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**PROPOSED ACTION ON
REGULATIONS**

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**TITLE 2. VICTIM
COMPENSATION BOARD**

**INDEMNIFICATION OF VICTIMS
OF CRIME**

The California Victim Compensation Board (“CalVCB” or “Board”) proposes to adopt the regulations described 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 schedule and 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 before the close of the written comment period.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Any interested individual, or their authorized representative, may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action. To be considered, written comments must be received by *March 30, 2026*. The Board will consider only comments received at its office by this deadline. Written comments may be mailed to:

Neil Ennes, Legislative Coordinator
California Victim Compensation Board
P.O. Box 48
Sacramento, CA 95812–0048

Written comments may also be submitted by facsimile (FAX) at (916) 491–6441 or by email to: regulations@victims.ca.gov.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Government Code sections 13920, 13957, 13957.2, and 13957.7 authorize the Board to adopt these proposed regulations. The proposed regulations are intended to implement, interpret, and make specific

Government Code sections 13920, 13957, 13957.2, and 13957.7.

**INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY
STATEMENT OVERVIEW**

CalVCB was the first victim compensation program established in the nation and remains one of the largest. To be eligible for victim compensation, a victim or derivative victim must have suffered a pecuniary loss as a direct result of a qualifying crime. (Gov. Code, §§ 13955, 13957.) “Crime” is defined as a crime or public offense that would constitute a misdemeanor or felony offense. (Gov. Code, § 13951, subdivision (b).) A crime is considered a “qualifying crime” for purposes of victim compensation from CalVCB if the victim is deceased or sustained physical injury or threat of physical injury as a direct result of the crime. (Gov. Code, § 13955, subdivision (f)(1) & (2).) The Board may also find the existence of a qualifying crime based on an emotional injury alone when the crime is among a list of offenses enumerated in Government Code section 13955, subdivision (f)(3).

If CalVCB staff determine that a qualifying crime occurred and there are no bars to eligibility, CalVCB can pay certain expenses, as authorized by the Legislature, that are a direct result of the crime on which the application was based. (Gov. Code, § 13957.) Eligible expenses include medical and dental care, mental health services, income and support loss, funeral and burial expenses, relocation, and residential security, among others enumerated in statute. (Gov. Code, § 13957.) However, CalVCB is a payor of last resort, meaning that CalVCB provides compensation for costs that are not covered by other reimbursement sources, including, but not limited to, private insurance, State Disability Insurance (SDI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), and civil lawsuits. (Gov. Code, §§ 13951, 13954.)

Conversely, the Board must deny an application for compensation or request for reimbursement of expenses if the applicant fails to demonstrate eligibility for either the application or the request for reimbursement of expenses. When CalVCB staff recommend that an application or a request for reimbursement be denied, applicants have a right to appeal the staff’s recommendation. (Cal. Code Regs., title 2, § 647.20.) If an applicant appeals, CalVCB must provide the applicant with a hearing. (Gov. Code, § 13959.)

As the program has been administered, the need for clarification of existing regulations has become evident. In 2002, Government Code Section 13957.2(a) was added to statute by S.B. 1423. One of the stated purposes of S.B. 1423 was to extend the provisions authorizing compensation for losses incurred for mental

health counseling services.¹ The expansion of services under S.B. 1423 put a significant strain on the Restitution Fund.² In February of 2003, the Board adopted emergency regulations implementing mental health service limitations to help restore stability to the Restitution Fund. Subsequently, the Board, via the formal rulemaking process, moved to adopt the emergency regulations as formal regulations. The Office of Administrative Law (OAL) added the emergency regulations to the California Code of Regulations (CCR) in 2004 as sections 649.23, 649.24, 649.25, 649.26, and 649.27.³

These regulations included a variety of different restrictions limiting the scope, duration, frequency, and type of services eligible for reimbursement, who was eligible to receive reimbursement, the types of documentation required for reimbursement and other various policies and procedures necessary for the Board's reimbursement of mental health related services.⁴

In 2006, CalVCB repealed Cal. Code Regs., title 2, sections 649.23 through 649.27 in what is presumed to be an effort to adopt a more flexible approach to managing maximum rates and service limitations, as permitted by Government Code § 13957.2, subdivision (a). The sections were removed from the CCR by the OAL and CalVCB concurrently filed its "Mental Health Guidelines," which included maximum rates and service limitations, along with other various requirements for the reimbursement of mental health services, with the Secretary of State.⁵ Since 2006, CalVCB has remained consistent in its practice of updating and filing new Mental Health Guidelines with the Secretary of State any time the Board approves changes to the maximum rates or service limitations. The most recent version of the Mental Health Guidelines was adopted by the Board at its November 2022 meeting and filed with the Secretary of State in December 2022.

As the Victim Compensation Program continues to expand, the segregation of the rates and service limitations is advisable and warranted to avoid confusion, ensure transparency to applicants and provid-

¹ S.B. 1423 Chesbro. Victims of crime: Compensation, 2002 Leg. (2002).

² "Budget Paper for Board Discussion and Action", January 10, 2003.

³ California Regulatory Notice Register 2004, Volume Number 5–Z, p. 123. (2004).

⁴ Cal. Code Regs, tit 2, § 649.23, 649.24, 649.25, 649.26, 649.27, and 649.28 (2004).

⁵ California Regulatory Notice Register 2006, Volume Number 5–Z, p. 143–144. (2006); see also Government Code, § 13957, subdivision (a) (establishing the board's authority to set maximum rates and service limitations for reimbursement of medical and medical-related services and exempting the rates and service limitations from the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act.

ers, and allow the full breadth of public participation in the rulemaking process. Accordingly, staff propose that any service limitations within the existing Mental Health Guidelines that meet the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) definition of a regulation be submitted to the Office of Administrative Law to undergo the formal APA rulemaking process. Specifically, it is recommended that the following regulations be revised and/or adopted:

Cal. Code Regs., title 2, § 649.26 Direct Payments to Providers

Cal. Code Regs., title 2, § 649.29.1 Mental Health Benefits

Cal. Code Regs., title 2, § 649.29.2 Dire or Exceptional Circumstances and Specialized Mental Health Services

These proposed revisions are based on the issues that have arisen in implementing the program based on existing regulations/Mental Health Guidelines and are the result of extensive administrative consideration. The Board has determined that the proposed regulatory action is necessary for clarity and transparency, and the efficient and consistent administration of the program.

Each proposed revision is reasonably necessary to carry out the authority conferred by the statutes. Each proposed revision addresses an administrative requirement, condition, or circumstance that arises in connection with an application for victim compensation. The Board has determined that administration of the program in the manner proposed is consistent with, and promotes, the objectives underlying the statutes that guide the program.

Anticipated Benefits of the Proposed Regulations:

The proposed regulations comply with the current statutes governing victim compensation claims, interpret and implement general aspects of the law to ensure their consistent application, and provide the public with the transparency and specificity needed for applicants and service providers to successfully obtain compensation or reimbursement. By doing so, they will provide clear guidance to the public and enable the Board to decide these claims in a more uniform and efficient manner.

Evaluation of Inconsistency/Incompatibility with Existing State Regulations:

After reviewing for related regulations, the Board has found that these are the only regulations concerning reimbursement for mental health treatment by the Victim Compensation Board. Therefore, the proposed regulations are not inconsistent or incompatible with existing state regulations.

DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE
PROPOSED ACTION

The Board 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 costs or savings imposed on local agencies: None.

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

Cost impacts on a representative, private individual, 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.

Significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states: None.

Significant effect on housing costs: None.

RESULTS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT
ANALYSIS/ASSESSMENT

The purpose of the proposed regulations is to interpret and implement the current statutes governing victim compensation. When an application for compensation is approved, victims can submit bills for reimbursement of the pecuniary losses they sustained as a direct result of a qualifying crime. Compensation is then paid on an allowed application after staff have verified the bill or expense. In fiscal year 2024–2025, CalVCB received 34,892 applications and provided \$44.9 million in compensation to victims; in fiscal year 2023–2024, CalVCB received 40,560 applications and provided \$47.36 million in compensation to victims; in fiscal year 2022–2023, CalVCB received 39,003 applications and provided \$46.73 million in compensation to victims; and in fiscal year 2021–2022, CalVCB received 39,015 applications and provided \$40.35 million in compensation to victims. The amount paid in compensation has remained relatively stable over the past four years and CalVCB does not anticipate a significant change in future payouts. Accordingly, the proposed regulations will not directly impact jobs or the wider economy.

CalVCB has determined that the proposed regulations will not affect:

(A) The creation or elimination of jobs within the State of California,

The proposed regulations do not impact jobs because they apply to a limited group of individuals

seeking compensation as a result of being victimized during a crime.

(B) The creation of new businesses or the elimination of existing businesses within the State of California, and

The proposed regulations do not impact the creation of new businesses or elimination of existing businesses in California because they apply to a limited group of individuals seeking compensation as a result of being victimized during a crime.

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

The proposed regulations do not impact the expansion of businesses currently doing business within the State of California because they apply to a limited group of individuals seeking compensation as a result of being victimized during a crime.

The benefits of the regulation to the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety, and the state's environment:

The Board has determined that the proposed regulations will benefit the health and welfare of California's residents, specifically for individuals seeking compensation as a result of being victimized during a crime. The proposed regulations are not expected to affect worker safety or the state's environment.

SMALL BUSINESS DETERMINATION

The Board has determined that the proposed regulations do not affect small businesses because they apply to a limited group of individuals seeking compensation as a result of being victimized during a crime.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

In accordance with Government Code section 11346.5, subdivision (a)(13), the Board must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the agency 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 individuals 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 Board invites interested individuals to present statements or arguments with respect to alternatives to the proposed regulations during the written comment period.

CONTACT PERSON

Inquiries concerning the proposed regulatory revisions may be directed to:

Neil Ennes, Legislative Coordinator
California Victim Compensation Board
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The backup contact person for inquiries concerning the proposed regulatory revisions is:

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Please direct requests for copies of the proposed text of the regulations, the Initial Statement of Reasons, the modified text of the regulations, if any, or other information upon which the rulemaking is based, to Neil Ennes at the above address.

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

The Board will have the entire rulemaking file available for inspection and copying throughout the rulemaking process at its office at 400 R Street Sacramento, CA 95811 and on the website <https://victims.ca.gov>. As of the date this notice is published in the Notice Register, the rulemaking file consists of this notice, the proposed text of the regulations and the Initial Statement of Reasons. Copies may be obtained by contacting Neil Ennes at the P.O. Box or phone number provided above.

AVAILABILITY OF CHANGED OR MODIFIED TEXT

After holding the hearing, if requested, and considering all timely and relevant comments received, the Board may adopt the proposed regulations substantially as described in this notice. If the Board makes modifications which are sufficiently related to the original proposed text, it will make the modified text available to the public at least 15 days before the Board adopts the regulation as revised. Please send requests for copies of the modified regulation to the attention of Neil Ennes at the P.O. Box indicated above. The Board will accept written comments on the modified regulations for 15 days after the date on which they are made available.

AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Upon its completion, copies of the Final Statement of Reasons may be obtained by contacting Neil Ennes at the above P.O. Box address.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS ON THE INTERNET

Copies of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the Initial Statement of Reasons and the proposed text of the regulations in underline and strike-out can be accessed through CalVCB's website at <https://victims.ca.gov>.

TITLE 2. DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE FOR FORMS MANAGEMENT

The Department of General Services (Department) proposes to adopt the proposed regulation described below after considering all comments, objections, and recommendations regarding the proposed action.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Department has not scheduled a public hearing on this proposed action. However, the Department will hold a hearing, pursuant to Government Code section 11346.8, if it receives written request for a public hearing from any interested person, or their authorized representative, no later than 15 days before 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 to proposed regulations, including those sent by mail or email to the addresses listed under "Contact Person" in this Notice, must be received by the Department at its office no later than **5:00 p.m. on April 1, 2026**.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Government Code sections 14600, 14605, 14771(a)(9) authorizes DGS to adopt these proposed regulations. The proposed regulations implement, interpret, and make specific sections 14770, 14771, 14772, and 14775 of the Government Code.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY
STATEMENT OVERVIEW

Summary of Existing Laws and Effect of the Proposed Action

The Department provides, per Government Code section 14600, centralized services and serves as the business manager for the state departments and Agencies. (All references herein are to the Government Code unless otherwise indicated.) Section 14605 authorizes the director of the Department to “perform all duties, exercise all powers and jurisdiction, assume and discharge all responsibilities, and carry out and effect all purposes vested by in the office.”

Section 14770 establishes the Forms Management Center within the Department for the orderly design, implementation, and maintenance of a Statewide Forms Management Program. Section 14771(a)(9) authorizes the director to develop and promulgate rules and standards to implement the overall purposes of section 14771. Section 14771(a)(2) requires the director to coordinate common administrative usage for Forms and establish a basic state design and specification criteria to achieve the standardization of Public–Use Forms. Section 14771(a)(4) requires the director to “establish and supervise control procedures to prevent the undue creation and reproduction of Public–Use Forms.” The Department must conduct periodic evaluations of the Forms management practices of individual state Agencies pursuant to Section 14771(a)(8). Section 14772 require Agencies to “appoint a Forms Management Representative and provide necessary assistance to implement the State Forms Management Program within the Agency.”

The regulations proposed in this rulemaking action proposes to clarify and make specific Sections 14471 to 14475 for use of Electronic Signature clarifications and to promote efficient, effective processing of Forms. The Department is proposing adopting the following regulations:

- § 1896.460 Electronic Signatures for Forms Management: The proposed regulation makes complying with statutory requirements related to Electronic Signatures more straightforward and brings to the forefront the parameters and create criteria to ensure Electronic Signatures are considered valid, secure, and compliant.

ANTICIPATED BENEFITS OF THE
PROPOSED REGULATION

The broad objectives of the regulation is to provide ease doing business with the state by encouraging the use of electronic Forms and Electronic Signatures; and lessen confusion with existing regulations on use of Electronic Signatures and advanced technologies.

The proposed regulations offer the following benefits:

- Increases innovation, transferability, and efficiencies.
- Enables state Agency staff to conduct transactions electronically (if applicable), to accept Electronic Signatures by other parties, and to sign agreements on the Agency’s behalf by using an Electronic Signature.
- Reduces the confusion current regulations have on the use of Electronic Signatures.
- Implements procedures to address accurate identification, authentication, authorization, and accountability of Electronic Signatures to make doing business with the State easier.
- Streamlines and improves processes for Electronic Signatures, for business efficiency.
- Saves state resources by removing the need for printing, processing, and mailing documents with the ability to sign documents electronically.

CONSISTENCY EVALUATION

DGS has determined that these proposed regulations are not inconsistent or incompatible with existing regulations. The Department reviewed the following state regulations regarding Electronic Signatures and digital signature:

- Digital Signatures, Cal. Code Regs., title 2, §§ 22000–22005.
- Electronic Applications and Electronic Signatures, Cal. Code Regs., title 5, § 54300.

After conducting a review for any regulations that would relate to or affect this area, the Department has concluded that the proposed action is not inconsistent or incompatible with existing state regulations. There is no existing comparable federal regulation or statute that this rulemaking action would impact.

DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE
PROPOSED ACTION/RESULTS OF THE
ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

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.

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

Significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business including the ability of Cali-

ifornia 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 cost: None.

Small Business Determination:

The Department has made an initial determination that the proposed regulatory action will have no effect on small business. These regulations make complying with statutory requirements related to Forms and Electronic Signatures more straightforward. These regulations should have a positive impact on small businesses that provide Electronic Signature services as they may see an increase in demand for such services. Small businesses that use Electronic Signatures to communicate and/or do business with state Agencies should also be positively impacted as they should see a reduction in time when signing contracts and/or completing Forms.

Other non-discretionary cost or savings imposed on local agencies: None.

RESULTS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Adoption of this regulation will not:

- (1) create jobs within California;
- (2) eliminate jobs within California;
- (3) create new businesses within California;
- (4) eliminate businesses within California;
- (5) affect the expansion of businesses currently doing business within California; or,
- (6) affect benefits the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety, and the state's environment.

This regulation makes complying with statutory requirements related to Forms and Electronic Signatures more straightforward. The Department believes there may be minimal benefit to the environment by expressly permitting Electronic Signatures which may save paper.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

In accordance with Government Code section 11346.5, subdivision (a)(13), DGS must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the department would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed, would be as effective and less burdensome to affect-

ed 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.

AVAILABILITY OF INITIAL 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 at its office at the address set forth below.

As of the date this notice is published in the Notice Register, the rulemaking file consists of this notice, the proposed text of the regulations, any document incorporated by reference, the initial statement of reasons, and all the information upon which the proposal is based. Copies may be obtained upon request from the Department contact or by accessing the Department website listed below.

AVAILABILITY OF CHANGED OR MODIFIED TEXT

After considering all timely and relevant comments and holding a hearing, if requested, the Department may adopt the proposed regulations substantially as described in this notice. If the Department makes modifications which are sufficiently related to the originally proposed text, it will make the modified text (with the changes clearly indicated) available to the public for at least 15 days before the Department adopts the regulations as revised. Please send requests for copies of any modified regulations to the attention of State-wide Forms Manager indicated below. The Department will accept written comments on the modified regulations for 15 days after the date on which they are made available.

AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Upon its completion, the Department will make copies of the Final Statement of Reasons available. Please send requests for copies to the contact persons listed below.

CONTACT PERSONS

Inquiries concerning the proposed rulemaking action may be directed to:

Candice Christopherson
 Statewide Forms Manager
 Department of General Services
 Office of Training and Administrative Services
 707 Third Street,
 West Sacramento, CA 95605
 Telephone: (279) 946–8014
 Email: FormsManagement@dgs.ca.gov

The backup contact person for these inquiries is:

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 Section Chief
 Department of General Services
 Enterprise Planning and InClusiveness
 707 Third Street,
 West Sacramento, CA 95605
 Telephone: (279)799–3944
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Please direct requests for copies of the proposed text (the “express terms”) of the regulations, the initial statement of reasons, the modified text of the regulations, if any, or other information upon which the rulemaking is based to the contacts listed above.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS
 ON THE INTERNET

Copies of the Notice of the Proposed Action, the Initial Statement of Reasons, and the text of the regulations can be accessed through the Department website at <https://www.dgs.ca.gov/Resources/Statewide-Forms>.

TITLE 2. STATE PERSONNEL BOARD

CAREER EXECUTIVE ASSIGNMENT
 PROPOSAL PROCESS

Notice is hereby given that the State Personnel Board (Board) proposes to amend sections 548.5, 548.40, 548.43, and 548.120.1, and repeal sections 548.41 and 548.52 to clarify and simplify procedural requirements and improve the consistency, readability, and organization of related provisions. (Cal. Code Regs., title 2, §§ 548.5, 548.40, 548.41, 548.43, 548.52, and 548.120.1).

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing regarding the proposed regulatory action will be held on April 1, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. via WebEx. In order to participate in the public hearing, please see the following options:

- Via Video (Online)
 You may click, or copy and paste into your web browser, the following link:

<https://spb-meetings.webex.com/spb-meetings/j.php?MTID=me158847169d7a515d9d10aaec3cc4c35>

Then enter the following information to gain access to the hearing:

Meeting Number: 2554 775 8418
 Meeting password: 2E7JpaAMk3m

- Via Telephone
 You may also participate by dialing the phone number first and then the participant code listed below:

Phone Number: ++1–408–418–9388
 Participant Code: 25547758418##
 Join by phone

The telephonic conference to be used for the public hearing is accessible to persons with mobility impairment. Persons with sight or hearing impairments are requested to notify the contact person for these hearings (listed below) to make specific arrangements, if necessary.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Any interested party, or their duly authorized representative, may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action to the contact person listed below.

Joseph Ruggiero, Staff Services Manager I
 Policy Division
 State Personnel Board
 801 Capitol Mall
 Sacramento, CA 95814
 Email: joseph.ruggiero@spb.ca.gov

The written comment period closes on March 30, 2026. Only written comments received by that time shall be reviewed and considered by the Board before it adopts, amends, or repeals a regulation.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

The Board proposes to amend sections 548.5, 548.40, 548.43, and 548.120.1, and repeal sections 548.41 and 548.52 of Title 2, Chapter 1 of the California Code of Regulations pursuant to the authority vested in it by the California Constitution, article VII, section 3, and Government Code sections 18502 and 18701. The proposed regulations will implement, interpret, and make specific the provisions of the California Constitution, article 7, section 3, and Government Code sections 18546, 19889, 19889.2, 19889.3, and Alexander v. State Personnel Board (2000) 80 Cal. App.4th 526.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY
STATEMENT OVERVIEW

The Board is a constitutional body responsible for enforcing California’s civil service statutes. (Cal. Const., article VII, §§ 1, subdivision (b), & 3; Gov. Code, § 18660.) In addition, the Board, by majority vote of all its members, prescribes probationary periods and classifications, adopts other rules authorized by statute, and reviews disciplinary actions imposed against state employees. (*Ibid.*).

Regulations adopted by the Board are exempt from the Administrative Procedure Act, except as expressly specified. (Gov. Code, §§ 18211, 18215, & 18216).

The amendments will modernize and clarify the Board’s rules for the creation and revision of CEA positions, administration of CEA exams, and correction of unlawful CEA appointments.

In reviewing other state regulations, the Board found that the instant regulatory proposal is consistent and compatible with existing state regulations.

FISCAL IMPACT ON PUBLIC AGENCIES

- Mandate on local agencies and school districts: None.
- Cost to any local agency or school district that must be reimbursed in accordance with Government Code sections 17500 through 17630: None.
- Cost or savings to any State agency: None.
- Other nondiscretionary cost or savings imposed on local agencies: None.
- Cost or savings in federal funding to the State: None.

SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON
HOUSING COSTS

None.

ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESS

- Significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states: None.
- Effect on small business: None. The proposed regulations only set standards related to the CEA examination process. Accordingly, it has been determined that the adoption of the proposed regulations would not affect small businesses in any way.

COST IMPACT ON A REPRESENTATIVE
PRIVATE PERSON OR BUSINESS

The agency is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action since the regulatory change only impacts CEA examinations within state civil service.

RESULTS OF ECONOMIC
IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Adoption of these regulations will not:

1. Create or eliminate jobs within California.
2. Create new businesses or eliminate existing businesses within California.
3. Affect the expansion of businesses currently doing business within California.
4. Affect worker safety or the state’s environment.

The adoption of these regulations, however, will have a positive impact on the general health and welfare of California residents in that the benefits of this regulatory action create a fair, equitable, and consistent process for the civil service selection process.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

The Board must determine that no reasonable alternatives it has considered or that have been otherwise identified and brought to the attention of the Board would be more effective in carrying out the purposes for which the instant 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.

CONTACT PERSONS

Inquiries concerning the proposed regulatory action, including questions regarding procedure, comments, or the substance of the proposal, may be directed to:

Joseph Ruggiero, Staff Services Manager I
Policy Division
State Personnel Board
801 Capitol Mall
Sacramento, CA 95814
Email: joseph.ruggiero@spb.ca.gov
Phone: (916) 653-0920

The backup contact person for these inquiries is:

Carlos Gomez, Analyst
Policy Division

State Personnel Board
801 Capitol Mall
Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone: (916) 651-8350
Email: carlos.gomez@spb.ca.gov

Please direct requests for copies of the proposed text of the regulations, the initial statement of reasons, or other information upon which the rulemaking is based to Policy Division Staff Services Manager I (Specialist), Joseph Ruggiero, at the above address.

AVAILABILITY OF RULEMAKING FILE

The Board is maintaining a rulemaking file for the proposed regulatory action, which as of the date of this notice contains the following:

1. A copy of the text of the regulations for which the adoption is proposed in ~~strikeout~~ and underline;
2. A copy of this notice and initial statement of reasons for the proposed adoption; and,
3. Any factual information upon which the proposed rulemaking is based.

If written comments, data or other factual information, studies or reports are received, they will be added to the rulemaking file. The file is available for public inspection during normal working hours at the State Personnel Board, 801 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814. Items 1 through 3 are also available on the Board's website at www.spb.ca.gov under "What's New?" Copies may be obtained by contacting the person via the address, email, or phone number listed above.

AVAILABILITY OF CHANGED OR MODIFIED TEXT

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

AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

It is anticipated that the proposed regulations will be filed with the Office of Administrative Law and shall

include a Final Statement of Reasons. Copies of the Final Statement of Reasons may be obtained from the contact person when it becomes available.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS ON THE INTERNET

Copies of the Notice of Proposed Action, the Initial Statement of Reasons, and the text of the regulations in underline and ~~strikeout~~ can be accessed on the Board's website at www.spb.ca.gov under "What's New?"

TITLE 3. DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

PLANTS THAT ARE PESTS

The Department of Food and Agriculture (Department) proposes to amend Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 3060.3 Plants That Are Pests.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Any interested person or his or her authorized representative may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulations to the Department. Comments may be submitted by USPS, FAX or email. The written comment period closes on March 30, 2026. The Department will consider only comments received at the Department offices by that date or postmarked no later than March 30, 2026. Submit comments to:

Erin Lovig, Senior Environmental Scientist
Supervisor
California Department of Food and Agriculture
Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services
1220 N Street,
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 403-6650
Permits@cdfa.ca.gov

Questions regarding the substance of the proposed regulation should be directed to Erin Lovig. In her absence, you may contact Rachel Avila at (916) 698-2947 or rachel.avila@cdfa.ca.gov.

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

AUTHORITY

The Department proposes to amend Section 3060.3 pursuant to the authority vested by Sections 407, 5322, and 6901 of the Food and Agricultural Code (FAC).

REFERENCE

The Department proposes this action to implement, interpret and make specific Sections 403, 407, 5322, and 6901 of the FAC.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

This amendment will add plants rated as A or B, as defined in CCR 3162, as a pest plant.

The proposed amendment will direct the public to a more complete listing of pest plants in California. Currently plants that are pests are listed in multiple locations, the 4500 list and the website location included in 3162. This amendment adds the plants with a pest rating to Section 3060.3, allowing the public to correctly identify pest plants.

EXISTING LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Existing law, FAC section 403, provides that the department shall prevent the introduction and spread of injurious insect or animal pests, plant diseases, and noxious weeds.

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

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

Existing law, FAC section 6901, provides that the director by regulation shall provide for periodic inspections of nurseries and may prescribe standards of cleanliness for nursery stock which is produced or sold within the state.

ANTICIPATED BENEFITS OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The amendment adds plants rated as A or B as pest plants to Section 3060.3. The Department has been maintaining a pest plant list throughout the state since 1962 without causing significant creation or elimination of jobs. These actions have helped to maintain the economic baseline

When pest plants become established within California, such plants greatly affect the general public. Directing the public to the plants currently rated as pests lowers the risk of these plants being artificially introduced to the state. By amending this regulation it will assist the public to correctly identify pest plants, there will be less risk of plants known to be pests entering California. Lowering the risks will help prevent potential infestations.

The general public benefits by having a native environment and agriculture safe from these pest plants.

The adoption of these regulations benefits home gardeners who grow material for consumption and/or ornamentals in various rural and urban landscapes. By preventing infestation with pest plants the regulations eliminate the need for hosts to be treated to mitigate infestations.

There are economic benefits to the State's general fund from these regulations. Pest plants can infest a broad array of field crops. Established infestations can reduce crop, threaten export markets, and are extremely difficult to eradicate. By having plant pests listed clearly we will reduce the chances of future incursions and help maintain the economic baseline.

There is no existing, comparable federal regulations or statute.

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

EVALUATION OF INCONSISTENCY/INCOMPATIBILITY WITH EXISTING STATE REGULATIONS

As required by Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(3)(D), the Department has conducted an evaluation of Section 3060.3 and has determined that they are not inconsistent or incompatible with existing state regulations. After conducting a review for any regulations that would relate to or affect this area, the Department has concluded that these are the only regulations concerning plant pests in California.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

Prior to conducting any action authorized by this regulation, the Department shall comply with the Cal-

ifornia Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq. as amended) and the State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14 California Code of Regulations Section 15000 et seq.).

DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE
PROPOSED ACTION

The Department has made the following initial determinations:

Mandate on local agencies or school districts: None.

Cost to any local agency or school district requiring reimbursement pursuant to 17500 et seq.: None.

Cost or savings to any state agency: None.

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

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

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

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

Significant effect on housing costs: None.

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

RESULTS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT
ANALYSIS/ASSESSMENT

The amendment is designed to prevent or minimize the spread of pest plants by amending Section 3060.3. The Department has made an assessment that the amendment to this regulation would: (1) not create or eliminate jobs within California, (2) not create new business or eliminate existing businesses within California, (3) not affect the expansion of businesses currently doing business within California, (4) is expected to benefit the health and welfare of California residents, (5) is expected to benefit the state’s environment, and is (6) not expected to benefit workers’ safety.

Health and welfare: The proposed action will benefit the health and welfare of California residents by making it more likely that pest plants would be prevented from spreading within California, thus protect-

ing the agricultural sector. Maintaining the economic baseline is important to the health and welfare of California residents.

The state’s environment: The proposed action will benefit the state’s environment by increasing the chance that pest plants would be prevented from spreading within California. If pests were to spread throughout California it could adversely impact private and commercial landscape plantings, local, regional, state and national parks, other recreational sites, open habitats, and wild lands. Affected plants could become less vigorous and may produce fewer seeds. Plants/trees with low propagule output can result in major changes to plant community structure. Therefore, this amended regulation may contribute to the preservation of the natural environment.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

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

The Department invites interested persons to present alternatives during the written comment period.

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

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

AVAILABILITY OF CHANGED OR
MODIFIED TEXT

After the comment period and considering all timely and relevant comments received, the Department may adopt the proposed regulations substantially as de-

scribed in this notice. If the Department makes modifications which are sufficiently related to the originally proposed text, it will make the modified text (with the changes clearly indicated) available to the public for at least 15 days before the Department adopts the regulations as revised. Any person interested may obtain a copy of said regulations prior to the date of adoption by contacting the agency officer named herein. The Department will accept written comments on the modified regulations for 15 days after the date on which they are made available.

**AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL
STATEMENT OF REASONS**

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

**TITLE 3. DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

**SPOTTED LANTERNFLY
EXTERIOR QUARANTINE**

The Department of Food and Agriculture (Department) proposes to adopt Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 3287 Spotted Lanternfly Exterior Quarantine.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Any interested person or his or her authorized representative may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulations to the Department. Comments may be submitted by USPS, FAX or email. The written comment period closes on March 30, 2026. The Department will consider only comments received at the Department offices by that date or postmarked no later than March 30, 2026. Submit comments to:

Erin Lovig, Senior Environmental Scientist
Supervisor
California Department of Food and Agriculture
Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services
1220 N Street,
Sacramento, CA 95814

(916) 403–6650

Permits@cdfa.ca.gov

Questions regarding the substance of the proposed regulation should be directed to Erin Lovig. In her absence, you may contact Rachel Avila at (916) 698–2947 or rachel.avila@cdfa.ca.gov.

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

AUTHORITY

The Department proposes to amend Section 3287 pursuant to the authority vested by Section 5301 of the Food and Agricultural Code (FAC).

REFERENCE

The Department proposes this action to implement, interpret and make specific Sections 5301 and 5302 of the FAC.

**INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY
STATEMENT OVERVIEW**

The purpose of Section 3287 is to protect California from the invasive pest spotted lanternfly. The amendments that are the subject of this rulemaking are intended to bring it into compliance with the “Update On Requirements For Shipments Received From Spotted Lanternfly Quarantine Areas” a document issued by the Department’s Plant Health and Pest Services outlining best practices to prevent spotted lanternfly from becoming established in California, and to update clarity issues. As known and potentially unknown host plants are widely grown in California, spotted lanternfly could establish wherever it is introduced, except possibly in desert or high mountain regions, as shown by the Maxent niche modeling. The known hosts of spotted lanternfly include multiple agriculturally important crops and common ornamentals in California, including grapes, liquidambar, peaches, maples, and walnuts. Infestations of spotted lanternfly may lower crop yields and increase production costs of economically important crops such as grape, stone fruit, and woody nursery stock.

EXISTING LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Existing law, FAC Section 5301, provides that the Secretary may establish, maintain, and enforce such quarantine regulations as they deem necessary to protect the agricultural industry of this state from pests. The regulations may establish a quarantine at the boundaries of this state or elsewhere within the state.

Existing law, FAC Section 5302, provides that the Secretary may make and enforce such regulations as they deem necessary to prevent any plant or thing which is, or is liable to be, infested or infected by, or which might act as a carrier of, any pest, from passing over any quarantine line which is established and proclaimed pursuant to this division.

ANTICIPATED BENEFITS OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The amendment of this regulation provides the necessary regulatory authority to quarantine and eradicate a serious insect pest which is a mandated statutory goal.

This regulation amendment is necessary to prevent the spread of spotted lanternfly to uninfested areas of the state. The regulation benefits industries (nursery, fruit for domestic use and exports, packing facilities), the environment, and the overall California economy by preventing the spread of spotted lanternfly.

If spotted lanternfly was to become established within California it could greatly affect the general public. Host plants are widely grown in California and include both native plants and agriculturally important crops. By amending this regulation to prevent infestation, the general public benefits by having a native environment and agriculture safe from this pest.

The amendment of this regulation benefits home gardeners who grow host material for consumption and/or ornamentals in various rural and urban landscapes. By preventing infestation with spotted lanternfly and thereby preventing damage to hosts, the regulation eliminates the need for hosts to be treated to mitigate infestations of spotted lanternfly.

California is a large-scale commercial producer of many host plants of spotted lanternfly. The Californian, national, and international consumers of California agriculture benefit by having high quality produce and produce products available at lower cost. It is assumed that any increases in production costs will ultimately be passed on to the consumer. By preventing an infestation with spotted lanternfly, these increased production costs will be avoided.

There are economic benefits to the State’s general fund from this regulation. The cost of a spotted lanternfly infestation is unknown, but a study in Pennsylvania found the costs to that state would be \$324

million annually and more than 2,800 jobs if spotted lanternfly were not contained and controlled. Preventing a wide scale infestation in California prevents an outcome that could cost the State millions or billions of dollars.

There is no existing, comparable federal regulations or statute.

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

EVALUATION OF INCONSISTENCY/INCOMPATIBILITY WITH EXISTING STATE REGULATIONS

As required by Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(3)(D), the Department has conducted an evaluation of Section 3287 and has determined that they are not inconsistent or incompatible with existing state regulations.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

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

DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE PROPOSED ACTION

The Department has made the following initial determinations:

- Mandate on local agencies or school districts: None.
- Cost to any local agency or school district requiring reimbursement pursuant to 17500 et seq.: None.
- Cost or savings to any state agency: None.
- Other nondiscretionary cost or savings imposed on local agencies: None.
- Cost or savings in federal funding to the state: None.
- Cost impacts on a representative private person or business: The agency is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.
- Significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states: The cost impacts are expected to be none and minimal/non-consequential. The Department makes the initial determination that the proposed action will not have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact.
- Significant effect on housing costs: None.

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

RESULTS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS/ASSESSMENT

The Department has made an assessment that the amendment of this regulation will help maintain the economic baseline and (1) will have no significant impact on the creation or elimination of jobs in the State of California, (2) will have no impact on the creation or elimination of businesses within the State of California, (3) will have no impact on the expansion of businesses within the State of California.

Benefits to the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety, and the state’s environment: The proposed action will benefit the health, safety, and welfare of California residents and agriculture workers by preventing the establishment of a pest that could spread into the local environment via the surrounding non–agricultural ecosystems. Infestations lead to increased costs to the consumers of host materials and increased pesticide usage.

The proposed action will benefit the environment as preventing the establishment of a pest lowers the risk that the pests could spread into the local environment via the surrounding non–agricultural ecosystems.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

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

The Department invites interested persons to present alternatives during the written comment period.

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

The Department has prepared an initial statement of reasons for the proposed action, and has made available all the information upon which its proposal is based and the express terms of the proposed action. The Department has posted the information regarding this proposed regulatory action on its Internet website (www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/Regulations.html). A copy of

the initial statement of reasons and the proposed regulations in underline and strikeout form may be obtained upon request. The location of the information on which the proposal is based may also be obtained upon request. In addition, the final statement of reasons will be available upon request. Requests should be directed to the contact named herein.

AVAILABILITY OF CHANGED OR MODIFIED TEXT

After the comment period and considering all timely and relevant comments received, the Department may adopt the proposed regulations substantially as described in this notice. If the Department makes modifications which are sufficiently related to the originally proposed text, it will make the modified text (with the changes clearly indicated) available to the public for at least 15 days before the Department adopts the regulations as revised. Any person interested may obtain a copy of said regulations prior to the date of adoption by contacting the agency officer named herein. The Department will accept written comments on the modified regulations for 15 days after the date on which they are made available.

AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

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

TITLE 5. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SUPPORTING PRIORITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS PROGRAM

Notice is Hereby Given that the State Board of Education (SBE) proposes to adopt the regulations described below after considering all comments, objections, or recommendations regarding the proposed action.

The SBE invites interested persons to present statements or arguments with respect to alternatives to the proposed regulations at the scheduled hearing or during the written comment period.

PUBLIC HEARING

California Department of Education (CDE) staff, on behalf of the SBE, will hold a virtual public hearing at 9:00 A.M. on **April 2, 2026**.

Any interested person may participate in the public hearing via a meeting in Zoom by logging in per the following instructions:

- Click the following link or paste the link to the browser to join the meeting and enter the passcode:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81563632416>

Passcode: 608003

- To connect with audio only and no video, call one of the following telephone numbers and enter the meeting ID and passcode:

+1 669 219 2599 US (San Jose)

+1 213 338 8477 US (Los Angeles)

Meeting ID: 815 6363 2416

Passcode: 608003

Persons intending to attend the Zoom meeting may check their computers by:

- Clicking on the test link: <https://zoom.us/test>.
- For any issues regarding connecting with Zoom, go to <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us> for assistance.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY

Pursuant to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, any individual with a disability who requires reasonable accommodation to attend or participate in a public hearing on proposed regulations, may request assistance by contacting Joshua Speaks, School Facilities and Transportation Services Division, 1430 N Street, Room 1201, Sacramento, CA, 95814 or by telephone at 916–323–3923. It is recommended that assistance be requested at least two weeks prior to the hearing.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Any interested person, or their authorized representative, may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action to:

Lorie Adame, Regulations Coordinator
Administrative Support and Regulations Adoption Unit

California Department of Education
1430 N Street, Room 5319
Sacramento, CA 95814

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile (FAX) at 916–322–2549 or by email to regcomments@cde.ca.gov.

Comments must be received by the Regulations Coordinator prior to or on April 2, 2026. All written comments received by CDE staff during the pub-

lic comment period are subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Authority: Education Code Sections 33031 and 17078.48.

References: Education Code Sections 17070.15, 17070.59, 17078.45 through 17078.48, and 42238.02.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

In July of 2024, the Governor signed AB 247, which, among other things, allocated \$5 million to augment a federal Supporting America’s School Infrastructure grant received by the CDE to provide direct technical assistance and other services to small, high-need school districts in assessing and addressing their infrastructure needs. This augmentation was subsequently funded by California voters with the passage of Proposition 2 in November of 2024. Section 17078.48, one of the new provisions added to the Education Code by AB 247, requires the CDE to adopt regulations to implement this new program, to be known as the Supporting Priority School Districts (SPSD) program.

Currently, there are no regulations addressing the SPSPD program. The SBE proposes adding California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 14050 to implement the program by setting forth the following:

- The process for determining recipients of direct technical assistance.
- The framework for state and county collaboration efforts.
- The development, maintenance, and accessibility of centralized online resources.
- Reporting and accountability measures to ensure the effective use of the allocated funds and the achievement of its intended outcomes.

While the minimum requirements to apply for participation in the SPSPD program are determined by statute, this regulation creates a system for prioritizing applicants to receive technical assistance should the program be oversubscribed. It also defines key terms left undefined in statute, such as “low” per pupil bonding capacity and “high” unduplicated pupil count.

Policy Statement Overview

- The proposed addition to title 5 of the CCR will implement the \$5 million state augmentation of the Federal Supporting America’s School Infrastructure Grant Program for Supporting Priority School Districts.

Anticipated Benefits of the Proposed Regulation

- The proposed addition to title 5 of the CCR will allow high priority school districts with relative-

ly limited technical and administrative capacity to receive direct technical assistance with their facility and maintenance needs. This support is intended to also result in increased state, county, and local collaboration on facilities needs for TK–12 schools, as well as increased state–level expertise. Building greater state–level expertise will facilitate increased state support for the facilities needs of districts statewide in addition to the direct technical assistance provided to the priority school districts selected for this program.

Evaluation of Inconsistency/Incompatibility with Existing State Regulations

An evaluation of the proposed regulations has determined they are not inconsistent/incompatible with existing regulations, pursuant to Government Code section 11346.5(a)(3)(D). After conducting a review for any regulations that would relate to or affect this area of law, the SBE has concluded that these are the only regulations that concern the Priority School Districts regulation.

REPORTS RELIED UPON

Vincent, Jeffrey. *Small Districts, Big Problems: Understanding Barriers to Planning and Funding School Facilities in California’s Rural and Small Public School Districts*, UC Berkeley’s Center for Cities and Schools, 2018. Accessible at <https://citiesandschools.berkeley.edu/publication/small-districts-big-problems-understanding-barriers-to-planning-and-funding-school-facilities-in-californias-rural-and-small-public-school-districts/> or by contacting the UC Berkeley Center for Cities and Schools at:

Center for Cities and Schools
 Institute of Urban and Regional Development
 University of California
 316 Wurster Hall #1870
 Berkeley, CA 94720–1870

DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE PROPOSED ACTION/FISCAL IMPACT

The SBE has made the following initial determinations:

Other statutory requirements: There are no other matters as are prescribed by statute applicable to the specific state agency or to any specific regulations or class of regulations.

Mandate on local agencies and school districts: None.

Costs to any local agencies or school districts for which reimbursement would be required pursuant to

Part 7 (commencing with section 17500) of division 4 of the Government Code: None.

Cost or savings to any state agency: This regulation imposes no new costs on any state agency. It facilitates the expenditure of previously appropriated funds.

Other non–discretionary costs or savings imposed on local agencies, including local educational agencies: None.

Costs or savings in federal funding to the state: None.

Effect on housing costs: None.

Significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states: None.

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

Report required: None required.

Effect on small businesses: The proposed regulations would not have an effect on any small business because they apply only to local educational agencies (LEAs), and the Department of Education.

RESULTS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS/ASSESSMENT

Benefits of the Regulations to the Health and Welfare of California Residents, Worker Safety, and the State’s Environment — Gov. Code Section 11346.5(a)(10): The SBE concludes that it is unlikely that these proposed regulations will: 1) create or eliminate jobs within California; 2) create new businesses or eliminate existing businesses within California; or 3) affect the expansion of businesses currently doing business within California.

Benefits of the Proposed Action: The proposed regulations will benefit the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety and the State’s environment by assisting priority school districts in remediating environmental and safety concerns due to aging facilities and helping to replace older school buildings.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

In accordance with Government Code section 11346.5(a)(13), the SBE must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the SBE, would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed, would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or would be more cost–effective to affected private persons and equally

effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

The SBE invites interested persons to present statements or arguments with respect to alternatives to the proposed regulations during the written comment period.

CONTACT PERSONS

Inquiries concerning the content of these proposed regulations should be directed to:

Joshua Speaks, Education Consultant
California Department of Education
1430 N Street, Room 1201
Sacramento, CA 95814
Telephone: 916–323–3923
Email: jspeaks@cde.ca.gov

Inquiries concerning the regulatory process may be directed to Lorie Adame, Regulations Coordinator, or the backup contact person, Gerri White, Analyst. The Regulations Coordinator and the Analyst may be reached by email at regulations@cde.ca.gov or by telephone at 916–319–0860.

AVAILABILITY OF INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS, TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION

As of the date this notice is published in the Notice Register, the rulemaking file consists of this Notice, the proposed text of the regulations, the Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR), the agenda and a transcript of the SBE meeting where the SBE approved commencement of this rulemaking activity, and Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement (STD. 399). These documents upon which the proposed action is based may be obtained upon request from the Regulations Coordinator. In addition, this Notice, the text of the proposed regulations and the ISOR may also be viewed on CDE’s website at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/lr/rr/>.

AVAILABILITY OF CHANGED OR MODIFIED TEXT

Following the public hearing and considering all timely and relevant comments received, the SBE may adopt the proposed regulations substantially as described in this Notice or may modify the proposed regulations if the modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. With the exception of technical or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified regulation will be available to the public for at least 15 days prior to its adoption from the Regulations Coordinator and will be mailed to those persons who submit written comments related to this regulation, or

who provide oral testimony at the public hearing, or who have requested notification of any changes to the proposed regulations. If individuals want to be notified of additional changes for only these proposed regulations, a written request should be sent to the Regulations Coordinator at the contact information above. The SBE will accept written comments on the modified regulations for 15 days after the date on which they are made available.

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

You may obtain a copy of the Final Statement of Reasons, once it has been finalized, by making a written request to the Regulations Coordinator.

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 Regulations Coordinator.

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 highlighted, as well as the Final Statement of Reasons, when completed, and modified text, if any, can be accessed via CDE’s website at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/lr/rr/>.

TITLE 8. OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY HEALTH (CAL–OSHA) DIVISION

EMPLOYER REPRESENTATIVE AND REPRESENTATIVE AUTHORIZED BY EMPLOYEES DURING WORKPLACE INSPECTIONS

PUBLIC PROCEEDINGS: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH or Cal/OSHA, also referred to as “the Division”) within the Department of Industrial Relations proposes to add Article 2.5 Section 331.8 to Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations (8 CCR § 331.8), which would explain and define the roles of the employer representative and the representative authorized by employees during a workplace inspection. The Division proposes to adopt proposed section 331.8, as described below, after considering all comments, objections, and recommendations regarding the proposed action.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing has been scheduled to give all interested persons the opportunity to present statements or arguments, oral or in writing, with respect to the proposed amendments, on the following date:

Date: April 1, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Place: Please use the link below to join the Hearing:

<https://tkoworks.zoom.us/j/86289478639>

Or Attend by Telephone:

Dial:

+1 669 900 6833 US (direct)

**When connected Enter Meeting ID:
862 8947 8639**

Alternate formats, assistive listening systems, sign language interpreters, or other types of reasonable accommodations to facilitate effective communication for people with disabilities are available upon request. Please contact the Statewide Disability Accommodation Coordinator at 1-866-326-1616 (toll free), or through the California Relay Service by dialing 711 or 1-800-735-2929 (TTY/English) or 1-800-855-3000 (TTY/Spanish) as soon as possible to request assistance. Accommodation requests should be made as soon as possible. Requests for an Assistive Listening System or Communication Access Realtime Translation should be made no later than five (5) days before the hearing.

At the hearing, any person may present statements or arguments, orally or in writing, relevant to the proposed amendments described below in the Informative Digest. The Division requests, but does not require, that any persons who make oral comments at the hearing also provide a written copy of their comments. Equal weight will be accorded to oral comments and written materials.

Please note that public comment will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. and will conclude when the last speaker has finished their presentation, or at 3:00 p.m., whichever is earlier. If public comment concludes before the noon recess, no afternoon session will be held.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD: Any interested person, or their authorized representative, may submit written comments relevant to the Proposed Rulemaking. Written comments, regardless of the method of transmittal, must be received by the Division by 11:59 p.m. on April 1, 2026, which is hereby designated as the close of the written comment period. Comments received after this date will not be considered timely. Persons wishing to use the California Relay Service may do so at no cost by dialing 711.

Written comments may be submitted as follows:

1. By email to: walkaroundrule@dir.ca.gov. It is requested that email transmissions of comments, particularly those with attachments, contain the regulation identifier “Employer Representative and Representative Authorized by Employees” in the subject line to facilitate timely identification and review of the comment.
2. By mail or hand-delivery to Silas Shawver, Staff Counsel, at Cal/OSHA Legal Unit, 1515 Clay Street, Suite 1901, Oakland, California 94612.

All comments, regardless of the method of transmittal, should include the commenter’s name and U.S. Postal Service mailing address or email address to enable the Division to provide the commenter with notice of any changes to the proposed amendments on which additional comments may be solicited.

AUTHORITY AND
REFERENCE CITATIONS

[Proposed] Section 331.8

Authority cited: Sections 50.7, 54, 55, 59, and 6314, Labor Code. Reference: Section 6314, Labor Code; Section 1903.8, Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations.

NOTE: Under California Labor Code § 50.7, the Department of Industrial Relations is the state agency designated to administer the California Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1973. (Cal. Lab. Code § 6300 *et seq.*) Labor Code section 54 authorizes the Director to perform all duties, exercise all powers and jurisdiction, assume and discharge all responsibilities, and carry out and effect all purposes vested by law in the Department of Industrial Relations (hereinafter “Department”), except as otherwise expressly provided by the Labor Code. Labor Code section 55 authorizes the Director, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 11371), Part 1, Division 3, Title 2 of the Government Code, to make rules and regulations that are reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of the statute governing Director’s and Department’s general powers and duties, and to effectuate its purposes. Labor Code section 59 requires the Department, through its officers, to administer and enforce all laws imposing any duty, power, or function upon the offices or officers of the Department. Section 6314 of the Labor Code addresses the inspection process, and subsection (d) establishes that representatives of the employer and employee shall have the opportunity to accompany the Division during a workplace inspection.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY
STATEMENT OVERVIEW

The federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 USC § 651 *et seq.*) covers most private sector employers and their employees in all 50 states either directly through the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (“OSHA”) or indirectly through a “state plan” approved by OSHA under 29 CFR 1902 *et seq.* A state plan is an OSHA–approved occupational safety and health program operated by an individual state instead of by OSHA. OSHA approves and monitors all state plans and provides funding for those plans. California is a state plan state under 29 CFR 1902 *et seq.* If OSHA establishes a new or revised standard, a state plan must adopt its own standard that is at least as effective as the new or revised federal standard within six months. (29 CFR 1953.5(a)(1).)

On April 1, 2024, OSHA issued a final rule amending Section 1903.8(c), which addresses the workplace inspection process. It is well established under state and federal law that a representative of the employer and a representative authorized by the employees shall be given the opportunity to accompany the Division’s inspector during an inspection. (Labor Code § 6314(d); 29 U.S.C. § 657(e).) The amendment to the federal rule clarifies who may be considered a representative authorized by the employees when that representative is not an employee of the employer subject to the inspection. Under the amended rule, a third party may be deemed a representative authorized by employees when, in the judgment of the Compliance Safety and Health Officer, good cause has been shown why their presence is reasonably necessary for an effective and thorough inspection. The rule describes that a third party’s presence may be reasonably necessary based on their “relevant knowledge, skills, or experience with hazards or conditions in the workplace or similar workplaces, or language or communication skills.” 29 CFR § 1903.8(c). The new federal rule went into effect on May 31, 2024.

There is no California regulation that defines the term “representative authorized by ... employees,” found in Labor Code Section 6314. The proposed rule adopts the same definition as the one in the federal rule found in 29 CFR § 1903.8.

§ 331.8 Representatives during the Inspection

Proposed Section 331.8 would establish rules for the conduct of the Division’s workplace inspections, consistent with the amended federal rule found in 29 CFR § 1903.8. The rule contains four subsections.

a) 8 CCR Section 331.8 subsection (a) is added, to allow both a representative of the employer and a representative authorized by employees to accompany the Cal/OSHA inspector during the

inspection of the worksite, consistent with Labor Code section 6314 subsection d. Subsection (a) authorizes the Cal/OSHA inspector to allow multiple representative for employer and employee and authorizes the inspector to resolve any disputes as to who the representatives are.

These provisions are consistent with federal provisions governing workplace inspections. (29 CFR § 1903.8(a)(b).) Subsection (a) promotes an efficient and clear workplace inspection process by allowing the inspector leeway to permit more than one representative for the employer or the employee and to resolve any dispute as to the number of representative or their identities. The employer or employee representative may object to someone’s participation in the workplace inspection, and the inspector is authorized to make a final and immediate decision to avoid delays or interference with the inspection process.

b) 8 CCR Section 331.8 subsection (b) establishes who may be designated as the representative authorized by employees for purposes of accompanying the inspection. Where the employee representative is an employee of the company or the collective bargaining (union) representative, they will be allowed to accompany the inspector. If the authorized representative of employees is someone other than an employee or collective bargaining representative, it must be shown that their accompaniment is reasonably necessary for an effective and thorough inspection. There may be various reasons why the third–party representative’s participation may be reasonably necessary, including their knowledge of the workplace, the industry, the hazards involved, or their ability to communicate with hard–to–reach employees in the workplace. The inspector will make the determination as to whether the third–party representative may accompany the inspection.

This subsection incorporates the primary feature of the amended federal rule, which is to broaden the definition of a third–party representative authorized by employees. Unless the third–party is the collective bargaining representative for the employees at the worksite, the third–party will be allowed to join the inspection only if they show that they are likely to make it more effective. The effectiveness and thoroughness of the workplace inspection is paramount in determining whether a third–party representative authorized by employees may accompany the inspection. Unlike the federal rule, the proposed rule does not require the collective bargaining representative to make a showing that they are likely to aid in the inspection. The employee’s union representative is assumed to have the necessary knowledge and experience of the work-

force and workplace, as well as the ability to communicate with employees about workplace matters.

- c) 8 CCR Section 331.8(c) is added to establish the inspector's authority to lead the inspection and make sure that the conduct of the representatives who participate does not interfere with the effectiveness of the workplace inspection. This subsection allows the inspector to limit the representatives interactions, such as arguments, with each other, and even to remove a representative from the inspection process if their conduct interviews with the inspection.

This subsection provides the inspectors tools which they can employ to make sure that the accompaniment process serves it purposes of aiding an effective inspection. The workplace inspection is not an opportunity for employer and employee representatives to advocate with each other or address issues that are not germane to the inspection. This subsection authorizes the inspector to enforce reasonable rules to make sure that the inspection goes smoothly and even to bar a person from the inspection if their conduct interferes with the inspection.

- d) 8 CCR Section 331.8(d) is added to allow the employer to protect trade secrets, as defined by the Code of Civil Procedure, by requiring that any employee representative in an area containing trade secrets be an employee of the company. If this requirement results in excluding the only available employee representative, then the inspector will be required to interview employees who work in the area as part of the inspection.

This subsection is consistent with federal regulation and current state practices to protect trade secrets from unauthorized disclosure.

By incorporating both new and longstanding federal provisions as to workplace inspections, the Division will ensure that the proposed rule is interpreted and operated in a similar manner to the federal rule.

Anticipated Benefits of the Proposed Rulemaking:

The proposed rulemaking will enhance the Division's ability to conduct effective workplace inspections by permitting an array of experts, broadly defined, to serve as employee representatives and to accompany the Compliance Safety and Health Officers (CSHOs) during a workplace inspection when they are needed. The proposed rule would mirror the federal rule and would grant the Division the same authority to rely on a broader array of employee representatives.

There is also a benefit to codifying the provision regarding employer and employee representatives in Title 8. Some employers refuse to consent to the Division's inspection of their workplace. These denials may become even more common if the employer objects to the presence of the authorized representative

of the employees. When an employer refuses access to the Division, the Division must seek a search warrant from the Superior Court. In codifying these rules, the Division will have stronger grounds for obtaining search warrants that allow for access with the necessary representatives. Without a rule that defines the representative authorized by employees, some courts may be reluctant to issue a warrant which would permit the Division's representative and a third-party representative of the employees to access a workplace for purposes of conducting an inspection.

Evaluation as to Whether the Proposed Regulations Are Inconsistent or Incompatible with Existing State Regulations: The Division has determined that the proposed amendments are not inconsistent or incompatible with existing state regulations. After conducting a search for any regulations that would relate to or affect this area, the Division concluded that no other state regulations address the issue of accompaniment in a workplace inspection.

Explanation of Substantial Differences Between the Proposed Regulations and Comparable Federal Regulations or Statutes: Proposed Section 331.8 would make California's regulations substantially similar to corresponding federal regulations, specifically 29 CFR § 1903.8, being implemented by federal OSHA.

Forms Incorporated by Reference: None.

MANDATED BY FEDERAL REGULATIONS

Proposed Section 331.8 is compatible with 29 CFR § 1903.8. Because California's occupational safety and health standards are enforced under a state plan as set forth in 29 CFR, Part 1902, the proposed section is mandated by federal law, which requires that California's inspection rights and procedures be "as effective as" those provided under federal law. (See 29 U.S.C. § 667(c)(3).) The federal inspection rule was recently amended to clarify the definition of representative authorized by employees for purposes of accompanying the Agency's compliance officer during a worksite inspection. The proposed amendment ensures that California's inspection procedures follow and are at least as effective as the federal procedures.

OTHER STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

There are no other statutory requirements that are specific to the Division or this type of regulation.

LOCAL MANDATE

The Division has determined that the proposal does not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts requiring reimbursement by the state pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with section 17500) of Divi-

sion 4 of the Government Code because the proposal does not constitute a “new program or higher level of service of an existing program” within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.

The California Supreme Court has established that a “program” within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII of the California Constitution is one which carries out the governmental function of providing services to the public, or which, to implement a state policy, imposes unique requirements on local governments and does not apply generally to all residents and entities in the state. (*County of Los Angeles v. State of California* (1987) 43 Cal.3d 46.)

The proposed regulation does not require any local agency to carry out the governmental function of providing services to the public, nor do they impose unique requirements on local governments that do not apply generally to all entities in the state.

Furthermore, if there were any new costs associated with the employer and employee representative rule, the costs are mandated by the federal government. As such, even if the proposed amendment were held to constitute a “new program or higher level of service of an existing program” under Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution, any associated costs would not be considered costs mandated by the state. (See Cal. Gov. Code § 17556(c).)

FISCAL IMPACT

Costs or Savings to any local agency or school district which must be reimbursed in accordance with Government Code sections 17500 through 17630:

None.

Costs or savings to any state agency:

There will be no costs or savings to any state agency to comply with the proposal.

Other nondiscretionary costs or savings imposed on local agencies:

There will be no costs or savings to any state agency to comply with the proposal.

Costs or savings in federal funding to the State:

None.

HOUSING COSTS

The proposal will not affect housing costs.

SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT DIRECTLY AFFECTING BUSINESS, INCLUDING ABILITY TO COMPETE

The Division has made an initial determination that this proposed rule will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact. The Division anticipates that the proposal will have no effect on the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states because the proposal is consistent with the federal rule. Other state plan states will have to adopt substantially similar inspection procedures if they have not done so already.

RESULTS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Creation or Elimination of Jobs Within California: The Division concludes that it is unlikely that the proposal will either create or eliminate jobs within California.

Creation of New Business, Elimination of Existing Businesses, or Expansion of Businesses Currently Doing Business in California: The Division concludes that it is unlikely that the proposed amendment will: (1) create new businesses in California; (2) eliminate any existing businesses in California; or (3) result in the expansion of businesses currently doing business in California.

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

The proposal will promote worker safety and health in California by permitting broader participation of experts and other skilled and experienced individuals to assist during the workplace inspection process when needed. The proposed rule provides a broader array of tools to the Division to conduct effective and thorough workplace inspections when faced with novel technical issues, communication and cultural barriers, and other obstacles.

The proposals will not otherwise significantly benefit the health and welfare of California’s residents and will not likely benefit California’s environment.

COST IMPACTS ON REPRESENTATIVE PERSON OR BUSINESS

This proposed rule imposes only a minimal burden on employers (time familiarizing themselves with the new rule) and does not require them to take any action to comply. In adopting its proposed rule, federal OSHA determined that the federal rule would not impose additional costs on employers by virtue of the

possibility that an additional person may accompany the inspector during a workplace inspection.

BUSINESS REPORT

The proposed regulation does not require any business to make a report.

SMALL BUSINESS DETERMINATION

The Division has determined that the proposed rule does not have a significant impact on small business as the proposed regulation would not impose any additional obligations or burdens on employers to comply.

ALTERNATIVES STATEMENT

In accordance with Government Code section 11346.5, subdivision (a)(13), the Division must determine that no reasonable alternative considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the Division would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulation is proposed, or would be at least 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 provisions of law.

The proposed amendments are mandated by and compatible with 29 CFR § 1903.8.

The Division invites interested people to present statements or arguments with respect to alternatives to the proposed amendments at the scheduled hearing or during the written comment period. Please note that any alternative must be compatible with and at least as effective 29 CFR § 1903.8.

CONTACTS

Non-substantive inquiries concerning the proposal or this rulemaking, such as requests for copies of the text of the proposed amendments and the location of public records, may be directed to Madison Kneedler at (510) 286-7348 or mkneedler@dir.ca.gov. Inquiries regarding the substance of the proposed amendments may be directed to Silas Shawver at (510) 286-7348 or walkaroundrule@dir.ca.gov.

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

The full text of the proposals, and all information upon which the proposed rulemaking is based, are available upon request to Madison Kneedler at (510) 286-7348 or mkneedler@dir.ca.gov.

As of the date of publication of this Notice, the rulemaking file consists of this Notice, the Initial Statement of Reasons, the proposed text of the regulations, the Economic and Fiscal Impact Statement (Form 399), the side by side comparison between the amended federal rule and the proposed rule, and a copy of the document titled “Federal Register, Vol. 88, Number 139, July 21, 2023, pp. 47254–47349.” As public comments are received during the rulemaking process, they will be added to the rulemaking file.

The Division’s rulemaking file is available for inspection and copying throughout the rulemaking process, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at 1515 Clay Street, Suite 1901, Oakland, CA 94612. The full text of the proposal, and the principal documents upon which the proposed rulemaking is based, may also be accessed through the agency’s Internet website at www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/rulemaking/dosh_rulemaking_proposed.html.

AVAILABILITY OF CHANGES FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING

After considering all timely and relevant comments received, the Division may adopt the proposed amendments substantially as described in this Notice. If the Division makes modifications that are sufficiently related to the originally proposed text, it will make the modified text (with the changes clearly indicated) available to the public for at least 15 days before it adopts the amendments as revised. Any such modifications will also be posted on the Division’s website.

Please send requests for copies of any modified amendments to the attention of Omar Robles at the above telephone number or email address. The Division will accept written comments on the modified regulations for 15 days after the date on which they are made available.

AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Upon its completion, copies of the Final Statement of Reasons may be obtained by contacting Madison Kneedler at the above telephone number or email address. The Final Statement of Reasons may also be accessed on the Division’s website at: www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/rulemaking/dosh_rulemaking_proposed.html. If adopted, the Proposed Rulemaking will appear in Title 8, California Code of Regulations, Article 2.5, Section 331.8.

**TITLE 10. DEPARTMENT OF
REAL ESTATE**

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

HARMONIZING AND IMPLEMENTATION
OF SB 164 (2024) STATE BUDGET
FEE ADJUSTMENT FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

AMENDING SECTIONS 2716.1, 2790.1.5,
2790.6, 2793, 2799.2, 2810.5, 2847, 2915, 3002,
AND 3009; AND ADOPTING SECTIONS
2790.1.7, 2851.5, AND 2931

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

The Real Estate Commissioner and the Department of Real Estate (collectively, “DRE”), proposes amendment of Sections 2716.1, 2790.1.5, 2790.6, 2793, 2799.2, 2810.5, 2847, 2915, 3002, and 3009; and adopting Sections 2790.1.7, 2851.5, AND 2931 of the Regulations of the Real Estate Commissioner, California Code of Regulations, Title 10, Chapter 6 (“the Regulations”), after considering all comments, objections and recommendations regarding this proposed action. Publication of this notice commences a 45–day public comment period.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing is not scheduled. A public hearing will be held if any interested person, or that person’s duly authorized representative, submits a written request for a public hearing to the DRE, at the contact listed below, no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Any interested person, or that person’s authorized representative, may submit written comments relevant to this proposed regulatory action to the DRE addressed as follows:

Regular Mail

Department of Real Estate
Attention: Dan Kehew, Sacramento Legal Office
651 Bannon Street, Suite 507
Sacramento, CA 95811

Electronic Mail

DRE.RegComments@dre.ca.gov

**Comments may be submitted until 5:00 p.m.,
Tuesday, March 31, 2026.**

Section 10080 of the Business and Professions Code (“Bus. & Prof. Code”) authorizes DRE to adopt regulations that are reasonably necessary for the enforcement of the provisions of the Real Estate Law (Bus. & Prof. Code Sections 10000 et seq.) (“the Real Estate Law”), and other statutes in the Real Estate Law also authorize regulations specific to DRE’s fee–setting authority. Within this proposal, the following Regulations sections arise from these statutes:

Section 2716.1: Authority cited: Sections 10080 and 10226, Bus. & Prof. Code. Reference: Sections 10153.4, 10201, 10209.5, 10210, 10214.5 and 10215, Bus. & Prof. Code.

Section 2790.1.5: Authority cited: Sections 11001 and 11011, Bus. & Prof. Code. Reference: Sections 11004.5, 11010 and 11018.5, Bus. & Prof. Code.

Section 2790.1.7: Authority cited: Sections 10080 and 10249.3, Bus. & Prof. Code. Reference: Section 10249.3, Bus. & Prof. Code.

Section 2790.6: Authority cited: Sections 11001 and 11011, Bus. & Prof. Code. Reference: Section 11010.10, Bus. & Prof. Code.

Section 2793: Authority cited: Sections 10080 and 11001, Bus. & Prof. Code. Reference: Section 11018.7, Bus. & Prof. Code.

Section 2799.2: Authority cited: Sections 11001 and 11022, Bus. & Prof. Code. Reference: Section 11022, Bus. & Prof. Code.

Section 2810.5: Authority cited: Section 11281, Bus. & Prof. Code. Reference: Section 11232, Bus. & Prof. Code.

Section 2847: Authority cited: Sections 10080 and 10232.1, Bus. & Prof. Code. Reference: Section 10232.1, Bus. & Prof. Code.

Section 2851.5: Authority cited: Sections 10080 and 10167.3, Bus. & Prof. Code. Reference: Section 10167.3, Bus. & Prof. Code.

Section 2915: Authority cited: Sections 10080 and 10083.2, Bus. & Prof. Code. Reference: Section 10083.2, Bus. & Prof. Code.

Section 2931: Authority cited: Section 10080, Bus. & Prof. Code. Reference: Section 10182, Bus. & Prof. Code.

Section 3002: Authority cited: Section 10080, Bus. & Prof. Code. Reference: Sections 10151, 10153.2, 10153.3, 10153.4, 10153.5 and 10209, Bus. & Prof. Code.

Section 3009: Authority cited: Sections 10080 and 10170.4, Bus. & Prof. Code. Reference: Sections 10170.4 and 10170.5, Bus. & Prof. Code.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/PLAIN ENGLISH
OVERVIEW — SUMMARY OF
PROPOSED REGULATION

Prior to 2024, more than 29 years had passed since the Legislature last passed legislation increasing the statutory maximum or “ceiling” and more than 16 years had passed since DRE has promulgated regulations increasing fees to their statutory maximums.

This regulatory process completes the fee adjustment process initiated and, in part, accomplished by SB 164 (Committee on State Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 41, Statutes of 2024) (“SB 164”). In completing this process, DRE ensures that its regulatory fees are consistent with those established by statute. Further, these proposed regulations ensure DRE will remain funded, solvent, and capable of completing the public protection function that is the core of the laws DRE is charged with enforcing. For details of the specific reasons for this fee resetting process and the chosen amounts, please see the Budget Change Proposal (“BCP”) associated with SB 164, which will also accompany this regulations proposal.

To ensure consistency throughout this fee adjustment process, DRE will rely upon that previously published description of this situation and DRE’s proposed approach to its solution, with only one significant exception: The petition process through which certain licensees may request relief from some consequences of past license discipline. DRE’s petitions processes are presently subject to regulations development at DRE and will be addressed in a subsequent, subject-specific proposal.

Anticipated Benefits of the Proposed Regulation

This proposal will harmonize the amounts appearing within DRE’s regulations with those presently set in statute via SB 164. The funds raised through the larger fee setting process ensure DRE will remain solvent and capable of completing the public protection function that is the core of the laws DRE is charged with enforcing.

Consistency and Compatibility with Existing Regulations

In this proposal, DRE is updating or adopting new regulations addressing all of the fees adjusted via SB 164 or set out within the underlying BCP. Therefore, the proposed regulations are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing state regulations.

DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE
PROPOSED ACTION

DRE has made the following determinations:

- Mandate on local agencies or school districts: None.
- Cost or savings to any state agency: None.

Cost to any local agency or school district that 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.

Cost impacts on a representative private person or business: For those persons or businesses seeking licenses, public reports, or other services for which DRE is authorized to charge a fee, SB 164 and this proposal will result in cost impacts corresponding to the difference between the prior, maximum fees, and the new fees as set out in SB 164 and this proposal. The specific impacts will depend upon the specific license, application, or service sought from DRE.

Significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states: Because these fee increases will be applicable to all affected persons, there is no adverse economic impact that will influence competition between persons or entities.

Significant effect on housing costs: None.

RESULTS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT
ANALYSIS/ASSESSMENT

The DRE concludes that it is: (1) unlikely that this regulation proposal (“proposal”) will eliminate any jobs for real estate licensees or associated professions; (2) unlikely that this proposal will create jobs; (3) unlikely that this proposal will create new businesses of any sort; (4) unlikely that this proposal will eliminate any existing businesses; (5) unlikely that this proposal will result in the expansion of businesses currently doing business in the state; (6) will benefit the health and welfare of California residents by ensuring that DRE is able to continue its consumer protection duties; and (7) is not expected that this proposal will affect worker safety or the state’s environment.

SMALL BUSINESS DETERMINATION

The DRE has determined that there will be very minimal fiscal impact on small businesses resulting from this regulation proposal. The increase in fees, per impacted person and particularly taking into account the four-year term of real estate license fees, is relatively modest. This is particularly true given the extended timeframe over which DRE maintained its prior fee structure. *DRE did not seek to adjust the statutory maximums for its fee structure from 1995 through 2023.*

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

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

DRE invites interested persons to present statements or arguments with respect to alternatives to the proposed regulation during the written comment period.

CONTACT PERSON

Inquiries concerning this action may be directed to Dan Kehew at (916) 737-4391, or via email at DRE.RegComments@dre.ca.gov. The backup contact person is Stephen Lerner at (916) 737-4293.

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

DRE will have the entire rulemaking file available for inspection and copying throughout the rulemaking process at its headquarters office: 651 Bannon Street, Suite 507, Sacramento, California. As of the date this notice is published in the Notice Register, the rulemaking file consists of this notice, the proposed text of the regulations, the initial statement of reasons, the BCP that supports both SB 164 and this proposal, and the Form 400 under which the package was submitted to the Office of Administrative Law for publication. Copies may be obtained by contacting Dan Kehew at the mailing address and email address listed on the first page of this notice.

AVAILABILITY OF CHANGED OR MODIFIED TEXT

After considering all timely and relevant comments received, DRE may adopt the proposed regulations substantially as described in this notice. If DRE makes modifications that are sufficiently related to the originally proposed text, DRE will make the modified text (with the changes clearly indicated) available to the public for at least 15 days before DRE adopts the regulation as revised. A request for a copy of any modified regulation(s) should be addressed to the contact person designated above. DRE will accept written comments

on the modified regulation for 15 days after the date on which they are made available.

AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Upon its completion, the Final Statement of Reasons will be available and copies may be requested from the contact person named in this notice or may be accessed on the website listed below.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS ON THE INTERNET

Copies of the notice, the initial statement of reasons, and the text of the regulations in underline and strikeout can be accessed through DRE’s website at www.dre.ca.gov.

TITLE 11. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

. FIREARM LOAN OBLIGATIONS ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Department of Justice (Department) proposes to adopt section 4700 of Title 11, Division 5, Chapter 17 of the California Code of Regulations concerning the firearm loan document prescribed by Penal Code section 27883.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Any interested person or their authorized representative may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action. The written comment period closes on **March 31, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.** Only written comments received by that time will be considered. Please submit written comments to:

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 Department of Justice
 P.O. Box 160487
 Sacramento, CA 95816
 (916) 210-2364
bofregulations@doj.ca.gov

NOTE: Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., address,

phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Authority: Section 27883, Penal Code.
Reference: Section 27883, Penal Code.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

Summary of Existing Laws and Regulations:

The loan of a firearm to another person must be conducted through a licensed firearms dealer. (Pen. Code, §§ 27545, 28050).¹ Penal Code section 27883 creates an exemption to this rule when the following requirements are met:

- The firearm being loaned is lawfully owned by the person making the loan pursuant to Penal Code section 11106.
- The firearm being loaned is stored in the receiver's place of residence or in an enclosed structure on the receiver's private property, which is not zoned for commercial, retail, or industrial activity.
- The firearm at all times stays within the receiver's place of residence or in an enclosed structure on the receiver's private property, which is not zoned for commercial, retail, or industrial activity.
- The individual receiving the firearm is not prohibited by state or federal law from possessing, receiving, owning, or purchasing a firearm.
- The individual receiving the firearm is 18 years of age or older.
- The firearm is unloaded and securely stored, as defined in Penal Code section 25145.
- The loan does not exceed 120 days in duration.
- The loan is made without consideration.

The Department is tasked with creating the format for a written document that explains the obligations imposed by Penal Code section 27883. (§ 27883, subdivision (i).) Both parties to the loan must sign this document and keep a signed copy for their records. (§ 27883, subdivision (j).)

Effect of the Proposed Rulemaking:

The proposed regulation requires the party loaning the firearm for storage and the person receiving the firearm pursuant to Penal Code section 27883 to sign the Firearm Loan Obligations Acknowledgment, Form BOF 145, and keep a signed copy during the period of the loan.

¹ All references are to the Penal Code unless otherwise indicated.

Anticipated Benefits of the Proposed Regulations:

Penal Code section 27883 protects public safety by allowing a person to temporarily loan a firearm to another person for safekeeping or other lawful purposes, as long as the loan does not exceed 120 days. Establishing the document prescribed by Penal Code section 27883 will ensure that the parties to the loan are aware of the obligations imposed by this section. This is especially important to reduce the risk of accidents, theft, or misuse during periods when the owner cannot securely store or supervise the firearm.

Comparable Federal Regulations:

There are no existing federal regulations or statutes comparable to these proposed regulations.

Determination of Inconsistency/Incompatibility with Existing State Regulations:

The Department has determined that these proposed regulations are not inconsistent or incompatible with existing State regulations. After conducting a review for any regulations that would relate to or affect this area, the Department has concluded that these are the only regulations that concern the firearm loan document prescribed by Penal Code section 27883.

Forms Incorporated by Reference:

None.

Other Statutory Requirements:

None.

DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE PROPOSED ACTION

The Department's Initial Determinations:

Mandate on local agencies or school districts: None.

Cost or savings to any state agency: One-time costs to create the Firearm Loan Obligations Acknowledgment are minor, and absorbable within the Department's existing resources.

Cost to any local agency or school district which must be reimbursed in accordance with Government Code sections 17500 through 17630: None.

Other non-discretionary costs or savings imposed on local agencies: None.

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

Cost impacts on representative 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.

Significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including ability to compete: The Department has made an initial determination that the proposed action will not have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly af-

fecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

Results of the Economic Impact Assessment (EIA):

The Department concludes that it is (1) unlikely that the proposal will create or eliminate jobs within the state; (2) unlikely that the proposal will create new businesses or eliminate existing businesses within the state; and (3) unlikely that the proposal will result in the expansion of businesses currently doing business within the state.

The Department also concludes that:

- (1) The proposal would benefit the health and welfare of California residents by establishing the format for the firearm loan document prescribed by Penal Code section 27883, allowing a person to temporarily loan a firearm to another person for safekeeping or other lawful purposes, as long as the loan does not exceed 120 days. Establishing the document prescribed by Penal Code section 27883 will ensure that the parties to the loan are aware of the obligations imposed by this section. This is especially important to reduce the risk of accidents, theft, or misuse during periods when the owner cannot securely store or supervise the firearm;
- (2) The proposal would not benefit worker safety because it does not regulate worker safety standards; and
- (3) The proposal would not benefit the state’s environment because it does not change any applicable environmental standards.

Business report requirement: None.

Small business determination: The Department has determined that this proposed action does not affect small businesses because the Firearm Loan Obligations Acknowledgment is signed by individuals.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

In accordance with Government Code section 11346.5, subdivision (a)(13), the Department must determine that no reasonable alternative considered by the Department or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the Department would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which 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 has determined the proposed regulations are the most effective way to mandate use of the Firearm Loan Obligations Acknowledgment. There are no costs associated with requiring the use of the prescribed document.

CONTACT PERSONS

Inquiries concerning the proposed administrative action may be directed to:

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 Department of Justice
 P.O. Box 160487
 Sacramento, CA 95816
 (916) 210-2364
bofregulations@doj.ca.gov

Questions regarding procedure, comments, or the substance of the proposed action should be addressed to the above contact person. In the event the contact person is unavailable, inquiries regarding the proposed action may be directed to the following backup contact person:

L. Baladjay-Fretland
 Department of Justice
 P.O. Box 160487
 Sacramento, CA 95816
 (916) 210-2621
bofregulations@doj.ca.gov

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 upon request to the contact person above. As of the date this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Notice) is published in the Notice Register, the rulemaking file consists of this Notice, the Text of Proposed Regulations (the “express terms” of the regulations), the Initial Statement of Reasons, and any information upon which the proposed rulemaking is based. The text of this Notice, the express terms, the Initial Statement of Reasons, and any information upon which the proposed rulemaking is based are available on the Department’s website at <https://oag.ca.gov/firearms/regs>. Please refer to the contact information listed above to obtain copies of these documents.

AVAILABILITY OF CHANGED OR MODIFIED TEXT

After the Department analyzes all timely and relevant comments received during the 45-day public comment period, the Department will either adopt these regulations substantially as described in this notice or make modifications based on the comments. If the Department makes modifications which are sufficiently related to the originally proposed text, it will

make the modified text (with the changes clearly indicated) available to the public for at least 15 days before the Department adopts the regulations as revised. Please send requests for copies of any modified regulations to the attention of the name and address indicated above. The Department will accept written comments on the modified regulations for 15 days after the date on which they are made available.

AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Upon its completion, a copy of the Final Statement of Reasons will be available on the Department’s website at <https://oag.ca.gov/firearms/regs>. Please refer to the contact information included above to obtain a written copy of the Final Statement of Reasons.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS ON THE INTERNET

Copies of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the express terms, the Initial Statement of Reasons, and any information upon which the proposed rulemaking is based are available on the Department’s website at <https://oag.ca.gov/firearms/regs>.

TITLE 16. ARCHITECTS BOARD

DELEGATION OF CERTAIN FUNCTIONS

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 Tuesday, April 21, 2026**, 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 5561.5, the Board is considering amending section 103 of title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

Currently, 16 CCR section 103 delegates enforcement related authority to the executive officer. Specifically, the ability to receive and file accusations; issue notices of hearing, statements to respondent and statements of issues; receive and file notices of defense; determine the time and place of hearings under Section 11508 of the Government Code; issue subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum; set and calendar cases for hearing and perform other functions necessary to the business-like dispatch of the Board in connection with proceedings under the provisions of Sections 11500 through 11528 of the Government Code, and prior to the hearing of such proceedings, to approve settlement agreements for the revocation or surrender of license; and the certification and delivery or mailing of copies of decisions under Section 11518 of the Government Code.

This regulatory proposal will clarify the Board’s delegated enforcement authority to include the assistant executive officer in the absence of the executive officer. Additionally, the language makes it clear that the delegated authority will be conferred to an interim or acting executive officer when the Board selects one. By clarifying this delegated authority, the Board’s enforcement responsibilities can continue uninterrupted should the Board be without an executive officer.

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 proposal will clarify that in the absence of the executive officer, the delegated enforcement authority will extend to the assistant executive officer, and the authority will be conferred to an interim or acting executive officer when the Board selects one. This regulatory proposal will benefit the health and welfare of Californians by ensuring there is no delay in administering enforcement actions.

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 regulations do not result in a fiscal impact to the state. This proposal delegates existing authority granted to the executive Officer to the assistant executive officer, as specified. The Board does not anticipate additional workload or costs resulting from 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 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 regulations do not result in additional workload or costs to businesses and therefore are not anticipated to result in any negative impacts.

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) Creation or elimination of jobs within California,
- 2) 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 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 affects to the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety, and the state’s environment:

- This regulatory proposal reduces potential delays in the Boards enforcement activities, which will benefit 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

The proposal affects Board administrative duties and does not impact small business.

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 in-

formation 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

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

Name: Timothy Rodda
Address: 2420 Del Paso Road, Suite 105
Sacramento, CA 95834
Telephone Number: (279) 895-1246
Email Address: timothy.rodde@dca.ca.gov

The backup contact person is:

Name: Laura Zuniga
Address: 2420 Del Paso Road, Suite 105
Sacramento, CA 95834
Telephone Number: (916) 471-0760
Email Address: laura.zuniga@dca.ca.gov

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS ON THE INTERNET:

Materials regarding this proposal can be found at https://www.cab.ca.gov/resrcs/laws_regs/prop_reg.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 https://www.cab.ca.gov/resrcs/laws_regs/prop_reg.shtml.

TITLE 17. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

EXAMINATIONS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR LICENSURE PURPOSES (DPH-25-003)

Notice is hereby given that the California Department of Public Health (Department) is proposing the regulation described below. This notice of proposed rulemaking commences a rulemaking to make the regulations permanent after considering all comments, objections, and recommendations regarding the regulation.

PUBLIC PROCEEDINGS

The Department is conducting a 45-day written public proceeding during which time any interested person or such person's duly authorized representative may present statements, arguments or contentions (all of which are hereinafter referred to as comments) relevant to the action described in the Informative Digest/Policy Statement Overview section of this notice.

To request copies of the regulatory proposal in an alternate format, please write or call: Veronica Rollin, Office of Regulations, 1415 L Street Suite 500, Sacramento, CA 95814, at (279) 217-0836, email to veronica.rollin@CDPH.ca.gov or use the California Relay Service by dialing 711.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing has not been scheduled for this rulemaking. However, the Department will conduct a

public hearing if a written request for a public hearing is received from any interested person, or his or her authorized representative, no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period, pursuant to Government Code Section 11346.8.

Assistive Services:

For individuals with disabilities, the Department will provide assistive services such as conversion of written materials into Braille, large print, audio format, and computer disk. For public hearings, assistive services can include sign–language interpretation, real–time captioning, note takers, reading, or writing assistance. To request these assistive services, please call (916) 558–1710 or (California Relay at 711 or 1–800–735–2929), email Regulations@cdph.ca.gov or write to the Office of Regulations at the address noted above. Note: The range of assistive services available may be limited if requests are received less than 10 business days prior to public hearing.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Written comments pertaining to this proposal, regardless of the method of transmittal, must be received by Office of Regulations by April 4, 2026, which is hereby designated as the close of the written comment period. Comments received after this date will not be considered timely.

Written Comments must be submitted as follows:

1. By email to: regulations@cdph.ca.gov. It is requested that email transmission of comments, particularly those with attachments, contain the regulation package identifier “DPH–25–003” in the subject line to facilitate timely identification and review of the comment;
2. By fax transmission to: (916) 636–6220;
3. By postal service or hand delivered to: California Department of Public Health, Office of Regulations, 1415 L Street, Suite 500, Sacramento, CA 95814.

All comments, including email or fax transmissions, should include the regulation package identifier, DPH–25–003 “Examinations Administered by Department”, along with your name and your mailing address or email address in order for the Department to provide copies of any notices for proposed changes to the regulation text on which additional comments may be solicited.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

The Department proposes to amend the regulation sections identified under the authority provided in section 1224 of the Business and Professions Code and sections 100275 and 131200 of the Health and Safety Code. This proposal implements, interprets, or makes

specific sections 1209.1, 1260, 1260.1 and 1264 of the Business and Professions Code (HSC).

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

Summary of Proposal:

The proposed regulations amend the requirement in Title 17, California Code of Regulations (17 CCR), section 1034, that the Department must select a panel of Department staff and licensed clinical specialists not employed by the Department to conduct licensure examinations for clinical laboratory personnel applying for director–level licensure under Section 1260, 1260.1, or 1264 of the Business and Professions Code (B&PC). This licensure authorizes laboratory professionals to perform and supervise clinical laboratory tests or examinations, perform the duties and responsibilities of a laboratory director and, if qualified under the federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA), perform the duties and responsibilities of a CLIA laboratory director, technical consultant, clinical consultant, technical supervisor, and general supervisor, in their area of specialization.

The regulatory requirement is inconsistent with the statutory requirement in B&PC sections 1260 and 1264, which requires a licensure examination conducted by the Department or a committee designated by the Department. The proposed regulatory action would omit the inconsistent statement of this requirement in regulations to maintain consistency with the statutory requirement.

Background:

Chapter 3 of the B&PC requires all clinical laboratory personnel to be qualified to engage in clinical laboratory practice. The Department, through its Laboratory Field Services branch, is charged with ensuring the qualifications of personnel working in clinical laboratories by administering a licensure and certification program. The Department reviews the education, training, and experience of applicants, administers qualifying examinations, and oversees continuing education compliance to ensure that only qualified persons perform and direct clinical laboratory testing. The Department has authority to deny, suspend, and revoke licenses and certificates for failure to comply with California licensure and certification standards for quality assurance.

The validity of a person’s qualifications is demonstrated by meeting licensing and certification standards mandated in the B&PC and specified in Departmental regulations. These standards include requirements for education, training, experience, and examination.

The Department is responsible for administering initial issuance and renewal of personnel licenses or

certificates in 32 categories. The Department currently administers over 790 active director–level licenses in 11 categories, including bioanalysts, histocompatibility laboratory directors, clinical chemists, clinical microbiologists, clinical toxicologists, clinical genetic molecular biologists, clinical laboratory geneticists, clinical reproductive biologists, clinical cytogeneticists, or oral pathology laboratory directors.

Sections 1209.1, 1260, 1260.1, and 1264 of Chapter 3 of the B&PC require applicants for director–level licensure under those sections to achieve satisfactory performance on an in–person oral and written examination provided by the Department, to determine that the applicant is properly qualified for director–level licensure. The B&PC authorizes the Department to administer oral and written examinations, or to designate a committee to administer examinations.

Regulations in 17 CCR section 1034 also state that applicants for licensure under Section 1209.1, 1260, 1260.1, or 1264 of the B&PC must achieve satisfactory performance on an in–person examination provided by the Department. In addition, section 1034 requires the Department to select a panel to conduct the in–person examination that includes Department staff and clinical laboratory bioanalysts or clinical laboratory master’s or doctoral degree specialists not employed by the Department who are licensed under Chapter 3 of the B&PC.

The regulatory requirement in 17 CCR 1034, which requires the Department to select an examination panel composed of both Department staff and outside specialists, is inconsistent with the statutory requirement in B&PC sections 1260 and 1264, which requires the examination to be conducted by the Department or a committee designated by the Department. The proposed regulatory action would omit the inconsistent statement of this requirement in regulations to maintain consistency with the statutory requirement.

Problem Statement:

The current regulation in 17 CCR section 1034 is inconsistent with the language in B&PC sections 1260 and 1264, which requires licensure examinations to be conducted by the Department or a committee designated by the Department to conduct the examinations. While the statute gives the Department flexibility in selecting panel members, the regulation is more restrictive, requiring the Department to include licensed specialists not employed by the Department on the panel that conducts the examinations.

The inconsistent language in regulations is problematic for the following reasons:

- Adherence to the regulation, rather than to the more flexible statutory language, hampers the Department’s ability to administer the examinations in a timely manner.

- The regulation requires the Department to assemble a panel of licensed clinical laboratory directors not employed by the Department, who are not reimbursed for their participation on the examination panel. The challenge of identifying and recruiting licensed laboratory professionals to serve on these panels has resulted in a backlog of applicants awaiting a place on the exam schedule.
- As completion of the examination is a prerequisite for licensure, this delays the approval of applications and issuance of licenses for clinical laboratory directors and may also affect the ability of California laboratories to fill director and consultant positions.
- The regulation is unnecessarily duplicative of statute. The requirement is clearly stated in B&PC sections 1260 and 1264 and therefore does not need clarification or repetition in regulations.
- The regulation regulates the Department’s administration of examinations by requiring it to include individuals not employed by the Department on examination panels. The regulation is unenforceable, because the Department would not sanction itself for not complying with the regulation.

Objectives (Goals) of the Regulation:

Objectives of the proposed regulatory action are to:

- Ensure consistency and clarity in the Department regulations by omitting language in the regulations that is inconsistent with statutory language.
- Clarify that the requirement for licensure examination panelists is the one stated in statute at B&PC sections 1260 and 1264.

Anticipated Benefits:

Anticipated benefits from this proposed regulatory action are:

- Clarification of the requirements for examination panels consistent with statutory language, for the benefit of Department staff and regulated individuals.
- Flexibility for the Department in convening examination panels, allowing the Department to increase the frequency of examinations.
- If the Department holds more frequent examinations, fewer and shorter delays for applicants to complete the Department examinations required for licensure.
- If the Department holds more frequent examinations, increased efficiency of the Department’s process to review applications and issue licenses to qualified applicants.

- Timely issuance of licenses may enable some laboratories to expedite filling vacant positions for the highly skilled laboratory directors and consultants who must hold this licensure.

Evaluation as to Whether the Proposed Regulations Are Inconsistent or Incompatible with Existing State and Federal Regulations:

The Department evaluated whether the regulations are inconsistent or incompatible with existing state regulations. This evaluation included a review of the Department’s existing state regulations and those regulations specific to clinical laboratory science personnel regulations. An internet search of other state agency regulations was also performed, and it was determined that no other state agency regulation addressed the same subject matter and that this proposal is not inconsistent or incompatible with other state regulations. Therefore, the Department has determined that the regulations are not inconsistent or incompatible with existing state regulations.

This regulatory proposal does not duplicate or conflict with any existing federal law or regulations. An internet search of federal regulations determined that no federal regulations address the same subject matter.

FORMS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

No forms or documents are incorporated by reference.

LOCAL MANDATE DETERMINATION

The Department has determined that the proposed regulations would not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts and not impose any costs for which reimbursement is required by Part 7 (commencing with section 17500) of division 4 of the Government Code.

OTHER STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

None.

DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE PROPOSED ACTION

Fiscal Impact Estimates

Cost to any local agencies or school districts that must be reimbursed pursuant to Section 17561 of Government Code: None.

The cost or savings to any state agency: None.

Other Nondiscretionary Cost or Savings Imposed on Local Agencies: None.

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

HOUSING COSTS

The Department has determined that the proposed regulations would not have an impact on housing costs.

SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT DIRECTLY AFFECTING BUSINESS, INCLUDING ABILITY TO COMPETE

The Department has made an initial determination that the regulations 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.

STATEMENT OF THE RESULTS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)

The Department has determined that the proposed regulations would not significantly affect the following:

- A. The creation or elimination of jobs within the state.

There would likely be no significant creation or elimination of jobs within the state. The proposed regulatory action may expedite licensure for some applicants for director–level licensure by shortening the wait time for examinations, but it is not likely to affect the number of personnel licensed, create, or eliminate jobs in the state.

- B. The creation of new businesses or the elimination of existing businesses within the state.

There would likely be no significant creation or elimination of businesses within the state. The proposed regulatory action may expedite hiring of qualified director and consultant personnel by existing clinical laboratories in isolated cases.

- C. The expansion of businesses currently doing business within the state.

There is no foreseeable negative impact on the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. The potential positive impact is not significant.

- D. The benefits of the regulation to the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety, and the state’s environment.

Implementation of these standards will enhance the efficiency of the licensing process by clarifying the requirements for licensure examinations. The proposed regulatory action will eliminate confusion by omitting regulatory language that is inconsistent with statutory language. The Department anticipates efficient licensing of clinical laboratory directors to enhance ac-

cess to accurate, reliable, and timely clinical testing for California health care providers and their patients.

COST IMPACTS ON REPRESENTATIVE PRIVATE PERSON OR BUSINESS

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

EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS

There are no estimated initial or ongoing costs for small businesses. The Department has determined that the proposed regulations will have no adverse impact on small businesses. Omitting inconsistent language does not create new policies, procedures, or programs that do not already exist, does not have an impact on small businesses, and does not introduce changes to existing requirements that would affect small businesses.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

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

The Department invites interested persons to present statements or arguments with respect to alternatives to the proposed regulatory action.

Alternatives that the Department itself considered are described in the Initial Statement of Reasons.

TECHNICAL, THEORETICAL, AND/OR EMPIRICAL STUDIES, REPORTS OR DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON

Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA).

<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-42/chapter-IV/subchapter-G/part-493>.

CONTACT PERSON

Inquiries regarding the substance of the proposed regulations described in this notice may be directed to Mary Wogec of the Center for Laboratory Sciences.

All other inquiries concerning the action described in this notice may be directed to Veronica Rollin, Office of Regulations, at (279) 217-0836, or to the des-

ignated backup contact person, Jasmine Fullwood at (279) 667-2050.

In any inquiries or written comments, please identify the action by using the Department regulation package identifier, DPH-25-003.

AVAILABILITY STATEMENTS

The Department has prepared and has available for public review an initial statement of reasons for the proposed regulations, all the information upon which the proposed regulations are based, and the text of the proposed regulations. The Office of Regulations, 1415 L Street, Suite 500, Sacramento, CA 95814, will be the custodian of public records, including reports, documentation, and other material related to the proposed regulations (rulemaking file).

In order to request that a copy of this public notice, the regulation text, and the initial statement of reasons or alternate formats for these documents be mailed to you, please call (279) 217-0836 (or the California Relay Service at 711), send an email to regulations@cdph.ca.gov, or write to the Office of Regulations at the address previously noted. Upon specific request, these documents will be made available in Braille, large print, audio format, or computer disk.

The full text of any regulation which is changed or modified from the express terms of the proposed action will be made available by the Department's Office of Regulations at least 15 days prior to the date on which the Department adopts, amends, or repeals the resulting regulation.

Final Statement of Reasons:

A copy of the final statement of reasons (when prepared) will be available upon request from the Office of Regulations.

INTERNET ACCESS

Materials regarding the action described in this notice (including this public notice, the text of the proposed regulations, and the initial statement of reasons) that are available via the Internet may be accessed at the Department website (www.cdph.ca.gov) by clicking on these links, in the following order: Decisions Pending & Opportunities for Public Participation, Proposed Regulations.

TITLE 22. DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL

SAFER CONSUMER PRODUCTS REGULATIONS — ADDING CERTAIN ACIDS AND BASES TO THE CANDIDATE CHEMICALS LIST

REFERENCE NUMBER: R-2025-19R

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) proposes to amend the California Code of Regulations, title 22, division 4.5, chapter 55, section 69502.2. This proposed amendment pertains to identification of a Candidate Chemical under the Safer Consumer Products (SCP) Regulations, approved by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) and filed with the Secretary of State on August 28, 2013 (effective date: 10/01/2013; OAL Regulatory Action Number: 2013-0920-06SR).

COMMENT PERIOD

A public comment period for the rulemaking has been established commencing on February 13, 2026, and closing on March 30, 2026.

Statements, arguments, or contentions regarding the rulemaking and/or supporting documents must be submitted in writing (electronically or in hard-copy) or presented orally or in writing at a public hearing, if a hearing is requested, for them to be considered by DTSC before it adopts, amends these regulations. Only comments received at the DTSC office or post-marked on or before that date will be considered.

Written comments may be submitted electronically through the SCP Information Management System, CalSAFER at: <https://calsafer.dtsc.ca.gov/>. While DTSC prefers comments to be submitted through the CalSAFER system, interested persons may also submit their comments in an email to: SaferConsumerProducts@dtsc.ca.gov or through the DTSC regulations email address at regs@dtsc.ca.gov. Please include the DTSC reference number for this regulation in the subject of your message. Direct hard-copy written comments to the Office of Legislation and Regulatory Review, as specified below.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing has not been scheduled for this rulemaking. However, DTSC will conduct a hearing if a written request for a public hearing is received from any interested person, or their duly authorized representative, no later than 15 days pri-

or to the close of the written comment period, pursuant to Government Code section 11346.8. Submit a written request for a public hearing in an email to SaferConsumerProducts@dtsc.ca.gov or to the Office of Legislation and Regulatory Review, as specified below.

Notice Pertaining to Accessibility and Reasonable Accommodation

All documents related to these regulations can be made available in alternate format (i.e., Braille, large print, etc.) or in another language, as requested, in accordance with State and Federal law. Further, to ensure the public has equal access to all available services and information, DTSC will provide disability-related reasonable accommodations and/or translator/interpreter needs, upon request. For assistance, please contact the office below. Note: the range of assistive services available may be limited if requests are made less than 10 business days prior to the end of the comment period.

Office of Legislation and Regulatory Review
Department of Toxic Substances Control
P.O. Box 806
Sacramento, California 95812-0806
Email: regs@dtsc.ca.gov
Phone Number: (916) 322-4563
Fax Number: (916) 324-1808

TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Authority: Health and Safety Code (HSC) sections 25252, 25253, and 58012 (added by Gov. Reorg. Plan Number 1, section 146, eff. July 17, 1991).

Reference: HSC sections 25252 and 25253.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST

Policy Statement Overview:

DTSC proposes to amend section 69502.2 of article 2 of the SCP Regulations. The proposed action will add ammonium bisulfite, chromic acid, oxalic acid, sulfamic acid, ammonium hydroxide, ammonium thioglycolate, calcium hydroxide, ethanolamine, guanidine carbonate, lithium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, and sodium hypochlorite, henceforth referred to as specified acids and bases as Candidate Chemicals to the Candidate Chemicals List.

Background and Effect of the Proposed Regulatory Action:

The SCP Regulations were adopted in October 2013 to meet the statutory requirements outlined in HSC sections 25252 and 25253. The Regulations outline a science-based process for evaluating Chemicals of

Concern in consumer products and safer alternatives by:

- Establishing a list of Candidate Chemicals and specifying criteria by which these may be designated Chemicals of Concern;
- Establishing a process to identify and prioritize product and Candidate Chemical combinations that may be listed as Priority Products;
- Requiring manufacturers of a product listed as a Priority Product to notify DTSC within 60 days of the listing regulation's effective date;
- Requiring manufacturers of a Priority Product to determine how best to reduce exposures to the Chemical(s) of Concern in the product;
- Allowing DTSC to identify and require implementation of Regulatory Responses following completion of an Alternatives Analysis, if needed; and,
- Creating a process for persons to petition DTSC to add chemicals to the Candidate Chemicals list, add or remove Candidate Chemicals lists in their entirety, or to add or remove a product–chemical combination from the Priority Products List.

DTSC proposes to add specified acids and bases to the Candidate Chemicals List because they meet the criteria for Candidate Chemicals outlined in section 69502.2(b). Specifically, section 69502.2(b) allows DTSC to identify Candidate Chemicals that exhibit one or more hazard traits and/or environmental or toxicological endpoints. Following an extensive review of the scientific literature and analysis of the known hazard traits of the specified acids and bases, DTSC concluded the following:

- There are potential exposures to specified acids and bases;
- There is potential for one or more of these specified acids and bases exposures to contribute to or cause adverse impacts; and,
- DTSC has considered the extent and quality of information that is available to substantiate the existence or absence of these potential exposures and adverse impacts.

Benefits of the Proposed Regulatory Action:

A primary goal of the SCP Regulations is to prevent or reduce potential adverse health and environmental impacts to the public and to the environment in California. Reduction of the specified acids and bases in consumer products and the environment may result in safer workplaces and healthier ecosystems.

Additionally, the addition of specified acids and bases to the Candidate Chemicals List allows DTSC to evaluate specified acids and bases in consumer products as potential Priority Products and reduce exposure to hazards exhibited by these chemicals.

Existing Laws and Regulations:

The SCP Regulations established a unique approach to regulating Chemicals of Concern in consumer products that grants DTSC authority to take actions to protect people and the environment when such actions are outside the scope of other regulatory programs. There are no equivalent federal or state regulations that overlap or conflict with the proposal to add specified acids and bases to the Candidate Chemicals List.

Related State Laws and Regulations:

DTSC has evaluated the proposed regulations for any inconsistency or incompatibility with existing state regulations and has found that these are the only regulations concerning the identification of the specified Candidate Chemicals under the Safer Consumer Products Program.

Therefore, the proposed regulations are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing state regulations.

Comparable Federal Regulation or Statute:

These regulations are not based on, identical to, or in conflict with any federal regulations.

Document Incorporated by Reference:

None.

**OTHER APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS
PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE**

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

The proposed regulation will not result in a change in significance of any of the physical conditions within the environmental factors that are analyzed under CEQA. DTSC has determined that none of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions apply to this project, as described in Public Resources Code section 21084(c), (d), and (e), and CCR, title 14, section 15300.2. DTSC has determined that the proposed regulatory amendments are actions taken by DTSC to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment.

DTSC intends to prepare a Notice of Exemption (NOE) as the appropriate CEQA document for the adoption of a rule or regulation. A draft NOE is available for review during the public comment period upon request and will be filed with the State Clearinghouse if the regulation is finalized.

California Environmental Policy Council Review:

Under the provisions of Health and Safety Code section 25252.5, the California Environmental Policy Council (CEPC) reviewed the framework SCP regulations prior to their adoption in October 2013 (the CEPC Resolution may be viewed at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/cepc/>). Under HSC Section

25252.5(f), the CEPC determined that the proposed regulations would not have any significant adverse impact on public health or the environment and could be adopted by DTSC without undergoing a multimedia life cycle evaluation.

DTSC determined that further review by the CEPC is not warranted for this rulemaking because the requirements of HSC section 25252.5 apply only to the creation of the SCP program and not regulations that may be required to implement this program.

Scientific Peer Review:

DTSC requested and obtained an external scientific peer review of the scientific basis of the proposed regulation pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 57004. The result of the external scientific peer review is posted to DTSC’s rulemaking website at: <https://dtsc.ca.gov/regs/>.

DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE PROPOSED ACTION

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.

Local Mandate: None.

Types of Businesses Affected: None.

Projected Reporting, Recordkeeping, or other Compliance Requirements: None.

Cost Impacts on Representative Private Persons or Businesses: DTSC is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

Effect on Housing Costs: None.

Effect on Small Businesses: DTSC has determined that the proposed regulations will not affect small businesses because the proposed regulations do not create any regulatory requirements.

Significant, Statewide Adverse Economic Impact Directly Affecting Business, Including the Ability of California Businesses to Compete with Businesses in Other States: None.

RESULTS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS/ASSESSMENT

DTSC concludes that it is (1) unlikely that the proposal will eliminate any jobs, (2) unlikely that the proposal

will create an unknown number of jobs, (3) unlikely that the proposal will create new businesses, (4) unlikely that the proposal will eliminate any existing businesses, and (5) unlikely that the proposed regulations will result in the expansion of businesses currently doing business within the state.

Benefits of the Regulation on the Health and Welfare of California Residents, Worker Safety, and the State’s Environment:

DTSC has determined that the adoption of this regulation is expected to benefit the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety, or the State’s environment. The addition of chemicals to the Candidate Chemicals List allows DTSC to evaluate chemicals in consumer products as potential Priority Products which would reduce hazards exhibited by these chemicals.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

DTSC must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of DTSC would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed, would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law. DTSC’s consideration of alternatives is available in the Initial Statement of Reasons included as part of this proposed regulation.

DOCUMENTS RELIED ON

This proposal relied on the following document:

- Technical Document for the Proposal to Add Certain Acids and Bases to the Candidate Chemicals List.

AVAILABILITY OF TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS, INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS, AND OTHER RULEMAKING DOCUMENTS

Copies of the Notice of Proposed Action, Initial Statement of Reasons, all the information upon which this proposal is based, and the express terms of the proposed regulation (also known as the proposed regulatory text) are posted to DTSC’s Internet website at <https://dtsc.ca.gov/regs/>.

After the close of the comment period, DTSC may adopt the proposed regulation. If substantial, sufficiently related changes are made to the regulatory text, the modified full text (with the changes clearly indicated) will be made available for comment for at

least 15 days prior to adoption. Only persons who request to be notified of any modifications to the proposed rulemaking, submit written or oral comments (comments submitted at a hearing, if one is held, or comments submitted to DTSC), will be sent a copy of the modified text, if substantial, sufficiently related changes are made.

Once DTSC finalizes the regulatory text, DTSC will prepare a Final Statement of Reasons that updates the Initial Statement of Reasons, summarizes how DTSC addressed comments, and includes other materials. A copy of the Final Statement of Reasons will also be posted on DTSC’s website at <https://dtsc.ca.gov/regs/>, along with the date the regulation is filed with the Secretary of State and the effective date of the regulation.

CONTACT PERSONS

Inquiries regarding technical aspects of the proposed regulation, CEQA documents, or CalSAFER may be directed to Janna Jacobs of DTSC at Janna.Jacobs@dtsc.ca.gov or (626) 639-026, or, if unavailable, David Rist of DTSC at David.Rist@dtsc.ca.gov or (510) 540-3763. However, such oral inquiries are not part of the rulemaking record.

**ALL OTHER QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/
INQUIRIES/UPDATES**

Please direct all written comments, procedural inquiries, and requests for documents by mail or email to the Office of Legislation and Regulatory Review, as specified above. To be included in this regulation package’s mailing list and to receive updates for this rulemaking, please email your request to regs@dtsc.ca.gov.

GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST

**DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE**

**CESA CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION
REQUEST FOR OROVILLE WILDLIFE
AREA THERMALITO AFTERBAY
RECREATION IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT 2080-2026-001-02
BUTTE COUNTY**

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) received a notice on January 29, 2026 that Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency 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 construction of improved recreational facilities at the existing Feather River Boat Launch in the Oroville Wildlife Area. The project includes a new two-lane trailered boat launch and ramp, as well as a non-trailered boat launch. Additional upland project components include the construction of a riverside trail connector, day use area, campground facility, parking area, access road, two vault toilets, and new landscaping. Proposed activities will include, but are not limited to, removal of vegetation, grading, placement of fill, construction of forms, placement of concrete, and placement of geotextile fabric and rock slope protection, dewatering, staging area creation, spoiling of material, equipment and material storage, fueling, and other construction-related activities. The proposed project will occur on the Feather River in the City of Oroville, Butte County, California (39.458077, -121.633801).

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) issued a federal biological opinion (BO)(Service Ref. Number 2025-0087972-S7-001) in a memorandum to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on January 28, 2026, which considered the effects of the proposed project on state and federally threatened giant garter snake (*Thamnophis gigas*)

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) issued a federal biological opinion (BO)(Service Ref. Number WCR-2025-01827) in a memorandum to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on January 28, 2026, which considered the effects of the proposed project on state and federally threatened Central Valley (CV) spring-run Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*).

Pursuant to California Fish and Game Code section 2080.1, Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency is requesting a determination that the Incidental Take Statements (ITS) and its associated BOs are consistent with CESA for purposes of the proposed project. If CDFW determines the ITSs and associated BOs are consistent with CESA for the proposed project, Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency will not be required to obtain an incidental take permit under Fish and Game Code section 2081 subdivision (b) for the proposed project.

**DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE**

**PROPOSED RESEARCH ON
FULLY PROTECTED SPECIES
UNARMORED THREESPINE
STICKLEBACK IN LOS ANGELES AND
VENTURA COUNTIES**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) received a project proposal from Robert Fisher of U.S. Geological Survey requesting authorization to capture Unarmored Threespine Stickleback (*Gasterosteus aculeatus williamsoni*), a Fully Protected Fish, to conduct necessary scientific research, consistent with the protection and recovery of the species.

The applicant and the associated parties have a valid United States Fish and Wildlife Service Section 10 recovery permit (SE-045994) that authorizes research on Unarmored Threespine Stickleback, a Fully Protected Species.

The U.S. Geological Survey proposes the use of seining and dip netting for the purpose of evaluating the distribution patterns of and habitat and hydrological suitability of refuge sites for the Unarmored Threespine Stickleback.

Adult Unarmored Threespine Stickleback will be counted, released, and recorded to map their distribution and determine the habitat suitability of reaches within the Santa Clara River watershed.

If the Department determines that the proposed research is consistent with the requirements of Fish and Game Code section 5515 for take of Fully Protected Fish, it will issue the authorization in the form of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on or after March 30, 2026 for an initial term through June 30, 2027.

Detailed descriptions of methods for sampling and handling Unarmored Threespine Stickleback will be included in the applicant's Fully Protected Species MOU, if issued. Only experienced personnel will conduct sampling. At its discretion, the Department may authorize additional locations and/or methods upon request by the applicant. Also, at its discretion, the Department may renew this MOU upon a request by the applicant.

Pursuant to California Fish and Game Code, section 5515 subdivision (a)(1), the Department may authorize take of Fully Protected Fish for necessary scientific research only after a 45-day notice has been provided to affected and interested parties through publication of this notice, seeking relevant information and comments regarding the proposed authorization.

Relevant information and comments regarding this proposed MOU may be directed to: Fisheries Branch,

P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090, Attention: Yi-Jiun (Jean) Tsai. Please reference this Notice in your correspondence.

**RULEMAKING
PETITION DECISIONS**

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

February 3, 2026

Edward Chamberlain

SUBJECT: Reconsideration of Petition Pursuant to California Government Code § 11340.6 and Request for Market Conduct Examination

Dear Mr. Chamberlain:

The California Department of Insurance (Department) is in receipt of your email dated January 5, 2026 requesting reconsideration of the Department's denial of your petition for rulemaking and request for market conduct examination regarding INTERINSURANCE EXCHANGE OF THE AUTOMOBILE CLUB (AAA), also dated January 5, 2026.

Your request for reconsideration has been reviewed and there is no additional information that would change our denial of your original request. Therefore, your request for reconsideration is DENIED.

**REQUEST FOR MARKET
CONDUCT ACTION**

The Department is under no obligation to initiate market conduct exams at the request of the public. You have provided no information or legal support to show otherwise.

As stated in the initial response, regarding your specific complaint and request, the Department closed your file on January 15, 2025, finding no evidence that the insurer acted improperly. No further action is supported based on your complaint. Therefore, your request for reconsideration on this point is DENIED.

PETITION FOR RULEMAKING

Regarding your request for a rulemaking, your request for reconsideration does not contain any additional information that would change our initial analysis. Your request still seeks language that would require the Department to promulgate regulations which would conflict with existing statute.

Again, specifically, the request for a Post-Closure Ban is inconsistent with Insurance Code § 791.13(b) and (c). Those provisions permit insurers to disclose to third parties for purposes related to detection of crimi-

nal activity, fraud detection or prevention, or detection of material misrepresentation or nondisclosure; these disclosures are expressly permitted, without reference to a particular time or point during the insurance transaction. The requested regulation would impermissibly narrow the scope of the existing statute, by limiting the duration of the investigation phase during which regulated entities could disclose for investigatory purposes. “Administrative regulations that alter or amend the statute or enlarge or impair its scope are void and courts not only may, but it is their obligation to strike down such regulations.” (*In re Gadlin* (2020) 10 Cal.5th 915, 926.) Therefore, your request for reconsideration of our determination concerning this regulation is DENIED.

Your second request seeks to hold insurers strictly liable for disclosure of claim status or history during interviews. Again, you have provided no additional argument or information that would support a change in our initial analysis. Specifically, the regulation you seek remains inconsistent with the existing Insurance Information and Privacy Protection Act (the IIPPA). As previously stated, insurance entities are permitted by statute to disclose for purposes related to detection/investigation of criminal activity, fraud, material misrepresentation/nondisclosure; this includes disclosure of both personal and privileged information, without limitation. Under the IIPPA, “Personal information” is broadly defined to include almost any information about an individual which is collected in connection with an insurance transaction (Ins. Code § 791.02(s)), while “Privileged information” includes any information collected in connection with a claim or criminal proceeding (Ins. Code § 791.02(v)). Both “Personal” and “Privileged” information are permitted to be disclosed in connection with investigations (Ins. Code § 791.13, subdivisions (b) and (c)). The requested change would impose liability for disclosure of claim status or history, both of which constitute “Personal” or “Privileged” information and is permitted. Your request for regulation on this point remains impermissible because it seeks to impose liability for acts that are permitted under the statute. Therefore, your request for reconsideration on this point is DENIED.

The request for reconsideration does not specify any provisions of the California Code of Regulations that are requested to be affected, nor does it reference authority for the Department to take the requested action.

I remain the agency contact person for purposes of this denial of petition for rulemaking and denial of reconsideration. Any interested person has the right to obtain a copy of the petition from the Department.

Sincerely yours,

TERESA R. CAMPBELL

General Counsel

AVAILABILITY OF INDEX OF PRECEDENTIAL DECISIONS

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PRECEDENTIAL DECISIONS INDEX

Notice is hereby given that the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) maintains an index of cases CDSS has designated as precedential decisions. The index is available on the Internet at <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/Community-Care-Licensing/Decisions-Relied-Upon-as-Precedent>.

This notice is published pursuant to California Government Code section 11425.60, subdivision (c).

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.

Natural Resources Agency

File # 2026-0120-01

Proposition 4 Urban Greening Grant Program

This emergency action by the Natural Resources Agency (Agency) adopts Proposition 4 Urban Greening Grant Program procedures and selection criteria used to select projects for grant funding under Proposition 4, otherwise known as the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024. Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 90135, subdivision (e)(1), this is a deemed emergency and shall remain in effect until repealed or amended by the Agency.

Title 14

Adopt: 14200, 14201, 14202, 14203, 14204, 14205, 14206, 14207, 14208

Filed 01/30/2026

Effective 01/30/2026

Agency Contact: Teresa Mallory (916) 541-5153

Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

File # 2026–0112–01

Youth Offender Fire Camp Program

This re–adoption action by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation is submitted to OAL as an emergency based on operational necessity pursuant to Penal Code section 5058.3. CDCR adopts a Youth Offender Fire Camp Program and a Certified Youth Offender Program Peer Mentor, and the requirements for both.

Title 15

Adopt: 3040.5

Amend: 3000, 3375.2

Filed 02/02/2026

Effective 02/17/2026

Agency Contact:

Dmitriy Kostyuk (279) 223–2313

California Debt Limit Allocation Committee

File # 2025–1219–01

CDLAC Regulations Implementing Federal and State Bond Allocation Laws

This file and print only action by the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee (CDLAC) adopts, amends, and repeals regulations governing federal and state bond allocation laws. This action also makes permanent, with additional amendments, emergency regulations governing federal and state bond allocation laws (see OAL file Number 2025–0829–03ER). Pursuant to Government Code section 8869.94, subdivision (a), this action is exempt from the procedural requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, provided CDLAC complies with the alternative procedures of Government Code section 8869.94, subdivision (b). These regulations became effective immediately upon adoption by CDLAC on December 10, 2025 pursuant to Government Code section 8869.94, subdivision (c).

Title 04

Adopt: 5101, 5104, 5107, 5108, 5112

Amend: 5000, 5010 (renumbered to 5001), 5031 (renumbered to 5002), 5032 (renumbered to 5003), 5034 (renumbered to 5004), 5036 (renumbered to 5005), 5050 (renumbered to 5006), 5060 (renumbered to 5007), 5062 (renumbered to 5008), 5063 (renumbered to 5009), 5080 (renumbered to 5010), 5130 (renumbered to 5011), 5140 (renumbered to 5012), 5144 (renumbered to 5103), 5145 (renumbered to 5104), 5146 (renumbered to 5105), 5170 (renumbered to 5100), 5180 (renumbered to 5102), 5210 (renumbered to 5103), 5230 (renumbered to 5105), 5231 (renumbered to 5106), 5240 (renumbered to 5109), 5255 (renumbered to 5110), 5258 (renumbered to 5111)

Repeal: Repealed: 5020, 5021, 5022, 5033, 5035, 5038, 5039, 5051, 5052, 5053, 5054, 5061, 5064, 5065, 5066, 5081, 5082, 5100, 5101, 5104, 5105, 5106, 5120, 5131, 5132, 5141, 5142, 5143, 5150, 5151, 5152, 5153, 5154, 5181, 5182, 5183, 5190, 5191, 5192, 5193, 5194, 5200, 5205, 5211, 5212, 5220, 5232, 5233, 5241, 5250, 5251, 5256, 5259

Filed 02/04/2026

Effective 12/10/2025

Agency Contact: DC Navarrette (925) 813–1947

California Tax Credit Allocation Committee

File # 2025–1218–02

CTCAC Regulations Implementing Federal and State LIHTC Laws

This file and print only action by the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (CTCAC) adopts, amends, and repeals regulations governing federal and state low–income housing tax credits. This action also makes permanent, with additional amendments, the emergency regulations governing federal and state low–income housing tax credits (LIHTC) (see OAL file Number 2025–0829–01ER). Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50199.17, subdivision (a), this action is exempt from the procedural requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, provided CTCAC complies with the alternative procedures of Health and Safety Code section 50199.17, subdivision (b). These regulations became effective immediately

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upon adoption by CTCAC on December 10, 2025 pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50199.17, subdivision (c).

Title 04
Adopt: 10338
Amend: 10300, 10302, 10305, 10310, 10315, 10317, 10322, 10323, 10325, 10326, 10327, 10330, 10335, 10336, 10337
Repeal: 10320
Filed 02/03/2026
Effective 12/10/2025
Agency Contact: Anthony Zeto (916) 214–6581

Department of Finance
File # 2025–1222–03
Conflict-of-Interest Code

This is a Conflict-of-Interest Code filing that has been approved by the Fair Political Practices Commission and is being submitted for filing with the Secretary of State and printing in the California Code of Regulations.

Title 02
Amend: 37000
Filed 02/03/2026
Effective 03/05/2026
Agency Contact: Larissa Stockton (916) 445–3368

Department of Financial Protection and Innovation
File # 2025–1216–01
Amendment of Rule 1451

In this action pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 1, section 100, the Department of Financial Protection and Innovation incorporates the statutory exception in Financial Code section 22602, authorizing licensees making commercial loans to compensate unlicensed persons for borrower referrals under specified conditions.

Title 10
Amend: 1451
Filed 01/29/2026
Agency Contact:
Jackeline Sanchez (916) 628–9158

Department of Fish and Wildlife
File # 2026–0106–01
Fees for Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreements
Annual Adjustment

In this action pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 1, section 100, the Department of Fish and Wildlife (the “Department”) is amending fees for lake and streambed alteration agreements. Annual changes to the fees are required by Fish & Game Code § 1609 by applying the index to determine an increase or de-

crease in the fees as specified in Fish & Game Code § 713.

Title 14
Amend: 699.5
Filed 02/03/2026
Agency Contact: Mike Randall (916) 902–9109

Board of Behavioral Sciences
File # 2025–1222–02
Fee Reductions

In this rulemaking action, the Board of Behavioral Sciences reduces fees for applications, examinations, licensure, and renewals for the professionals it regulates.

Title 16
Amend: 1816, 1816.1, 1816.2, 1816.4
Filed 02/04/2026
Effective 07/01/2026
Agency Contact: Rachael Lanzzone (916) 574–7919

California Coastal Commission
File # 2025–1215–01
Vesting and Extension Periods for 100% Affordable
Housing Projects

This rulemaking action by the California Coastal Commission amends existing regulations to increase the length of time allowed for commencement of development to occur and for related extensions, with respect to 100% affordable housing projects in the coastal zone.

Title 14
Amend: 13156(g), 13169(a)
Filed 01/29/2026
Effective 01/29/2026
Agency Contact: Robin Mayer (415) 505–5908

Department of Financial Protection and Innovation
File # 2025–1212–02
Money Transmission Act — Officer Certification

This regular rulemaking by the Department of Financial Protection and Innovation amends implementing regulations for the Money Transmission Act, which licenses and regulates money transmission businesses. The rulemaking amends requirements for officer certification of receipts used by an applicant business, which must be filed with the department’s commissioner for review prior to use.

Title 10
Amend: 80.4119, 80.5200.1
Filed 01/28/2026
Effective 04/01/2026
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Office of Administrative Law

File # 2026–0126–02

eSubmissions Portal

This rulemaking action by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) implements a new eSubmissions Portal to facilitate state agencies' electronic submission of documents to OAL which are related to the Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking process. This eSubmissions Portal replaces the previous electronic submission process.

Title 01

Adopt: 4

Amend: 3, 5, 6, 6.5, 20, 50, 100

Filed 02/04/2026

Effective 04/01/2026

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Superintendent of Public Instruction

File # 2025–1216–04

Classroom Assessment Scoring System

This Superintendent of Public Instruction rulemaking action implements the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS®) for the California State Preschool Program (CSPP) and addresses other changes necessary in the environment requirements to ensure CSPP contractors are offering high quality environments for children in the CSPP.

Title 05

Adopt: 17710.5, 17710.6, 1711.1

Amend: 17700, 17704, 17709, 17711, 17742, 17777

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Effective 04/01/2026

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