

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

TITLE 1, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS

**ADOPTION OF SECTION 4; AMENDMENT OF SECTIONS 4
[renumbered to 3], 5, 6, 6.5, 20, 50, AND 100**

UPDATED INFORMATIVE DIGEST

After the 45-day comment period ended on June 10, 2025, and the public hearing was held on June 11, 2025, OAL proposed the following modifications to the proposed regulations:

- Section 4, subsection (b) was further amended to clarify that agencies are not required to submit multiple requests for access to the Portal for the same individuals. This section was also amended to clarify that requests to add additional staff to the Portal or remove existing staff's access to the Portal can be submitted via email to ElectronicSubmissions@oal.ca.gov.
- Section 4, subsection (d) was further amended to state that a Microsoft account is required to access the Portal.
- Section 5, subsection (b)(2)(A) was further amended so that agencies may submit the documents accompanying their NOPA submissions in .docx format.
- Section 5, subsection (b)(2)(C)1. was further amended to provide that OAL will email the time stamped Form 400 to the agency contact listed on the Form 400 in addition to the email address of the agency staff member who uploaded the documents to the Portal.
- Section 5, subsection (d)(4) was further amended to increase the timeframe for agencies to download documents returned to them from 15 working days to 45 calendar days.
- Section 6, subsection (a)(3)(C) was further amended to replace the phrase, "the adoption or revision of state policy for water quality control plans, or the adoption or revision of water quality control plans and guidelines," with the phrase "actions subject to Government Code section 11353".
- Section 6.5, subsections (a)(1), (a)(1)(A), and (a)(1)(B) were further amended to allow agencies the option to submit regulatory text to OAL for review in .docx format while retaining the requirement that agencies must submit the

Form 400 in .pdf format.

- Section 6.5, subsections (a)(1)(C)1. and 2. were moved within the paragraph hierarchy to better reflect that the requirements of these paragraphs are not part of the documents required by paragraph (a).
- Section 6.5, subsection (a)(2)(C) was further amended to replace the phrase, "the adoption or revision of state policy for water quality control plans, or the adoption or revision of water quality control plans and guidelines," with the phrase "actions subject to Government Code section 11353".
- Section 6.5, subsection (b)(2)(A) was further amended to include the .png format in the non-exhaustive list of file formats that are explicitly permitted.
- Section 6.5, subsection (e) was further amended to provide that OAL will email the time stamped Form 400 to the agency contact listed on the Form 400 in addition to the email address of the agency staff member who uploaded the documents to the Portal. This subsection was also further amended to provide that OAL will delete the folder created pursuant to paragraph (b)(1) of this section after moving the files out of the "Submission of Actions" folder.
- Section 6.5, subsection (f)(3) was further amended to increase the timeframe for agencies to download documents returned to them from 15 working days to 45 calendar days.
- Section 6.5, subsection (g)(3) was further amended to increase the timeframe for agencies to download documents returned to them from 15 working days to 45 calendar days.
- Section 100, subsection (b)(3)(B)1. was further amended to provide that OAL will email the time stamped Form 400 to the agency contact listed on the Form 400 in addition to the email address of the agency staff member who uploaded the documents to the Portal.
- Section 100, subsection (d)(1)(C) was further amended to increase the timeframe for agencies to download documents returned to them from 15 working days to 45 calendar days.

There were no other changes in the laws related to the proposed action or to the effect of the proposed regulation from the laws and effects described in the Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action.