in a manner that will help slow and disperse water, dissipate energy, capture sediment, and increase soil moisture. These efforts will restore hydrologic and ecological function of the wet meadow and stream and promote mesic and wetland plant species expansion. These efforts will also help to prevent further degradation to the stream and foster channel recovery.

The rock used in the structures will be sourced primarily from on–site locations but may be hauled from offsite locations if needed. Rocks used will be approximately lunch–box sized and the rock structures will not be more than 1–2 feet in height.

The BDAs will be made of vegetative material and are designed to facilitate process-based restoration to

the streams and riparian areas. These structures will mimic and promote the processes of beaver activity and will allow for wood accumulation. The structures will be low, semi-permeable, and hand-built using native materials (wood, sod, etc.) with untreated wooden fence posts added where necessary for extra stability. BDAs will not exceed 4 feet in height. These activities will re-establish channel sinuosity to the creeks.

All work will occur using hand tools. Saws and brush cutters will be used to harvest material for BDAs. Other hand tools including shovels, rock bars, and picks may be used to fit rocks into the stream channel and level back overhanging head cuts. A gas—powered post pounder will be utilized to drive wooden posts into the ground surface and ATVs with trailers may be used to haul material.

Project Size: The total area of ground disturbance associated with the Project is approximately 0.23 acres and 493 linear feet. The Applicant has included project size calculations that were used to determine the total size of the Project. 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: (1) rock rip rap, (2) native vegetation, (3) untreated wooden posts, (4) and native soil.

Project Timeframes: Start date: April 2024

Completion date: March 2027

Work window: January–December (each year)

Water Quality Certification Background: Because the Project's primary purpose is habitat restoration intended to improve the quality of waters in California and native species habitat, the Lahontan 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 6A182403003, for the Project. The NOA describes the Project and requires the Applicant to comply with the terms of the Order.

Receiving Water: Five Springs and Deep Creek, tributaries to Secret Creek.

Filled or Excavated Area: Permanent area impacted: 0.23 acres

Length permanently impacted: 493 linear feet *Dredge Volume*: None.

Discharge Volume: 9 cubic yards (cy) of rock rip rap, 87 cy of native vegetation, 17 cy of untreated wooden posts, and 35 cy of native soil.

Project Location: Latitude 40.533449 North and Longitude –120.150738 West (NAD 83); APN: 095–130–01–11; 095–130–03–11; and 095–130–02–11.

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 (Public Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.).

Noticing: On April 9, 2024, the Director of 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 April 9, 2024, for publishing in the General Public Interest section of the California Regulatory Notice Register (Cal. Reg. Notice File Number Z–2024–0409–04) on April 19, 2024. 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 the 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 requirements are found in the addendum titled: 20240307_HREA_ProjectDescription_BioAssessment_MinMeasures in the section titled, Avoidance/Minimization Measures (beginning on page 11), 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: 20240307_HREA_ProjectDescription_BioAssessment_MinMeasures in the section titled, Monitoring and Reporting Plan (beginning on page 7), 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: Stacey.Alexander@wildlife.ca.gov.

Project Authorization

Pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1654, CDFW'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 & Game Code, § 1654, subdivision (c).)

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

CESA CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION
REQUEST FOR
BIGGS-WEST GRIDLEY WATER DISTRICT
INFRASTRUCTURE MODERNIZATION
AND CANAL OPERATIONS
DECISION SUPPORT PROJECT
2080-2024-009-02
BUTTE COUNTY

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) received a notice on May 9, 2024, that Biggs-West Gridley Water District proposes to rely on a consultation between federal agencies to carry out a project that may adversely affect a species protected by the California Endangered Species Act (CESA). The proposed project involves replacing and modernizing the Biggs-West Gridley Water District's existing facilities at 139 individual locations along the water conveyance system. Proposed activities will include, but are not limited to, vegetation removal and grubbing, excavation, upgrading customer delivery turnouts, upgrading canal headings to provide improved flow measurement, installing real-time monitoring equipment at primary operational spills, and installing new turnout facility components such as new weir boxes with mounting plates, new culverts and sluice gates, staff gages, stilling wells, and lining of the bottom of two short sections of canal. The proposed project will occur at locations serviced by the Biggs-West Gridley Water District in southwestern Butte County.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) issued a federal biological opinion (BO) (Service Ref. Number 2022–0053838–S7–001) in a memorandum to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation on March 28, 2024, which considered the effects of the proposed project on state federally threatened giant garter snake (*Thamnophis gigas*).

Pursuant to California Fish and Game Code section 2080.1, Biggs—West Gridley Water District is requesting a determination that the Incidental Take Statement (ITS) and its associated BO are consistent with CESA for purposes of the proposed project. If CDFW determines the ITS and associated BO are consistent with CESA for the proposed project, Biggs—West Gridley Water District will not be required to obtain an incidental take permit under Fish and Game Code section 2081 subdivision (b) for the proposed project.

PETITION DECISION

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL PROTECTION AND INNOVATION

May 14, 2024

VIA EMAIL ONLY

Keith Bishop, Allen Matkins LLP Kbishop@allenmatkins.com

Re: Response to Petition Amend Regulation

Dear Mr. Bishop:

This letter responds to your petition to amend California Code of Regulations title 10, section 260.217(d)(1). The Department grants your petition and anticipates it will initiate formal rulemaking in response to your request within 60 days. Pursuant to Government Code section 11340.7, subdivision (d) the Department provides the information below.

Name of State Agency: Department of Financial Protection and Innovation

Party Submitting Petition: Keith Bishop

California Code of Regulations Requested to Be Affected: California Code of Regulations title 10, section 260.217.

Authority to Take Action Requested: California Code of Regulations, title 1, section 100; Corporations Code sections 25217, subdivision (a) and 25610.

Reasons Supporting Agency Determination: Statutory changes to name of state agency referenced in the regulation and renumbering of Business and Professions Code sections referenced in the regulation merit revisions to the regulation.

Agency Contact Person: Sherri Kaufman, sherri. kaufman@dfpi.ca.gov

Interested persons may obtain a copy of your petition by submitting a request at www.dfpi.ca.gov/pra-request.

Sincerely,

Clothilde V. Hewlett, Commissioner Department of Financial Protection and Innovation

By:

/s/

Charles Carriere, Assistant Chief Counsel, Legal Division

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.

State Allocation Board

File # 2024-0429-02

Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998; GSD Extension 1/1/2026

This action makes permanent the State Allocation Board's emergency regulatory amendment extending, from January 1, 2024 to January 1, 2026, the sunset date for subdivision (d) of section 1859.76 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations concerning the General Site Development (GSD) Grant that schools may be eligible for under the School Facility Program. This grant helps schools cover the extra costs involved in building new schools or adding additions to existing schools requiring the development of new acreage. These extra costs include: landscaping, finish grading, driveways, walkways, outdoor play facilities, permanent playground equipment, and athletic fields.

Title 02

Amend: 1859.76 Filed 05/14/2024 Effective 05/14/2024

Agency Contact: Lisa Jones (279) 946–8459

California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority

File # 2024-0501-01

Commercial Energy Efficiency Financing Program

This emergency action by the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority is a deemed an emergency under Public Resources Code section 26009 and adopts and amends regulations regarding the Commercial Energy Efficiency Financing Program.

Title 04

Adopt: 10092.16, 10092.17

Amend: 10092.1, 10092.2, 10092.4, 10092.5, 10092.6, 10092.7, 10092.8, 10092.9, 10092.10,

10092.13, 10092.14, 10092.15

Filed 05/13/2024 Effective 05/13/2024

Agency Contact: Jonathan Verhoef (916) 653-1375

Fish and Game Commission

File # 2024-0508-02

White Sturgeon bag and possession limit

This emergency readopt without changes reduces the harvest of White Sturgeon in recreational fishery by restricting the bag limit, legal size, and fish that can be landed per boat.

Title 14

Amend: 5.79, 5.80, 27.90, 27.92

Filed 05/15/2024 Effective 05/15/2024

Agency Contact: Jennifer Bacon (916) 902–9285

Commission on State Mandates

File # 2024-0328-02

General Cleanup

The Office of Administrative Law (OAL) grants the request of the Commission on State Mandates (Commission) to file and print amendments to the Commission's regulations concerning test claims, review of Office of State Controller's claiming instructions, incorrect reduction claims, quasi–judicial hearing procedures and decisions, and definitions of terms. This action is exempt from OAL review pursuant to Government Code section 17527(g).

Title 02

Amend: 1181.2, 1181.3, 1181.13, 1183.1, 1183.5, 1183.6, 1184.1, 1185.4, 1185.6, 1187.5, 1187.7, AND

1187.8

Filed 05/08/2024 Effective 07/01/2024

Agency Contact: Jill Magee (916) 323–3562

Fair Political Practices Commission

File # 2024-0329-03

Streamline Regulations

This rulemaking action by the Fair Political Practices Commission adopts and repeals regulations regarding eligibility requirements and considerations for campaign, ethics, and lobbying violations and penalties for streamline cases.

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Title 02

Adopt: 18360.1, 18360.2, 18360.3 Repeal: 18360.1, 18360.2, 18360.3

Filed 05/13/2024 Effective 06/12/2024

Agency Contact: Amanda Apostol (916) 322-5660

California Department of Tax and Fee Administration File # 2024–0418–01

Credit for Tax-Paid Telecommunication Services

This action without regulatory effect repeals title 18, California Code of Regulations, section 2610, because all statutory authority for the regulation has been repealed, and the statute implemented by the regulation has also been repealed.

Title 18 Repeal: 2610 Filed 05/08/2024

Agency Contact: Kim DeArte (916) 309–5227

Department of Housing and Community Development

File # 2024-0329-02

Prohousing Designation Program

In this change without regulatory effect, the Department repeals sections that have expired on March 1, 2024, in accordance with the intent of Government Code section 65589.9, subdivision (d)(2), and as specified in the regulations.

Title 25

Repeal: 6600.1, 6601.1, 6602.1, 6603.1, 6604.1,

6605.1, 6606.1, 6607.1 Filed 05/13/2024

Agency Contact: Chelsea Lee (916) 284–4847

Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education File # 2024–0402–03

Public Institutions

This regular rulemaking action amends the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education's existing regulation regarding issuance of citations so that it includes within its scope certain public institutions of higher education over which the Bureau exercises regulatory authority, as provided in Education Code section 94949.8.

Title 05

Amend: 75020 Filed 05/13/2024 Effective 05/13/2024

Agency Contact: Yvette Johnson (916) 574–8901

Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training

File # 2024-0329-04

Certifications for Public Safety Dispatchers

In this rulemaking action, the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) amends the process and requirements to acquire various Public Safety Dispatcher and Records Supervisor certificates.

Title 11 Amend: 1011 Filed 05/10/2024 Effective 07/01/2024

Agency Contact: Katelynn Poulos (916) 227-4894

San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission

File # 2024-0402-02

Update to the SF Bay Area Seaport Plan, a part of BCDC's SF Bay Plan

This action amends the San Francisco Bay Area Seaport aspect of the San Francisco Bay Plan by modifying port policies as well as boundaries for port priority uses at Concord, Oakland, Redwood City, Richmond, San Francisco, and Selby, adding new topic areas, and removing port priority use designations for Concord and Selby.

Title 14 Amend: 11945 Filed 05/14/2024

Effective 05/14/2024

Agency Contact: Michael Ng (415) 352–3610

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 oal.ca.gov.