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### PROPOSED ACTION ON REGULATIONS

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### TITLE 2. FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fair Political Practices 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: Aspire Public Schools

Santa Barbara San Luis Obispo Regional Health Authority dba CenCal Health

Public Risk Innovation, Solutions, and Management (PRISM)

Las Virgenes-Triunfo Joint Powers Authority

A written comment period has been established commencing May 2, 2025, and closing on June 16, 2025. Written comments should be directed to the Fair Political Practices Commission, Attention: Andrea Spiller Hernandez, 1102 Q Street, Suite 3050, 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 their review, unless any interested person or their 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 their 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 June 16, 2025. 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 code, and approve it as revised, or return the proposed code 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 conflict—of—interest codes should be made to Andrea Spiller Hernandez, Fair Political Practices Commis-

sion, 1102 Q Street, Suite 3050, Sacramento, California 95811, or email aspiller—hernandez@fppc.ca.gov.

### 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 Andrea Spiller Hernandez, Fair Political Practices Commission, 1102 Q Street, Suite 3050, Sacramento, California 95811, or email aspiller—hernandez@fppc.ca.gov.

### TITLE 2. STATE HISTORICAL BUILDING SAFETY BOARD

#### CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Historical Building Safety Board, pursuant to the authority vested in it by section 87300 of the Government Code, proposes its conflict—of—interest code. A comment period has been established commencing on May 2, 2025 and closing on June 16, 2025.

The State Historical Building Safety Board proposes to adopt 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. A written explanation of why each position was selected and the reasons for the disclosure categories is available.

The State Historical Building Code (SHBC) was created by legislation in 1975 giving authority to the State Historical Building Safety Board to write regulations, and have consultation, review and appellate functions for code and regulation issues relating to qualified historic buildings, structures and properties. Copies of the proposed code are available and may be requested from the Contact Person set forth below.

Any interested person may submit written statements, arguments, or comments relating to the proposed code by submitting them in writing no later than June 16, 2025, or at the conclusion of the public hearing, if requested, whichever comes later, to the Contact Person set forth below.

At this time, no public hearing has been scheduled concerning the proposed amendments. If any interested person or the person's representative requests a public hearing, he or she must do so no later than *June 2, 2025*, by contacting the Contact Person set forth below.

The State Historical Building Safety Board has determined that the proposed code:

- 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.
- 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 should be directed to:

Eric Driever — Executive Director, State Historical Building Safety Board 1102 Q Street, Suite 5100, Sacramento, CA 95811 (916) 445–7627 SHBSB@dgs.ca.gov

### TITLE 3. DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

### FRUIT AND VEGETABLE STANDARDIZATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Department of Food and Agriculture (Department) proposes to amend regulations as described below within the California Code of Regulations Title 3 (3 CCR), Division 3, Chapter 1, Subchapter 4, Articles 4 and 22, Sections 1380.19, 1430.10, 1430.12, 1430.14, and 1430.45.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Any interested person or his or her duly authorized representative may request a public hearing on this proposed action by submitting a written request no later than 15 days before the close of the written comment period noted below.

#### WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Any interested person, or his or her authorized representative, may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action to the Department by mail or email. The written comment period will close on June 16, 2025. The Department will only consider comments received by that date. Submit written comments to:

Sarah Cardoni, Branch Analyst Inspection and Compliance Branch California Department of Food and Agriculture 1220 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Email: <u>sarah.cardoni@cdfa.ca.gov</u> Telephone: (916) 597–6894

Following the written comment period or public hearing, if one is requested, and after considering all comments, objections, and recommendations regarding the proposed actions, the Department, at its own motion or at the request of any interested person, may adopt the proposal substantially as set forth without further notice.

#### **AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE**

Sections 14, 407, 42681, and 42683 of the Food and Agricultural Code authorize the Department to adopt these proposed regulations. The proposed regulations implement, interpret, and make specific Sections 42681, 42682, 42683, and 42941 of the Food and Agricultural Code.

### INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

This rulemaking action amends Title 3, Division 3, Chapter 1, Subchapter 4, Article 4 and Article 22, Sections 1380.19. Standard Containers. (j) CITRUS, 1430.10. Citrus, Uniform Size Requirement, 1430.12. Citrus, Packing Requirements for Standard Containers Number 58, 59, 61, 63, 65, 66, 67, 68, or 69, 1430.14. Oranges, Lemons, and Royal Mandarins, Standard Containers, and 1430.45. Oranges and Royal Mandarins, Count and Average Diameter.

Section 14 of the Food and Agricultural Code authorizes the Department to adopt rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. Additional authority vested in the Food and Agricultural Code grants the California Department of Food and Agriculture Secretary to amend or repeal rules and regulations.

Section 407 of the Food and Agricultural Code authorizes the Secretary of the Department to adopt such regulations as are reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of the Food and Agricultural Code which the Secretary is directed or authorized to administer or enforce.

Section 42681 of the Food and Agricultural Code authorizes the Secretary of the Department to make such regulations that are reasonably necessary to secure uniformity in the enforcement of Division 17 of the Food and Agricultural Code.

Section 42682 of the Food and Agricultural Code specifies, in part, that the Secretary of the Department may, upon a petition of a person that the Secretary

finds has a substantial interest in the growing or handling of the particular fruit, nut, or vegetable involved, establish, modify, or rescind by regulation, which initially took effect January 1, 1971, standard container, lid, marking, sizing requirement for commodities, and packing arrangement for any fruits, nuts, or vegetables, for which specific quality standards have otherwise been provided by law or regulation.

The Secretary shall not, by regulation, adopt any new container or packing requirement, unless the new container or packing requirement has previously been authorized by regulation of the director as an experimental container pack.

Section 42683 of the Food and Agricultural Code establishes that the Secretary, in promulgating regulations concerning standard containers, lids, marking, sizing, consumer packages or packing requirements for fruits, nuts, and vegetables, will consider such factors as the ease of handling, identification, federal laws, rules or regulations, containers, lids and packs in substantial use in the industry and the competitive position of the California fruit, nut, and vegetable industry.

Section 42941 of the Food and Agricultural Code mandates that it is unlawful for any person to prepare, pack, place, deliver for shipment, deliver for sale, load, ship, transport, cause to be transported, or sell any fruits, nuts, and vegetables unless their containers conform to the provisions of the Standardization Program's division or the regulations promulgated thereunder.

The effect of the proposed regulatory action introduces a new standard container for oranges packed utilizing the volume–fill packing method. Orange shippers and packers will now be allowed to pack utilizing a more efficient and stable container designed to improve the quality of fruit by reducing pack pressure. Additionally, the decrease in the damage to fruit will result in cost savings and reduced waste.

#### CONSISTENCY EVALUATION

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 regulations.

#### PLAIN ENGLISH REQUIREMENT

The Department prepared the proposed regulations pursuant to the standard of clarity provided in Government Code Section 11349 and the plain English requirements of Government Code Sections 11342.580 and 11346.2(a)(1). The proposed regulations are writ-

ten to be easily understood by the individuals that will use them.

#### DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE PROPOSED ACTION

The Department has made the following initial 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, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states: None.

Cost impacts on a 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.

Significant effect on housing costs: None.

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

Government Code Section 11346.3 requires state agencies to assess the potential economic impacts on California businesses and individuals when proposing to adopt or amend any administrative regulation. The Department has initially determined that the proposed regulatory action will not have a broad economic or fiscal impact to the citrus industry.

The Department concludes that these regulations will not:

- (1) Create or eliminate jobs within the state.
- (2) Create new businesses or eliminate existing businesses within the state.
- (3) Affect the expansion of businesses currently doing business within the state.
- (4) Affect the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety, and the environment.

The proposed regulation will benefit the California orange producers, packers, retailers, and consumers. Orange shippers and packers will now be allowed to pack utilizing Container 60, increasing the quality of fruit received by customers by reducing pack pressure. Additionally, the usage of Container 60 adapted for a volume-filled packing method will reduce damage to products, resulting in cost savings and greater consumer satisfaction.

#### SMALL BUSINESS DETERMINATION

The Department has initially determined that the proposed changes to the regulations would result in no added costs to small businesses affected by these proposed changes. This proposed regulatory action would allow packers to pack utilizing a more efficient and stable container. In addition, the proposed regulatory actions were initiated at the request of the impacted industry.

#### CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

In accordance with Government Code Section 11346.5(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 or 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 statements or arguments with respect to alternatives to the proposed regulations during the written comment period.

#### CONTACT PERSONS

Written comments and inquiries concerning the substance of the proposed regulation, initial statement of reasons, proposed actions, location of the rulemaking file, or a request for a public hearing should be directed to:

Sarah Cardoni, Branch Analyst **Inspection and Compliance Branch** California Department of Food and Agriculture 1220 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Email: sarah.cardoni@cdfa.ca.gov

Telephone: (916) 597-6894

The backup contact person for these inquiries is:

Marcee L. Yount, Branch Chief Inspection and Compliance Branch California Department of Food and Agriculture 1220 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Email: marcee.yount@cdfa.ca.gov Telephone: (916) 900-5030

Please direct requests for copies of the proposed text of the regulations, the initial statement of reason, the modified text of the regulation, if any, or other information upon which the rulemaking is based to Sarah Cardoni at the above address.

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

The Department will have the entire rulemaking file available for inspection and copying throughout the rulemaking process. A copy of this notice, the proposed regulation text, and the initial statement of reasons may be obtained by contacting Sarah Cardoni at the address provided in the "Contact Persons" section.

### AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS ON THE INTERNET

Copies of the notice of proposed action, the initial statement of reasons, and the proposed regulation text in underline and strikeout can be accessed through the Department's website: <a href="https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/regulations/ic regulations.html#Standardization">https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/regulations/ic regulations.html#Standardization</a>.

### AVAILABILITY OF CHANGED OR MODIFIED TEXT

After considering all timely and relevant comments received during the written comment period, the Department may adopt the proposed regulations substantially as described in this notice. If the Department makes modifications which differ, but 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 prior to amendment. Please send requests for copies of any modified regulations to the attention of Sarah Cardoni at the address provided in the "Contact Persons" section. The Department will accept written comments on the modified regulations for 15 days after the date on which they are made available.

### AVAILABILITY OF FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Upon its completion, copies of the final statement of reasons may be obtained by contacting Sarah Cardoni at the address provided in the "Contact Persons" section.

### TITLE 9. DEPARTMENT OF STATE HOSPITALS

#### CONTRABAND DISPOSITION REHABILITATIVE AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

The Department of State Hospitals (Department) hereby gives notice of the proposed regulatory action described in this document.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

The Department will conduct an online public hearing to consider proposed amendments to regulations for Contraband Disposition.

**DATE:** June 24, 2025

TIME: 10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. LOCATION: Microsoft Teams

To request a reasonable accommodation, please contact Rachelle Sack at <u>DSH.Regulations@dsh.ca.gov</u> or (916) 654–2478 by June 10, 2025.

Those who seek to participate in this hearing virtually may do so by registering with an email for the hearing at this link:

https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/ event/7674adcb-331e-429c-959a-6e14d004385b@807536a6-a6b1-4893-a013-70509c59ebbb

If you wish to participate in this virtual hearing by phone, please use the information below:

+1 (916) 382-0340, 270211286# United States, Sacramento

Phone conference ID: 270 211 286#

During the hearing, participants will be given instructions on how the hearing will be facilitated and other expectations. Any person, or representative of that person, may present statements orally or in writing relevant to the proposed action described in the informative digest for the regulation. Per Government Code section 11346.8, the Department may impose any reasonable limitation on oral presentations. The Department requests, but does not require, that persons who make oral comments at the hearing also submit a written copy of their testimony via email.

### WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD AND SUBMITTAL OF COMMENTS

California Department of State Hospitals Regulations, Policy, and Operations Unit RE: Contraband Disposition 1215 O Street, MS-20 Sacramento, CA 95814

Email: <u>DSH.Regulations@dsh.ca.gov</u>

The written comment period begins on May 2, 2025. Statements or arguments relevant to the proposed regulatory action may be submitted to the Department in writing, or email to the address and number listed above. All comments must be received by June 16, 2025.

Comments sent to persons or addresses other than that specified in this document, or received after the date and time specified above, may be included in the record of this proposed regulatory action, but may not be summarized or responded to regardless of the manner of transmission.

#### **AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE**

These regulatory actions are proposed under the authority granted in sections 4005.1, 4011, and 4101 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. These actions implement, interpret, and make specific sections 4027 and 4312 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

### INFORMATIVE DIGEST AND POLICY OVERVIEW

Summary of Existing Laws and Regulations:

The California Code of Regulations (CCR) currently authorizes the Department to process contraband pursuant to title 9, sections 4351, 4352, and 4353. These existing regulations allow the Department to search and confiscate contraband to safeguard the safety and environment of patients, staff, and public at the state hospitals. Current regulations do not have procedures for disposing of confiscated contraband at the state hospitals.

Effect of the Proposed Action:

The regulations will provide a uniform process on Contraband Disposition to ensure the welfare of the public, staff, and patients. The Department has developed a Statewide Contraband List as well as hospital—specific contraband lists that itemize Criminal Contraband, Non–Criminal Contraband, and Hazardous Contraband that may be removed from state hospital facilities pursuant to these regulations.

Policy Statement Overview/Broad Objectives

Individuals committed to the Department for care and treatment have varying needs and functional ability. To ensure the safety and security of all patients, it is the policy of the Department that patients are generally disallowed from possessing contraband. These regulations will provide guidance on the various disposal methods of contraband. This includes procedures on mailing/donating Non–Criminal Contraband, de-

struction of Hazardous Contraband, and removal of Criminal Contraband. The objective of the proposed regulations is to implement, interpret, or make specific Welfare and Institutions Code sections 4109 and 7295 under the regulatory and jurisdictional authority of Welfare and Institutions Code sections 4005.1, 4011, 4027, 4100, and 4101 by authorizing the Department to dispose of contraband to actively maintain the safety, health, and security of the facility, patients, and staff.

Anticipated Benefits from the Proposed Regulation:

The regulations would implement safety precautions and ensure the Department's ability to comply with Welfare and Institutions Code sections 4109 and 7295's mandate to protect the interests of the hospital, carry out the necessary duties of employees of the hospital, and maintain effective control of, and eliminate, contraband at the hospitals. The Department will have the authority to dispose of contraband as codified in the CCR. These regulations will provide uniform regulatory guidance on contraband disposition and transparency on the procedures to the public, patients, and staff. The Department's hospitals have a fixed amount of storage space based on each hospital's footprint. As a result, some of the hospitals are reaching storage capacity due to storing excessive contraband. These regulations will allow hospitals to properly dispose of excess contraband from the limited hospital storage space. The ability to dispose of contraband reduces the risk of patient, staff, and public exposure to hazardous materials, expired perishable items, and unsafe overcrowded storage. These regulations propose methods of contraband disposition to ensure safe disposal of items and to allow the patient the opportunity to choose a disposition method when appropriate. Substantial Difference from Existing Comparable Federal Regulations or Statute:

During the development of this proposed regulatory action, the Department did not find any differences from existing comparable federal regulation or statutes.

Evaluation of Inconsistency or Incompatibility with Existing State Regulations

During the development of this proposed regulatory action, the Department reviewed any existing regulations on this topic and concluded that the proposed regulation is neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing state regulations or statutes. In arriving at this conclusion, the Department reviewed the Welfare and Institutions Code, Penal Code, and its own regulations in title 9 of the CCR.

#### LOCAL MANDATE STATEMENT

Mandate on local agencies and school districts: The Department has determined that the proposed regula-

tions would not impose a mandate on any local agency or school district that requires reimbursement by the state under Government Code, Division 4, Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500).

#### COST ESTIMATES

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, STATEWIDE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT DIRECTLY AFFECTING BUSINESS AND INDIVIDUALS

The Department is not aware of any significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

### COST IMPACTS ON A REPRESENTATIVE PRIVATE PERSONS 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.

### SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT DETERMINATION

The Department has determined that the proposed regulations will not affect small businesses. These regulations specifically affect patients committed to the Department, and the hospital staff members who provide support care and protective services to the patients. These regulations do not extend beyond the state hospitals under the jurisdiction of the Department and do not directly affect any businesses operating outside of the Department.

### STATEMENT OF THE RESULTS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The Department concludes that it is unlikely that the proposed regulations will (1) create or eliminate jobs within the State of California, (2) create new businesses or eliminate existing businesses currently doing business within the State of California, and (3) affect the expansion of businesses currently doing business within the State of California. These proposed regu-

lations allow the Department to prevent contraband from entering hospital grounds or being distributed to the public. The Department aims to ensure a safer environment for everyone in state hospitals by targeting items that pose health and safety risks.

Benefits to California Residents' Health and Welfare, Worker Safety, and the State of California's Environment:

The proposed regulation will protect patients, staff, and visitors from potential harm and help maintain the integrity and security of hospital facilities. Ultimately, these measures are intended to foster a healthier, more secure atmosphere that prioritizes the well—being of all individuals within the hospital facilities. As a result, the proposed changes positively impact the health and welfare of California residents and worker safety. The proposed changes do not address specific environmental concerns, so they will not enhance the State's environment.

These regulations will allow the Department to ensure contraband does not get recirculated into hospital grounds or the public. Removing contraband, particularly hazardous contraband, will improve the health and safety of the patients, staff, and visitors at state hospitals.

### STATEMENT OF EFFECTS ON HOUSING COSTS

The adoption of the proposed regulations will have no effect on housing costs.

#### STATEMENT OF ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Department has determined that there is no reasonable alternative or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the Department that would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulations are 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.

The Department invites interested persons to submit statements or arguments with respect to alternatives to the proposed regulation during the comment period.

#### **CONTACT PERSONS**

The primary contact for this regulatory action is Rachelle Sack and the backup contact is Anna Libonati. They can be reached by telephone at (916) 654–2478 or email at <a href="mailto:DSH.Regulations@dsh.ca.gov">DSH.Regulations@dsh.ca.gov</a>.

#### FORMS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

There are no forms or other items incorporated by reference in these regulations.

#### **AVAILABILITY STATEMENTS**

The Department has prepared an Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR) for the proposed regulatory action, which includes a summary of the economic impacts of the proposal and all the information upon which the proposal is based, and the proposed text (the "express terms") of the regulation. Copies of the proposed regulation text and ISOR may be accessed on the Department's website, listed below, or may be obtained from the Department using the contact information provided in this document.

Further, non-substantive inquiries concerning the proposed regulatory action may be directed to the contact person named in this document at (916) 654–2478. The Department has compiled a record of this rulemaking action, which includes all the information upon which the proposal is based and is available for inspection upon request to the contact persons.

Following the close of the public comment period or date of the public hearing, if one is held, the Department may adopt the proposed regulations substantially as described in this notice or may modify the proposed regulation if the modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. Except for non–substantive, technical, or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified proposal will be available for 15 days prior to its adoption to all persons who testify or submit written comments during the public comment period, and all persons who request notification. Please address requests for regulations as modified to the contact person identified in this document.

### AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Upon its completion, the Final Statement of Reasons (FSOR) shall be available. Copies may be requested from the contact person in this notice or may be accessed on the Department's website listed below.

### AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS ON THE INTERNET

This notice, the ISOR, the proposed regulation text, and all subsequent regulatory documents, including the FSOR, when completed, will be available on the *Department website* at <a href="https://www.dsh.ca.gov/Publications/Regulations.html">https://www.dsh.ca.gov/Publications/Regulations.html</a>.

#### TITLE 13. AIR RESOURCES BOARD

### REPEAL OF THE IN-USE LOCOMOTIVE REGULATION

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public hearing at the date and time noted below to consider approving for adoption the proposed Repeal of the In–Use Locomotive Regulation.

Date: June 26, 2025 Time: 9:00 a.m.

In-Person Location:

California Air Resources Board Byron Sher Auditorium 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Remote Option:

Zoom

This public meeting may continue at 9:00 a.m., on June 27, 2025. Please consult the public agenda, which will be posted ten days before the June 26, 2025, Board Meeting, for important details, including the day on which this item will be considered and how the public can participate via Zoom if they choose to be remote.

### 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 before the hearing. The public comment period for this regulatory action will begin on May 2, 2025. Written comments not submitted during the hearing must be submitted on or after May 2, 2025 and received no later than June 16, 2025. Comments submitted outside that comment period are considered untimely. CARB may, but is not required to, respond to untimely comments, including those raising significant environmental issues. The Board 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, California 95814

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Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 7920.000 et seq.), your written and oral 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, the Board requests but does not require that persons who submit written comments to the Board reference the title of the proposal in their comments to facilitate review.

#### AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

This regulatory action is proposed under the authority granted in California Health and Safety Code, sections 38597, 39600, 39601, 39658, 39659, 39666, 39667, 39674, 39675, 41511, 42400, 42400.1, 42400.2, 42400.3.5, 42402, 42402.2, 42410, 43008.6, 43013, 43016, 43018, and 43019.1.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST OF PROPOSED ACTION AND POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW (GOVERNMENT CODE, § 11346.5, SUBDIVISION (a)(3))

#### **Sections Affected:**

Proposed repeal of California Code of Regulations, title 13, sections 2478 through 2478.17.

### **Background and Effect of the Proposed Regulatory Action:**

Background

Locomotives are self-propelled off-road equipment used to push or pull rail-mounted cars carrying freight or passengers. Today, most locomotives are diesel-electric. Diesel-powered locomotives emit multiple air pollutants, including diesel particulate matter, PM2.5, NOx, and Greenhouse Gas (GHG). Exposure to these toxic and harmful diesel emissions is known to lead to cancer and increases in asthma, cardiopulmonary illness, hospitalizations, and premature mortality.

CARB approved the In–Use Locomotive Regulation (Locomotive Regulation) in April 2023 with the goal of reducing emissions from diesel–powered locomotives. As described in the Initial Statement of Reasons for this action, CARB is now proposing to repeal the Locomotive Regulation to provide clarity about its status given the absence of Clean Air Act authorization from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA).

**Effects** 

The Proposed Repeal would remove all the Locomotive Regulation requirements for all locomotive operators. CARB may also consider other changes to the

sections affected, as listed on page 2 of this notice, or other sections within the scope of this notice, during the rulemaking process.

### Objectives and Benefits of the Proposed Regulatory Action:

Objectives and Benefits

 Make it clear to all California locomotive operators that they will not be required to comply with the Locomotive Regulation.

#### **Comparable Federal Regulations:**

The Proposed Repeal does not conflict with nor duplicate any current federal regulations.

AN EVALUATION OF INCONSISTENCY OR INCOMPATIBILITY WITH EXISTING STATE REGULATIONS (GOVERNMENT CODE, § 11346.5, SUBDIVISION (a)(3)(D))

The Proposed Repeal is neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing state regulations.

### DISCLOSURE REGARDING THE PROPOSED REGULATION REPEAL

#### Fiscal Impact/Local Mandate Determination Regarding the Proposed Action (Gov. Code, § 11346.5, subdivisions (a)(5)&(6)):

The determinations of the Board's Executive Officer concerning the costs or savings incurred by public agencies and private persons and businesses in reasonable compliance with the proposed regulatory action are presented below.

Under Government Code sections 11346.5, subdivision (a)(5) and 11346.5, subdivision (a)(6), the Executive Officer has determined that the proposed regulatory action would not create costs or savings to any State agency, would not create costs or savings in federal funding to the State, would not create costs or mandate for any local agency or school district, whether or not reimbursable by the State under Government Code, title 2, division 4, part 7 (commencing with section 17500), or other nondiscretionary costs or savings for State or local agencies.

### Housing Costs (Gov. Code, § 11346.5, subdivision (a)(12)):

The Executive Officer has also made the initial determination that the proposed regulatory action will not have a significant effect on housing costs.

Significant Statewide Adverse Economic Impact Directly Affecting Business, Including Ability to Compete (Gov. Code, §§ 11346.3, subdivision (a), 11346.5, subdivision (a)(7), 11346.5, subdivision (a)(8)):

The Executive Officer has made an initial determination that the proposed regulatory action would not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states, or on representative private persons.

#### Results of The Economic Impact Analysis/ Assessment (Gov. Code, § 11346.5, subdivision (a)(10)):

Non-Major Regulation: Statement of the Results of the Economic Impact Assessment (EIA):

The creation or elimination of jobs within the State of California.

No quantifiable impact is expected.

The creation of new businesses or the elimination of existing businesses within the State of California.

No quantifiable impact is expected.

The expansion of businesses currently doing business within the State of California.

No quantifiable impact is expected.

The benefits of the proposed repeal to the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety, and the state's environment.

No quantifiable impact is expected.

Effect on Jobs/Businesses:

The Executive Officer has determined that the proposed regulatory action would not affect the creation or elimination of jobs within the State of California, the creation of new businesses or elimination of existing businesses within the State of California, or the expansion of businesses currently doing business within the State of California. More information can be found in the Economic Impact Analysis in the Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR).

Benefits of the Proposed Repeal:

The objective of the proposed regulatory action is to make it clear that CARB will not be enforcing the Locomotive Regulation.

#### COST IMPACTS ON REPRESENTATIVE PRIVATE PERSONS OR BUSINESSES (GOVERNMENT CODE, § 11346.5, SUBDIVISION (a)(9))

In developing this regulatory proposal, CARB staff evaluated the potential economic impacts on representative private persons or businesses. CARB is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur due to the proposed action.

# EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS (CAL. CODE REGS., TITLE 1, § 4, SUBDIVISIONS (a) AND (b))

The Executive Officer has also determined under California Code of Regulations, title 1, section 4, that the proposed regulatory action would not affect small businesses because it is a repeal of a regulation that was not enforced.

# CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES (GOVERNMENT CODE, § 11346.5, SUBDIVISION (a)(13))

Before taking final action on the proposed regulatory action, the Board must determine that no reasonable alternative considered by the Board, 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, 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 provisions of law.

Staff considered two alternatives to the Proposed Repeal. As explained in section IX of the ISOR, no alternative proposal was found to be less burdensome and equally effective in achieving the purposes of the Proposed Repeal in a manner that ensures full compliance with the authorizing law.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

CARB, as the lead agency for the Proposed Repeal, has concluded that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as described in Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(5), because the action constitutes a project disapproval under CEQA; and it is also exempt as described in CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3) ("common sense" exemption) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed action may result in a significant adverse impact on the environment. However, even if this action did not qualify for the CEQA exemptions discussed above, the proposed action does not present any of the circumstances requiring further environmental review because there are no changes that involve new significant environmental effects, or a substantial increase in severity of previously identified significant effects, or any other circumstances requiring further environmental review beyond the Final EA certified in April 2023. A brief explanation of the basis for reaching this conclusion is included in Chapter VI of the ISOR.

#### 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@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 *cotb@arb.ca.gov* 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.

#### AGENCY CONTACT PERSONS

Inquiries concerning the substance of the proposed regulatory action may be directed to the agency representative Layla Gonzalez, Manager, Freight Systems Section, at (279) 208–7827 or <a href="mailto:layla.gonzalez@arb.ca.gov">layla.gonzalez@arb.ca.gov</a> or Ajay Mangat, Branch Chief, Freight Technology Advancement Branch, at (279) 208–7136 or ajay.mangat@arb.ca.gov.

#### AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

CARB staff has prepared a Staff Report: Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR) for the proposed regulatory action, which includes a summary of CARB's consideration of the possibility of economic and environmental impacts from the proposal. The report is entitled: Public Hearing to Consider the Proposed Repeal of the In–Use Locomotive Regulation, Staff Report: Initial Statement of Reasons.

Copies of the ISOR and the full text of the proposed regulatory language in underline and strikeout format

to allow for comparison with the existing regulations, may be accessed on CARB's website listed below, on April 29, 2025. Please contact Jennifer Simpson, Manager, at <a href="mailto:regulations@arb.ca.gov">regulations@arb.ca.gov</a> or (279) 208–7216 if you need physical copies of the documents. Pursuant to Government Code section 11346.5, subdivision (b), upon request to the aforementioned Regulations Coordinator, physical copies would be obtained from the Public Information Office, California Air Resources Board, 1001 I Street, Visitors and Environmental Services Center, First Floor, Sacramento, California, 95814.

Further, the agency representative to whom nonsubstantive inquiries concerning the proposed administrative action may be directed is Jennifer Simpson, Manager, (279) 208–7216. The Board staff has compiled a record for this rulemaking action, which includes all the information upon which the proposal is based. This material is available for inspection upon request to the contact persons.

#### HEARING PROCEDURES

The public hearing will be conducted in accordance with the California Administrative Procedure Act, Government Code, title 2, division 3, part 1, chapter 3.5 (commencing with section 11340).

Following the public hearing, the Board may take action to approve for adoption the regulatory language as originally proposed, or with non–substantial or grammatical modifications. The Board may also approve for adoption the proposed regulatory language with other modifications if the text as modified is sufficiently related to the originally proposed text that the public was adequately placed on notice and that the regulatory language as modified could result from the proposed regulatory action. If this occurs, the full regulatory text, with the modifications clearly indicated, will be made available to the public, for written comment, at least 15–days before final adoption.

The public may request a copy of the modified regulatory text from CARB's Public Information Office, Air Resources Board, 1001 I Street, Visitors and Environmental Services Center, First Floor, Sacramento, California, 95814.

### FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AVAILABILITY

Upon its completion, the Final Statement of Reasons (FSOR) will be available and copies may be requested from the agency contact persons in this notice, or may be accessed on CARB's website listed below.

#### **INTERNET ACCESS**

This notice, the ISOR and all subsequent regulatory documents, including the FSOR, when completed, are available on CARB's website for this rulemaking at <a href="https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/rulemaking/2025/locomotiverepeal">https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/rulemaking/2025/locomotiverepeal</a>.

### TITLE 16. BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

APPEAL PROCESS FOR CITATIONS AND LICENSEE COMPLIANCE WITH ASSESSED FINES

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Chiropractic Examiners (hereafter 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 their 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, facsimile, or email to the addresses listed under "Contact Person" in this Notice, must be *received* by the Board at its office no later than by Monday, June 16, 2025, or must be received by the Board at the hearing, should one be scheduled.

#### AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Pursuant to the authority vested by sections 125.9 and 148 of the Business and Professions Code (BPC) and sections 4(b), 4(e), and 10(a) of the Chiropractic Initiative Act of California (Act), Stats. 1923, p. lxxxviii, and to implement, interpret, or make specific BPC section 125.9 and section 10(a) of the Act, the Board is considering amending sections 390.4 and 390.5 of Title 16, Division 4, Article 9 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).

### INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

Existing law, BPC section 125.9, authorizes the Board to establish, by regulation, a system for the issuance of a citation to a licensee which may contain an order of abatement or an order to pay an administrative fine where the licensee is in violation of the Act or any regulation adopted by the Board. BPC section 148 authorizes the Board to also establish, by regulation, a similar system for the issuance of a citation to an unlicensed person who is acting in the capacity of a licensee under the Board's jurisdiction.

The Board adopted its citation system effective September 25, 2000, through CCR sections 390 through 390.6. However, this citation system does not contain the following statutorily required provisions:

- If a hearing is not requested, payment of any fine shall not constitute an admission of the violation charged. (BPC § 125.9, subdivision (b)(4).)
- Failure of a licensee to pay a fine or comply with an order of abatement, or both, within 30 days of the date of assessment, unless the citation is being appealed, may result in disciplinary action being taken by the board. Where a citation is not contested and a fine is not paid, the full amount of the assessed fine shall be added to the fee for renewal of the license. A license shall not be renewed without payment of the renewal fee and fine. (BPC § 125.9, subdivision (b)(5).)

This regulatory proposal will amend the Board's citation system to include the mandatory provisions listed above and to extend the deadline for requesting an informal conference to contest a citation from 14 days after service of citation to 30 days from the date of issuance on the citation for consistency with the time-frame for requesting a formal administrative hearing.

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

The Board has determined that this regulatory proposal will benefit the health and welfare of California residents by strengthening the Board's ability to enforce consumer protection through helping ensure the Board can effectively address a licensee's failure to pay a citation fine during the license renewal process and, when warranted, take disciplinary action against a licensee for noncompliance with a citation fine or order of abatement. Individuals who have been issued citations by the Board, and their legal counsel or authorized representatives, will also benefit from the same deadline for exercising their right to appeal the citation to an informal conference, a formal hearing, or both

This regulatory proposal does not affect worker safety or the state's environment.

### **Evaluation of Consistency and Compatibility with Existing State Regulations**

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

### DISCLOSURES REGARDING THIS PROPOSED ACTION

#### FISCAL IMPACT ESTIMATES

Fiscal Impact on Public Agencies Including Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State: None. The regulations do not result in a fiscal impact to the state.

This proposal updates the Board's citation system for conformance with the mandatory statutory provisions and extends the deadline for appealing a citation to an informal conference. The Board does not anticipate additional workload or costs resulting from the proposed regulations.

The regulations do not result in costs or savings in federal funding to the state.

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: 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.

The rulemaking file includes the facts, documents, testimony, and/or other evidence that supports this determination.

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

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

### RESULTS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT/ANALYSIS

#### Impact on Jobs/Businesses

The Board has determined that this regulatory proposal will not have any impact on the following:

- 1) the creation or elimination of jobs within the state.
- 2) the creation of new businesses or the elimination of existing businesses within the state, or
- the expansion of businesses currently doing business within the state.

#### **Benefits of Regulation**

The Board has determined that this regulatory proposal will benefit the health and welfare of California residents by ensuring the Board can effectively address a licensee's failure to pay a citation fine during the license renewal process and, when warranted, take disciplinary action against a licensee for noncompliance with a citation fine or order of abatement. Individuals who have been issued citations by the Board, and their legal counsel or authorized representatives, will also benefit from the same deadline for exercising their right to appeal the citation to an informal conference, a formal hearing, or both.

This regulatory proposal does not affect worker safety or the state's environment as this proposal is not related to any of those issues.

#### **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. Although small businesses owned by licensees of the Board may be impacted, the Board does not maintain data relating to the number or percentage of licensees who own a small business; therefore, the number or percentage of small businesses that may be impacted cannot be predicted.

#### **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 written comments relevant to the above determinations to the Board's office at 1625 North Market Boulevard, Suite N–327, 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, proposed regulatory text, and all the information 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 1625 North Market Boulevard, Suite N–327, 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 writ-

ten 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:

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### 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 <a href="https://www.chiro.ca.gov/laws-regs/prop-regs.shtml">https://www.chiro.ca.gov/laws-regs/prop-regs.shtml</a>.

#### TITLE 16. ARCHITECTS BOARD

#### LICENSE CERTIFICATION FEE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the California Architects Board (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 his or her 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, facsimile, or email to the addresses listed under "Contact Person" in this Notice, must be *received* by the Board at its office no later than by Monday, June 16, 2025, or must be received by the Board at the hearing, should one be scheduled.

#### AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Pursuant to the authority vested by section 5526 of the Business and Professions Code (BPC), and to implement, interpret, or make specific BPC section 5604, the Board is considering amending section 144 of title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).

### INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

When licensees seek licensure in jurisdictions outside of California, they are frequently required to have the Board complete and submit a certification of licensure. This certification of licensure contains history of examination, licensure, enforcement actions, if any, and in some cases a complete history of license renewal. The Board must complete one certification for each jurisdiction where the California licensee is seeking a new license.

Currently, the Board does not charge for this service, regardless of the staff time it takes to complete and submit each certification. As a special funded entity, the Board may charge a fee to recoup the staff time and resources used when providing a service. The Board worked with the Department of Consumer Affairs Budget Office and conducted a fee study to determine an appropriate fee for completion and submittal of a license certification. The Board received authority to charge for a license certification when Senate Bill 1452 ("SB 1452" — Chapter 486 of the Statutes of 2024) was enacted that modified BPC 5604 and authorized the Board to charge a fee for license certifications.

This proposal will establish a fee of \$40 that the Board will charge to recoup its cost of completing and submitting a license certification.

This regulatory proposal will amend 16 CCR section 144. The amendment to the regulation through this proposed rulemaking is as follows:

Add 16 CCR 144(i) to specify the fee of \$40 for the Board to complete and submit a license certification.

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

This proposal will establish a fee for the Board to charge for completion and submittal of a license certification. This allows the Board to recoup its expenses and align with the State Administrative Manual,

which will assist the Board's continuance in regulating the profession of architecture, which benefits the health and welfare of California residents.

This regulatory proposal does not affect worker safety, or the state's environment.

### **Evaluation of Consistency and Compatibility with Existing State Regulations**

During the process of developing this regulatory proposal, the Board has 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.

### DISCLOSURES REGARDING THIS PROPOSED ACTION

#### 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 proposed regulation is anticipated to increase the Board's revenues by approximately \$14,640 per year and up to \$146,400 over a ten—year period. The proposal will establish a fee of \$40 per individual, and the Board estimates approximately 366 individuals will seek license certification per year. Since the Board already performs the workload associated with these services, the Board does not anticipate any additional workload or costs to implement the proposed regulations.

The proposed regulations do not result in costs or savings in federal funding to the state.

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: None.

#### BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATES

The Board has made the initial determination that the proposed regulations will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact on businesses, including the ability to compete with other businesses in California. This initial determination is based on the following facts:

The proposal will establish a license certification fee of \$40, which is considered to be minor compared to the income of most licensees in the profession. The fee is charged per certification completed, which only would occur when a licensee is seeking licensure out-

side of California. The fee is collected from individual licensees according to current law.

The rulemaking file includes the facts, evidence, documents, testimony, and/or other evidence that supports this determination. The Board has not considered proposed alternatives that would lessen any adverse economic impact on business and invites individuals to submit such proposals.

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

The regulation would impose a fee of \$40 per license certification that a licensee requests to be completed and submitted to another entity. To the extent licensees seek licensure outside of California, the proposed regulations will impact them. The Board estimates approximately 366 individuals will seek license certification per year, resulting in annual costs of \$14,640 and up to \$146,400 over a ten—year period.

### RESULTS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT/ANALYSIS

#### Impact on Jobs/Businesses

The Board has determined that this regulatory proposal will not impact on the following:

- 1) Creation or elimination of jobs within California,
- Creation of new businesses or elimination of existing businesses within California, or
- 3) Expansion of businesses currently doing business within the state.

This proposal would not have any of the above—referenced impacts because these costs are considered minor compared to the income of most licensees in this profession as more fully discussed in the "Business Impact Estimates" section of this notice.

#### **Benefits of Regulation**

The Board has determined that the regulatory proposal will allow the Board to recoup its expenses and align with the State Administrative Manual, which will assist the Board's continuance in regulating the profession of architecture, which benefits the health and welfare of California residents.

This regulatory proposal does not affect worker safety because it does not involve worker safety.

This regulatory proposal does not affect the state's environment because it does not involve the environment.

#### **Business Reporting Requirements**

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

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

While the Board does not have nor does it maintain data to define if any of its licensees are a "small business" as defined in Government Code section 11342.610, the Board has made an initial determina-

tion that any adverse economic impact will not be significant for small businesses, because the increased expense to any business, small or otherwise, is \$40 per requested license certification, as specified.

#### 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 written comments relevant to the above determinations at the Board's office at 2420 Del Paso Road, Suite 105, Sacramento, California 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 information 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 2420 Del Paso Road, Suite 105, Sacramento, California 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**

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#### AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS ON THE INTERNET

Materials regarding this proposal can be found at <a href="https://www.cab.ca.gov/resrcs/laws\_regs/prop\_reg.">https://www.cab.ca.gov/resrcs/laws\_regs/prop\_reg.</a> shtml.

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 <a href="https://www.cab.ca.gov/resrcs/laws\_regs/prop\_reg.shtml">https://www.cab.ca.gov/resrcs/laws\_regs/prop\_reg.shtml</a>.

# TITLE 16. SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY AND HEARING AID DISPENSERS BOARD

### AUDIOLOGY SUPERVISED CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Speech–Language Pathology and Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensers Board (hereafter 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 their 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 by Tuesday, June 17, 2025, or must be received by the Board at the hearing, should one be scheduled.

#### **AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE**

Pursuant to the authority vested by section 2531.95, of the Business and Professions Code (BPC), and to implement, interpret, or make specific BPC sections 2532.2 and 2532.25, the Board is considering amending section 1399.152.2 of title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).<sup>1</sup>

#### INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

### Summary of Existing Laws and Effect of the Proposed Action

The Board is a state agency vested with the authority to license, regulate, and discipline within the practices of speech-language pathology, audiology, and hearing aid dispensing in accordance with the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All CCR references are to Title 16 unless otherwise noted.

Speech–Language Pathologists and Audiologists and Hearing Aid Dispensers Licensure Act (commencing with section 2530 of Division 2 of the BPC) (Practice Act). As part of the Board's mandate and mission to protect the public, the Board oversees approximately 38,000 licensed or registered speech–language pathologists, speech–language pathology assistants, speech–language pathology aides, audiologists, dispensing audiologists, audiology aides, hearing aid dispensers, hearing aid dispenser trainees, temporary hearing aid dispensers, and continuing professional development providers.

Existing law under BPC section 2531.95 authorizes the Board to establish necessary rules and regulations for enforcement of the Practice Act and the laws subject to its jurisdiction. With this rulemaking, the Board seeks to clarify the supervised clinical experience requirements for applicants of a speech–language pathology license and audiology license, add licensing dispensing audiologist to the list of those who can provide supervision of audiology clinical experience because the license type was added after the regulations were originally promulgated, and clarify the terms "supervised clinical practice" or "clinical practice" as used in Sections 2532.2 and 2532.25 of the Code.<sup>2</sup>

There is no existing federal regulation or statute comparable to this proposed rulemaking.

Applicants seeking licensure as an audiologist must "[s]ubmit evidence of the satisfactory completion of supervised clinical practice with individuals representative of a wide spectrum of ages and audiological disorders" (BPC sections 2532.2 (b)(1) and 2532.25 (b)(1)). Prior to 2009, the entry level licensing requirements for audiologists was at least a master's degree, although applicants were not precluded from earning the more advanced doctoral degree in audiology. Before and after the entry level licensing requirements for audiologists was changed, BPC section 2532.2 requires the Board to establish by regulation the required number of clock hours of supervised clinical practice necessary for audiology applicants. CCR section 1399.152.2 make specific BPC section 2532.2 by stating the number of clock hours of supervised clinical experience required for licensure as an audiologist.

In 2009, the Legislature passed Senate Bill (SB) 821 (Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development; Chapter 307, Statutes of 2009) changing the entry level licensing requirements for audiologists from at least a master's degree to a doctoral degree to reflect updated industry and educational standards. As

a result, BPC section 2532.25 was adopted, which applies to applicants who graduated from an approved educational institution on or after January 1, 2008, and BPC section 2532.2 was amended to apply to applicants who graduated from an approved educational institution on or before December 31, 2007. Similar to BPC section 2532.2, BPC section 2532.25 requires the Board to establish by regulation the required number of clock hours of supervised clinical practice necessary for an applicant seeking licensure as an audiologist. However, regulations were not promulgated to specifically state the number of clock hours of supervised clinical practice required for audiology licensure applicants who have completed an audiology doctoral program due to limited staff resources.

Following discussions of the Board's Audiology Practice Committee, the Board at its meeting on December 1, 2023 concluded that it remained appropriate to require applicants who completed an audiology doctoral program on or after January 1, 2008 to complete three hundred (300) clock hours of supervised clinical practice, the same number of clock hours required for applicants who completed at least a master's degree on or before December 31, 2007.

This proposal will amend CCR section 1399.152.2 as follows:

#### 1. Adopt subsection (a)

This proposal adds this subsection to state that "supervised clinical experience," "clinical experience" or "clinical practicum" will have the same meaning and effect as the terms "supervised clinical practice" or "clinical practice" as used in BPC sections 2532.2 and 2532.25. This is for clarity and to eliminate confusion.

2. Amend subsection (a) and re–letter to subsection (b)

This proposal re-letters subsection (a) to subsection (b). This proposal also amends this subsection by deleting cross reference to BPC section 2532.2, subdivision (c) and creating subparagraphs (1), (2), and (3) from pre-existing text. Subparagraph (1) contains pre-existing text that specifies who can supervise clinical experience in the practice of speech-language pathology. Subparagraph (2) contains pre-existing text that specifies who can supervise clinical experience in the practice of audiology and is amended to add a "licensed dispensing audiologist" as someone who can provide said supervision. Subparagraph (3) contains pre-existing text defining "qualifications deemed equivalent by the Board" and is amended to replace the word "includes" with the phrase "as used in this section means." These changes are to keep consistency and to maintain the writing structure following the adoption of subsection (a) as part of this regulatory proposal, as discussed in paragraph 1. It also improves readability and aligns the regulations with licenses the Board issues to those who are statutorily authorized to practice audiology.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As used herein, the terms "supervised clinical practice," "clinical practice," "supervised clinical experience," and "clinical experience" are synonymous and used interchangeably, consistent with BPC sections 2532.2 and 2532.25 and CCR section 1399.152.2.

#### 3. Amend subsection (b) and re-letter to subsection (c)

This proposal re-letters subsection (b) to become subsection (c). This proposal also amends this subsection to begin with the phrase "A total of." This is to keep consistency and to maintain the writing structure following the adoption of subsection (a) as part of this regulatory proposal, as discussed in paragraph 1. It also improves readability and aligns with the writing style used in this proposed rulemaking.

#### 4. Amend subsection (c) and re-letter to subsection (d)

This proposal re-letters subsection (c) to subsection (d). This proposal also amends this subsection to begin with the phrase "A total of," replace the word "in" with the word "across" in front of the phrase "three (3) different clinical settings," and remove reference to audiology applicants from this subsection. This proposal also seeks to replace the phrase "after December 31, 1992" with "on or after January 1, 1993." This is to keep consistency and to maintain the writing structure following the adoption of a subsection as part of this regulatory proposal as discussed in paragraph 1. It also increases clarity of the licensing requirements for speech–language pathologist and maintains consistency in writing style use throughout the regulatory text.

#### 5. Adopt subsections (e)

This proposal adds subsection (e) to specify the total number of clock hours of supervised clinical practice required for applicants who completed an audiology graduate program on or after January 1, 1993 is three hundred (300) clinical clock hours across three (3) different clinical settings. This makes it easier to understand and make clear what the entry level licensing requirements for audiologists prior to and following the passing of SB 821. It also makes accommodating future amendments to clock hour requirements easier in the event the Board ever deems it necessary to change the required clock hours for licensed audiologists in the future.

#### 6. Re-letter subsection (d) to subsection (f)

This proposal re-letters subsection (d) to subsection (f) and re-letters the reference to subsection (a) to subsection (b). This is to maintain consistency and the writing structure following the adoption of subsections as part of this regulatory proposal as discussed in paragraphs 1 and 5.

#### 7. Amend the Note

This proposal amends the reference of the note to include BPC section 2532.25. This reflects statutory changes to the Practice Act. BPC section 2532.25, which was adopted after the passing of SB 821, changed the entry level licensing requirements for audiologists from at least a master's degree to a doctoral degree.

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

The Board has determined that this regulatory proposal will have the following benefits to the health and welfare of California residents:

This regulatory proposal will affect the health and welfare of California residents. California residents will benefit from audiologists who are adequately prepared to treat the public under current industry standards. Businesses and individuals will also benefit from increased clarity of the Board's audiology licensing requirements.

### **Evaluation of Consistency and Compatibility with Existing State Regulations**

During the process of developing this regulatory proposal, the Board has 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

None.

### DISCLOSURES REGARDING THIS PROPOSED ACTION

#### 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 regulations do not result in a fiscal impact to the state. The Board does not anticipate additional workload or costs resulting from the proposed regulations.

The regulations do not result in costs or savings in federal funding to the state.

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. This initial determination is based on the fact that this regulatory proposal clarifies current licensing requirements, and it does not enhance or inhibit industry growth within the industries the Board regulates.

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

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

### RESULTS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT/ANALYSIS

#### Impact on Jobs/Businesses

The Board has determined that this regulatory proposal will not have any impact on the following:

- 1) the creation or elimination of jobs within the state.
- 2) the creation of new businesses or the elimination of existing businesses within the state, or,
- 3) the expansion of businesses currently doing business within the state.

This proposal would not have any of the above-referenced impacts as explained in the "Business Impact Estimates" section of this notice.

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

The Board has determined that this regulatory proposal will have the following benefits to the health and welfare of California residents:

California residents will benefit from audiologist who are adequately prepared to treat the public under current industry standards. Businesses and individuals will also benefit from an increased clarity of the Board's audiology licensing requirements.

This type of benefit is unquantifiable and cannot be easily measured or estimated. Therefore, the Board cannot provide information on possible statewide benefits that may occur from this regulation over its lifetime. Because the Board's authority is over licensees and not over all businesses within the industries the Board regulates, the Board cannot provide any estimates for the total number or type of businesses (e.g., private, nonprofit, public, or small business) that will benefit from this proposed regulation. The Board anticipates over one hundred (100) individuals applying for licensure in the practice of audiology will benefit from this proposed regulation.

This regulatory proposal does not affect worker safety because this regulatory proposal clarifies current licensing requirements and does not involve worker safety.

This regulatory proposal does not affect the state's environment because this regulatory proposal clarifies current licensing requirements and does not concern or impact 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 will not affect small businesses. Although small businesses owned by licensees of the Board may be impacted, the Board does not maintain data relating to the number or percentage of licensees who own a small business; therefore, the number or percentage of small businesses that may be impacted cannot be predicted. This initial determination is based on the fact that this regulatory proposal clarifies current licensing requirements, and it does not enhance or inhibit industry growth within the industries the Board regulates.

#### 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 1601 Response Road, Suite 260 Sacramento, CA 95815 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 information 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 1601 Response Road, Suite 260 Sacramento, CA 95815.

### 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 persons 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:

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The backup contact person is:

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Telephone Number: (916) 287–7915

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 $\underline{Speech and Hearing Regulations@dca.ca.gov}$ 

### AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS ON THE INTERNET

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#### GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST

### DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

FISH AND GAME CODE SECTION 1653
CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION
REQUEST FOR STORM DAMAGE
REPAIR AND RESTORATION OF PONDS
D2, D5, H6, K3, & M1 PROJECT (TRACKING
NUMBER: 1653–2025–157–001–R3)
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) received a Request to Approve on April 16, 2025, that the Contra Costa Water District (District) proposes to carry out a habitat restoration or enhancement project pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1653. The proposed project involves restoring the banks of five ponds which were damaged in a storm and support breeding habitat for California red–legged frog and California tiger salamander. The proposed project will be carried out on ponds D2, D5, H6, K3, and M1, located at the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Watershed and Conservation Lands, Contra Costa County, California.

On 3/24/2025, the Central Valley 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 Strom Damage Repair and Restoration of Ponds D2, D5, H6, K3, & M1. The Regional Water Board determined that the Project, as described in the NOI, was categorical-

ly 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 5B07CR00269) for coverage under the General 401 Order on April 11, 2025.

The District 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 District 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 District will have the opportunity to submit under Fish and Game Code section 1652.

### DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

CESA CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION REQUEST FOR LURLINE CHECK AND SIPHON REPLACEMENT PROJECT 2080–2025–004–02 COLUSA COUNTY

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) received a notice on April 18, 2025, that the Glenn Colusa Irrigation 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 the replacement of degraded check, siphon, and bridge structures. Proposed activities will include, but are not limited to, vegetation grubbing and clearing, construction of a temporary bypass, dewatering activities, demolition of existing structures, excavation, installation of culverts, and construction of new structures. The proposed project will occur at the intersection of Lurline Creek and the Glenn Colusa Irrigation District's Main Canal approximately 3.5 miles west of the town of Cortena in Colusa County.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) issued a federal biological opinion (BO)(Service Ref. Number 2024–0043207–S7–001) in a memorandum to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on April 8, 2025, which considered the effects of the proposed project on state

and federally threatened giant garter snake (*Thamnophis gigas*).

Pursuant to California Fish and Game Code section 2080.1, the Glenn Colusa Irrigation 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, the Glenn Colusa Irrigation District will not be required to obtain an incidental take permit under Fish and Game Code section 2081 subdivision (b) for the proposed project.

#### RULEMAKING PETITION DECISION

### DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### PETITION CONCERNING MOBILEHOME PARK LOT

April 16, 2025 Neal OBrien

Nealpobrien@gmail.com

Dear Neal OBrien:

RE: Petition P-01-25 — Request to Amend California Code of Regulations, title 25, section 1330(c).

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is in receipt of the above-referenced petition and supporting documents that you submitted to HCD on March 5, 2025. The petition requests that HCD amend <u>California Code of Regulations, title 25, section 1330(c)</u>, to prohibit a unit on a mobilehome park lot from being installed up to a roadway, under certain conditions. HCD's rulemaking authority to take the action requested in the petition is set forth in California Health and Safety Code, section 18300, indicating that HCD may adopt regulations to interpret and make specific the Mobilehome Parks Act (Health and Safety Code, sections 18200, et seq).

Government Code, section 11340.7(b), allows a state agency to grant or deny a petition in part, and to grant any other relief or take any other action as it may determine to be warranted by the petition. Based on the above, HCD has determined that it must deny the petition and that "other action" is warranted within the meaning of Government Code section 11340.7(b). HCD will take the merits of your petition into further consideration in a future title 25 rulemaking action.

HCD is currently in the process of releasing a regulatory package for public comment. However, the subject matter contained in your petition is beyond the scope of HCD's current rulemaking. HCD encourages you to <u>sign-up on HCD's website</u> to receive notices of proposed rulemaking activity if you would like to provide public comment and to stay informed.

In the meantime, if you believe there is a violation of the <u>Mobilehome Parks Act</u> or associated <u>regulations</u>, please submit a complaint through HCD's <u>Mobilehome Assistance Center</u>.

Please note that interested persons have the right to obtain a copy of your petition from HCD pursuant to Government Code, section 11340.7(d).

If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact Mitchel Baker at (916) 214–8097.

Sincerely,

/s/

Kyle Krause, Deputy Director. Division of Codes and Standards.

#### 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.

Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation File # 2025–0321–01 Sex Offender Treatment

Through this Certificate of Compliance action, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation makes permanent the emergency regulatory changes adopted in OAL File Number 2024–0924–02EON and readopted in OAL 2025–0311–01EON. Specifically, the adoption of Section 3574 into California Code of Regulations, Title 15 (CCR 3574) regarding the sex offender treatment program for sex offender supervised persons.

Title 15 Adopt: 3574 Filed 04/17/2025 Effective 04/17/2025 Agency Contact: Dmitriy Kostyuk

(279) 223-2313

Office of Health Care Affordability File # 2025–0407–02

Total Health Care Expenditures Data Collection

This emergency rulemaking by the Office of Health Care Affordability within the Department of Health Care Access and Information amends total health care expenditures ("THCE") data collection regulations, including the THCE Data Submission Guide and other documents incorporated by reference. This is a deemed emergency pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 127501.2.

Title 22 Amend: 97445, 97449 Filed 04/17/2025 Effective 04/17/2025

Agency Contact: Jillian Hosseini (916) 326–3660

Office of Health Care Affordability File # 2025–0411–01 Hospital Sector Definition

This emergency rulemaking action by the Office of Health Care Affordability adopts a definition of "Hospital Sector" as a health care sector pursuant to Health and Safety Code, section 127502, subdivision (b)(1). This action is a deemed emergency and shall remain in effect for five years from the initial adoption of the emergency regulation pursuant to Health and Safety Code, section 127501.2.

Title 22 Adopt: 97446 Filed 04/21/2025 Effective 04/21/2025

Agency Contact: Johnny Colón (916) 326–3607

Fair Political Practices Commission File # 2025–0321–02 SEI Filing Extension

This action extends the annual Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) filing deadline from April 1, 2025, to June 2, 2025, for those required to file under California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 18723 or 18730 whose primary residence, primary work location, or Form 700 filing office is located within Los Angeles County.

Title 02 Adopt: 18720 Filed 04/21/2025 Effective 05/21/2025 Agency Contact:

Amanda Apostol (916) 322–5660

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Department of Developmental Services
File # 2025–0307–01

Section 100- In-Home Respite Amendment

These changes without regulatory effect extend eligibility for in-home respite services to individuals in foster care in alignment with Senate Bill 1197 (Stats. 2024, ch. 909).

Title 17

Amend: 56782 Filed 04/21/2025

Agency Contact: Nicole Smith (916) 654–2287

Department of Motor Vehicles

File # 2025-0305-01

Traffic Violator School Quarterly Reports

This action without regulatory effect by the Department of Motor Vehicles revises the "Traffic Violator School Quarterly Report" (Form OL 850), which is incorporated by reference into section 345.30 of title 13 of the California Code of Regulations.

Title 13

Amend: 345.30 Filed 04/17/2025

Agency Contact: Randi Calkins (916) 282–7294

Department of Motor Vehicles File # 2025–0310–01

Annual Adjustment of Fees

This action by the Department of Motor Vehicles ("DMV"), effective January 1, 2026, makes changes without regulatory effect to adjust various Vehicle Code ("VC"), Revenue and Taxation Code ("RTC"), and Code of Civil Procedure ("CCP") authorized fees relating to motor vehicles in amounts in accordance with the California Consumer Price Index ("CPI") methodologies set forth in VC sections 1678(b), 1685(c) and (e), and 9250.6(b), and RTC section 11052(b).

Title 13

Amend: 225.45, 423.00 Filed 04/21/2025

Agency Contact: Randi Calkins (916) 282–7294

Board of Barbering and Cosmetology File # 2025–0305–03 Pre–Apprentice Training

Through this rulemaking action, the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology seeks to amend section 917 of the California Code of Regulations, Title 16 regarding preapprentice training.

Title 16 Amend: 917 Filed 04/16/2025 Effective 07/01/2025

Agency Contact: Allison Lee (279) 278–5107

Commission on Teacher Credentialing

File # 2025-0312-01

PK-3 Early Childhood Education Specialist Instruction Teaching Perform

In this rulemaking action, the Commission amends its regulation to eliminate the option for PK–3 Early Childhood Education candidates enrolled on or after July 1, 2025 to continue use of the multiple subject version of the teaching performance assessment. The amendment requires that candidates first enrolled in a PK–3 Early Childhood Education Specialist program on or after July 1, 2025, pass a commission approved teaching performance assessment for the PK–3 Early Childhood Education Specialist Instruction Credential.

Title 05

Amend: 80067 Filed 04/22/2025 Effective 07/01/2025 Agency Contact:

Mika Laidler–Rubio (916) 327–8697

Department of Managed Health Care File # 2025–0306–01 Scope of Fertility Preservation Services

This action interprets, implements, and makes specific the requirements of Health and Safety Code section 1374.551 by enumerating and defining the scope of medical treatments constituting standard fertility preservation services. Per Health and Safety Code section 1374.551, when a covered treatment may directly or indirectly cause iatrogenic infertility, standard fertility preservation services are a basic health care service and are not within the scope of infertility treatment as defined by law. As amended, the law requires health plans to cover standard fertility preservation services consistent with established medical practices and professional guidelines by the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) or the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM).

(SB 600 (Portantino, Chapter 853, Statutes of 2019)).

Title 28

Adopt: 1300.74.551 Filed 04/18/2025 Effective 10/01/2025

Agency Contact: Fabiola Murillo (916) 255–2395

State Controller's Office

File # 2025-0310-02

Third-Party Auditors

In this regular rulemaking, the State Controller's Office ("SCO") is adopting regulations governing the activities of third—party auditors hired by SCO to examine the records of a person who has failed to report property that should have been reported pursuant to the Unclaimed Property Law.

Title 02

Adopt: 1180.011, 1180.012, 1180.013, 1180.014, 1180.015, 1180.016, 1180.017, 1180.018, 1180.019, 1180.020, 1180.021, 1180.022, 1180.023, 1180.024, 1180.025, 1180.026, 1180.027, 1180.028, 1180.029, 1180.030, 1180.031, 1180.032, 1180.033, 1180.034, 1180.035, 1180.036, 1180.037, 1180.038, 1180.039, 1180.040, 1180.041, 1180.042, 1180.043, 1180.044, 1180.046, 1180.047, 1180.048
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Effective 07/01/2025
Agency Contact: Ethan Jaffe (916) 327–1041

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>.