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PROPOSED ACTION ON REGULATIONS

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TITLE 2. FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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

CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODES

AMENDMENT

MULTI-COUNTY: Yucaipa Valley Water District

A written comment period has been established commencing on April 3, 2026, and closing on May 18, 2026. Written comments should be directed to the Fair Political Practices Commission, Attention: Andrea Spiller Hernandez, 1102 Q Street, Suite 3050, Sacramento, California 95811.

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

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

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

Any interested person may present statements, arguments, or comments, in writing to the Executive

Director of the Commission, relative to review of the proposed conflict-of-interest code. Any written comments must be received no later than May 18, 2026. If a public hearing is to be held, oral comments may be presented to the Commission at the hearing.

COST TO LOCAL AGENCIES

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

EFFECT ON HOUSING COSTS AND BUSINESSES

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

AUTHORITY

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

REFERENCE

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

CONTACT

Any inquiries concerning the proposed conflict-of-interest code should be made to Andrea Spiller Hernandez, Fair Political Practices Commission, 1102 Q Street, Suite 3050, Sacramento, California 95811, or email aspiller-hernandez@fppc.ca.gov.

AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODES

Copies of the proposed conflict-of-interest codes may be obtained from the Commission offices or the respective agency. Requests for copies from the Commission should be made to Andrea Spiller Hernandez,

Fair Political Practices Commission, 1102 Q Street, Suite 3050, Sacramento, California 95811, or email aspiller-hernandez@fppc.ca.gov.

TITLE 10. HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE

CERTIFIED APPLICATION COUNSELOR PROGRAM

The Board of Directors for the California Health Benefit Exchange (hereinafter referred to as the “Exchange”) proposes to amend the regulations described below after considering all comments, objections, and recommendations regarding the proposed action.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Exchange has not scheduled a public hearing on this proposed action. However, the Exchange will hold a hearing if it receives a written request for a public hearing, pursuant to Government Code Section 11346.8(a), from any interested person, or such person’s duly authorized representative, no later than 15 days before the close of the written comment period.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Any interested person, or such person’s duly authorized representative, may submit written statements, arguments, or contentions (hereafter referred to as comments) relevant to the proposed regulatory action to the Exchange. The written comment period closes on **May 19, 2026**. The Exchange will consider only comments received at the Exchange’s office by that time. Submit written comments to:

Jameson Mitchell
Regulations Analyst
California Health Benefit Exchange
1601 Exposition Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95815

Comments may also be submitted by email to regulations@covered.ca.gov.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Government Code Section 100504(a)(6) authorizes the Exchange to adopt rules and regulations, as necessary. The proposed regulations implement, interpret, and make specific Government Code Sections 100502 and 100503; Title 25 of the United States Code, Section 1642; and Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 155.205, 155.210, and 155.225.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

Summary of Existing Laws and Regulations

Under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (“ACA”), each state is required, by January 1, 2014, to establish an American Health Benefit Exchange that makes available qualified health plans to qualified individuals and small employers. Existing state law, the California Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Gov. Code, § 100500 et seq.), established the California Health Benefit Exchange within state government, and it specifies the powers and duties of the executive board of the Exchange, also referred to as Covered California.

Government Code Section 100504(a) authorizes the Exchange to adopt rules and regulations, as necessary to execute the requirements under the ACA. The Exchange implemented regulations in the California Code of Regulations, Title 10, Section 6400 and following. These regulations include the policies and procedures related to eligibility, verification, and enrollment of individuals and small business employees.

On December 23, 2015, the Exchange adopted permanent regulations in Title 10, California Code of Regulations (“CCR”), Chapter 12, Article 8, Section 6664. This regulation is in effect and establishes the roles and responsibilities of Certified Enrollment Entities and Certified Enrollment Counselors, which have a grant agreement in place with the Exchange to provide enrollment assistance to the Exchange consumers, pursuant to the terms of the agreement and the requirements contained in Title 10, CCR, Chapter 12, Article 8. This is known as the Navigator Program.

The Exchange is required to establish the Navigator Program pursuant to section 1311, subdivision (i) of the ACA; Government Code section 100502, subdivision (l); and Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations, section 155.210. The Navigator Program is a partnership with community organizations across the state who have experience in reaching and assisting California’s diverse populations and have proven success enrolling consumers in health care programs. Navigators are Certified Enrollment Entities and Counselors that assist consumers through a variety of outreach, education, enrollment, post enrollment, and renewal support services.

On June 7, 2019, the Exchange adopted permanent regulations in Title 10, CCR, Chapter 12, Article 11, Section 6864. This regulation is in effect and establishes the roles and responsibilities of Certified Application Entities and Certified Application Counselors, which have an agreement in place with the Exchange to provide in-person counseling and assistance to consumers in need of help with applying for the Exchange programs, pursuant to the terms of the agree-

ment and the requirements contained in Title 10, CCR, Chapter 12, Article 11. This is known as the Certified Application Counselor Program.

The Exchange is required to establish the Certified Application Counselor Program pursuant to Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations, section 155.225. The Certified Application Counselor Program provides trained individuals who are available to offer in-person counseling and assistance to consumers in need of help with applying for programs in the Exchange. Counselors provide assistance in culturally and linguistic appropriate manners to consumers throughout California.

The Exchange is proposing to amend the regulations in Title 10, California Code of Regulations, Sections 6664 and 6864.

Objectives and Anticipated Benefits of the Proposed Rulemaking

The broad objective of this proposed regulatory action is to exempt individuals and entities who are affiliated with American Indian tribes and organizations from certain prohibited acts when providing application and enrollment assistance to consumers of the Exchange pursuant to the requirements under the California Code of Regulations.

Anticipated benefits of the proposed action include:

- Aligning California’s regulations with federal law;
- Ensuring American Indian tribes and organizations can continue to perform enrollment and application assistance for their members;
- Providing structure for the Exchange to give predictable and clear standards to the public now and into the future;
- Reducing health care costs for Californians; and,
- Providing increased health care access to Californians.

Evaluation Regarding Inconsistency/Incompatibility with Existing State Regulations

After an evaluation of current regulations, the Exchange has determined that these proposed amended regulations are not inconsistent or incompatible with any existing state regulations. This Evaluation included a review of the laws that regulate the Exchange and specifically those statutes and regulations related to health insurance. Exchange staff also conducted an internet search of other state agency regulations.

Several California statutes and regulations govern health insurance and notably include provisions affecting the Exchange in the Government Code, the Health and Safety Code, and the Insurance Code. The Exchange has made its best effort to conform its regulations to State law and does not know of any State statutes or regulations conflicting with these proposed regulations.

DOCUMENTS TO BE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

None.

DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE PROPOSED ACTION

The Executive Director of the California Health Benefit Exchange has made the following initial determinations:

Matters Prescribed by Statute Applicable to the Agency or to Any Specific Regulation or Class of Regulations

None.

Mandate on Local Agencies or School Districts

None. The Executive Director of the California Health Benefit Exchange has determined that this proposed regulatory action does not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts.

Cost to Any Local Agency or School District Which Must Be Reimbursed in Accordance with Government Code Sections 17500 through 17630

None. This proposal does not impose costs on any local agency or school district for which reimbursement would be required pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code.

Costs or Savings to State Agencies

None.

Costs or Savings in Federal Funding to the State

The proposal results in additional costs to the California Health Benefit Exchange, which is currently financially self-sustaining and is not funded by federal grant money. There is no other impact on federal funding to the state as a result of these regulations.

Other Nondiscretionary Costs or Savings Imposed on Local Agencies

None.

Significant Effect on Housing Costs

None.

Effect on Small Business

The proposal results in an effect on small businesses to the extent that any current or prospective Certified Enrollment Entities and Certified Application Entities affiliated with Tribes, tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations are small businesses by clarifying that they may undertake activities necessary for Tribal Sponsorship without coming into conflict with Exchange state regulations. The proposed regulations would not impose any financial burden on small businesses or create new requirements for Certified Enrollment Entities, Certified Enrollment Counselors, Certified Application Entities, or Certified Application Counselors. This proposed regulation is not expected to create or expand small business within the

State of California. There are no jobs created or eliminated from this proposal. The proposed regulations do not create or expand the operations of any small businesses.

Significant, Statewide Adverse Economic Impact Directly Affecting Business, Including the Ability of California Businesses to Compete with Businesses in Other States

None.

Known Cost Impacts on a Representative Private Person or Business

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

Business Reporting Requirement

None.

RESULTS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT/ANALYSIS

The Exchange concludes regarding the proposed amended regulations:

- (1) They are **unlikely** to create or eliminate jobs in the State;
- (2) They are **unlikely** to create or eliminate businesses in the State;
- (3) They are **unlikely** to impact the expansion of businesses currently doing business in California;
- (4) They are **likely** to provide benefits to the health and welfare of California residents; and,
- (5) They are **unlikely** to provide benefits to worker safety and the state's environment.

Benefits of the regulations, including, but not limited to, benefits to the health, safety, and welfare of California residents, worker safety, and the state's environment and quality of life, among any other benefits identified by the agency

The proposed regulations will benefit American Indian tribes and organizations in California by ensuring they can continue to perform enrollment and application assistance for their members. The proposed regulations will align California's regulations with federal law and provide structure for the Exchange to give predictable and clear standards to the public now and into the future. Additionally, the proposed regulations are expected to reduce health care costs for Californians and provide increased health care access to Californians, which will help save lives and improve the health of the public in California. This proposed regulatory action will not affect worker safety and the state's environment.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

In accordance with Government Code Section 11346.5, subdivision (a)(13), the Exchange must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the Exchange 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 Exchange 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.

CONTACT PERSONS

Inquiries concerning the proposed administrative action may be directed to:

Jameson Mitchell
Regulations Analyst
California Health Benefit Exchange
1601 Exposition Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95815
Telephone: (916) 954-3372

The back-up contact person for inquiries concerning the proposed administrative action may be directed to:

Crystal Hirst
Attorney IV
California Health Benefit Exchange
1601 Exposition Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95815
Telephone: (916) 228-8313

Please direct questions regarding 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 Jameson Mitchell at the above contact information.

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

The Exchange will have the entire rulemaking file available for inspection and copying throughout the rulemaking process at its office at the above address. As of the date this notice is published in the Notice Register, the rulemaking file consists of this notice, the proposed text of the regulation, and the Initial Statement of Reasons. Copies may be obtained by

contacting Jameson Mitchell at the address or phone number listed above.

AVAILABILITY OF CHANGED
OR MODIFIED TEXT

After the hearing, if one is held, and after considering all timely and relevant comments received, the Exchange may adopt the proposed regulations substantially as described in this notice. If the Exchange makes modifications that are sufficiently related to the originally proposed text, it will make the modified text available to the public at least 15 days before the Exchange adopts the regulations as revised. Please send requests for copies of any modified regulations to the attention of Jameson Mitchell at the address indicated above. The Exchange 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 Jameson Mitchell at the above 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 strikeout can be accessed through our website at <http://hbex.coveredca.com/regulations/>.

**TITLE 10. DEPARTMENT
OF INSURANCE**

REVISIONS TO CALIFORNIA
AUTOMOBILE ASSIGNED RISK
PLAN PLAN OF OPERATIONS

SUBJECT OF HEARING

Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara (“Commissioner”) of the California Department of Insurance (“Department”) will hold a public hearing to address the proposed amendments to the California Automobile Assigned Risk Plan (“CAARP”) Plan of Operations referenced in the California Code of Regulations, Title 10, Chapter 5, section 2498.4.9.

AUTHORITY TO ADOPT
RATES AND REFERENCES

The Commissioner will consider the proposed changes pursuant to the authority vested in him by Section 11620 of the California Insurance Code. The Commissioner’s decision on the proposed changes will implement, interpret and make specific the requirements of Insurance Code section 11624(e). Insurance Code section 11620(c) applies to this proceeding.

HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held to permit all interested persons the opportunity to present statements or arguments, orally or in writing, with respect to the proposed changes at the following date, time, and place:

**Date and Time: May 19, 2026 from 10:30 a.m.
to 12:00 p.m.**

**Location: Department of Insurance Hearing
Room**

**300 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90013**

ACCESS TO HEARING ROOM

The facilities to be used for the public hearing are accessible to persons with mobility impairments. Persons with sight or hearing impairments are requested to notify the contact person (listed below) for this hearing in order to make special arrangements, if necessary.

WRITTEN AND/OR ORAL COMMENTS:
AGENCY CONTACT PERSON

All persons are invited to submit written comments to the Commissioner on the rulemaking prior to the public comment deadline. Comments should be addressed to the contact person for this proceeding:

Contact person:

Michael Riordan, Attorney
California Department of Insurance
Enforcement Bureau
1901 Harrison Street
Oakland, CA 94612
Mike.Riordan@insurance.ca.gov
Telephone: (415) 538-4226

Backup contact person:

Elsa Carre, Legal Analyst
California Department of Insurance
Rate Enforcement Bureau
1901 Harrison Street

Oakland, CA 94612

Elsa.Carre@insurance.ca.gov

Telephone: (916) 992-8016

All persons are invited to present oral and/or written testimony at the scheduled public hearing.

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250, et seq.), any written and oral comments, and associated contact information included in such comments (e.g., electronic or physical address, phone number, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS

All written materials, unless submitted at the hearing, must be **received** by the Commissioner at the address listed above **on May 19, 2026**. Any written materials received after that time will not be considered. Written comments may also be submitted to the contact person by email

ADVOCACY OR WITNESS FEE

Persons or groups representing the interest of consumers may be entitled to reasonable advocacy fees, witness fees, and other reasonable expenses, in accordance with the provisions of California Code of Regulations, Title 10, sections 2662.1-2662.6 in connection with their participation in this matter. Interested persons must submit a Petition to Participate, as specified in California Code of Regulations, Title 10, section 2661.4. The Petition to Participate must be submitted to the Commissioner at the Office of the Public Advisor at the following address:

California Department of Insurance
Office of the Public Advisor
1901 Harrison Street 6th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
Telephone: (415) 538-4383

A copy of the Petition to Participate must also be submitted to the contact person for this hearing (listed above). For further information, please contact the Office of the Public Advisor.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

CA 26-02

The current Model Automobile Insurance Plan (Model Plan) is a manual of administrative rules and operating procedures that currently serves as the model countrywide. Model Plan amendments are introduced to reflect current business practices, eliminate

obsolete language, and modernize and simplify language to create uniformity among the Plans.

CAARP is proposing to amend the CAARP Plan of Operation to eliminate obsolete language, modernize, and simplify existing language, and reflect current business practices, and provide the producer with the option to use their e-signature software product to obtain signatures of the applicant during the application process, and introduce performance standard requirements for the producer who chooses to use their e-signature software product.

COMPARABLE FEDERAL LAW

There are no comparable existing federal regulations or statutes.

LOCAL MANDATE DETERMINATION

The Commissioner has made an initial determination that the proposed changes will not result in any new program mandates on local agencies or school districts.

MANDATES ON LOCAL AGENCIES OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS OR COSTS WHICH MUST BE REIMBURSED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 17500 THROUGH 17630

The Commissioner has made an initial determination that the proposed changes will not result in any cost or significant savings to any local agency or school district for which Part 7 (commencing with section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code would require reimbursement, or in other nondiscretionary costs or savings to local agencies.

COST OR SAVINGS TO ANY STATE AGENCY; FEDERAL FUNDING

The Commissioner has made an initial determination that the proposed changes will result in no cost or savings to any state agency and no cost or savings in federal funding to the state.

SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESSES AND THE ABILITY OF CALIFORNIA BUSINESSES TO COMPETE

The Commissioner has made an initial determination that the proposed changes will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

These proposed changes will have no effect on the creation or elimination of jobs in California, the creation of new businesses, the elimination of existing businesses in California, or the expansion of businesses in California.

COST IMPACTS ON PRIVATE PERSONS OR ENTITIES

The Commissioner has made an initial determination that the proposed changes will not affect private person or entities.

IMPACT ON HOUSING COSTS

The Commissioner has made an initial determination that the proposed changes will not affect housing costs.

IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESS

The Commissioner has made an initial determination that the proposed changes will have no impact on small businesses.

SPECIFIC TECHNOLOGIES OR EQUIPMENT

The Commissioner has made an initial determination that the proposed changes would not mandate the use of specific technologies or equipment.

ALTERNATIVES

The Commissioner 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.

PLAIN ENGLISH

The application describing the proposal is in plain English. However, the application itself is based on technical actuarial principles.

TEXT AND INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

The Department has prepared an Initial Statement of Reasons addressing the proposed changes, in addition to the Informative Digest included in this notice. Upon request to the contact persons above the Initial Statement of Reasons, Notice of Proposed Action and proposed text of regulation are available for inspection

or copying. Further details on CAARP's proposal are on file with the Commissioner and available for review as set forth below.

FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

A Final Statement of Reasons will be prepared at the conclusion of this proceeding. Upon request to the contact person listed above, the Final Statement of Reasons will be made available for inspection and copying once it has been prepared. A copy of the Final Statement of Reasons will also be posted on the Department's web site.

ACCESS TO RULEMAKING FILE

Any interested person may inspect a copy of or direct questions about CAARP's proposed changes, the statement of reasons, and any supplemental information contained in the rulemaking file by contacting the contact person listed above. The rulemaking file is available for inspection by appointment at 1901 Harrison Street, Oakland, CA 94612, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

AUTOMATIC MAILING

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

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS ON THE INTERNET

The Initial Statement of Reasons, proposed text of regulation, and this Notice of Proposed Action will be published online and may be accessed through the Department's website at www.insurance.ca.gov.

AVAILABILITY OF MODIFIED TEXT OF REGULATIONS

If the Department amends the application with changes that are sufficiently related to the original application, the Department will make the full text of the proposed changes, with the changes clearly indicated, available to the public for at least 15 days before the date the Department adopts the proposed amendments.

**TITLE 10. DEPARTMENT
OF INSURANCE**

**REVISIONS TO CALIFORNIA LOW COST
AUTOMOBILE PLAN OF OPERATIONS**

SUBJECT OF HEARING

Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara (“Commissioner”) of the California Department of Insurance (“Department”) will hold a public hearing to address the proposed amendments to the California Low Cost Automobile (“CLCA”) Plan of Operations referenced in the California Code of Regulations, Title 10, Chapter 5, section 2498.6.

**AUTHORITY TO ADOPT
RATES AND REFERENCES**

The Commissioner will consider the proposed changes pursuant to the authority vested in him by Section 11620 of the California Insurance Code. The Commissioner’s decision on the proposed changes will implement, interpret and make specific the requirements of Insurance Code section 11624(e). Insurance Code section 11620(c) applies to this proceeding.

HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held to permit all interested persons the opportunity to present statements or arguments, orally or in writing, with respect to the proposed changes at the following date, time, and place:

**Date and Time: May 19, 2026 from 10:30 a.m.
to 12:00 p.m.**

**Location: Department of Insurance Hearing
Room**

300 South Spring Street

Los Angeles, CA 90013

ACCESS TO HEARING ROOM

The facilities to be used for the public hearing are accessible to persons with mobility impairments. Persons with sight or hearing impairments are requested to notify the contact person (listed below) for this hearing in order to make special arrangements, if necessary.

**WRITTEN AND/OR ORAL COMMENTS:
AGENCY CONTACT PERSON**

All persons are invited to submit written comments to the Insurance Commissioner on the application prior to the public comment deadline. Comments should be addressed to the contact person for this proceeding:

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Enforcement Bureau
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Telephone: (415) 538–4226

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All persons are invited to present oral and/or written testimony at the scheduled public hearing.

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250, et seq.), any written and oral comments, and associated contact information included in such comments (e.g., electronic or physical address, phone number, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS

All written materials, unless submitted at the hearing, must be **received** by the Commissioner at the address listed above **on May 19, 2026**. Any written materials received after that time will not be considered. Written comments may also be submitted to the contact person by email.

ADVOCACY OR WITNESS FEE

Persons or groups representing the interest of consumers may be entitled to reasonable advocacy fees, witness fees, and other reasonable expenses, in accordance with the provisions of California Code of Regulations, Title 10, sections 2662.1–2662.6 in connection with their participation in this matter. Interested persons must submit a Petition to Participate, as specified in California Code of Regulations, Title 10, section 2661.4. The Petition to Participate must be sub-

mitted to the Commissioner at the Office of the Public Advisor at the following address:

California Department of Insurance
Office of the Public Advisor
1901 Harrison Street 6th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
Telephone: (415) 538-4383

A copy of the Petition to Participate must also be submitted to the contact person for this hearing (listed above). For further information, please contact the Office of the Public Advisor.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY
STATEMENT OVERVIEW

LC 26-01

The current Model Automobile Insurance Plan (Model Plan) is a manual of administrative rules and operating procedures that currently serves as the model countrywide. Model Plan amendments are introduced to reflect current business practices, eliminate obsolete language, and modernize and simplify language to create uniformity among the Plans.

The California Automobile Assigned Risk Plan (“CAARP”) proposes amending the California Low Cost Automobile Insurance Program’s Plan of Operation to eliminate obsolete language, simplify existing language, reflect current business practices, provide the producer with the option to use their e-signature software product to obtain signatures of the applicant during the application process, and introduce performance standard requirements for the producer who chooses to use their e-signature software product.

LC 26-03

Effective January 1, 2015, the definitions of “household” and “family” were expanded to encompass non-traditional households and allow for more than one household to reside at the same address, so long as the insureds were part of a separate financial unit. This included an amendment to eliminate coverage for resident blood relatives who are not dependents.

For resident blood relatives who are not dependents from the income calculation and allow eligible applicants to qualify for coverage under the Low Cost Auto Program these changes are necessary to eliminate the following restrictions: not have on record an at-fault accident involving bodily injury or death for which the driver is principally at fault, or two or more property damage only accidents in which the driver was principally at fault; or two or more moving violation points or property damage only accident for which the driver was principally at fault and a point for a moving violation for resident blood relatives who are not dependents from the income calculation and allowed eligible

applicants to qualify for coverage under the Low Cost Auto Program.

COMPARABLE FEDERAL LAW

There are no comparable existing federal regulations or statutes.

LOCAL MANDATE DETERMINATION

The Commissioner has made an initial determination that the proposed changes will not result in any new program mandates on local agencies or school districts.

MANDATES ON LOCAL AGENCIES
OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS OR COSTS
WHICH MUST BE REIMBURSED
PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE
SECTIONS 17500 THROUGH 17630

The Commissioner has made an initial determination that the proposed changes will not result in any cost or significant savings to any local agency or school district for which Part 7 (commencing with section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code would require reimbursement, or in other nondiscretionary costs or savings to local agencies.

COST OR SAVINGS TO ANY STATE
AGENCY; FEDERAL FUNDING

The Commissioner has made an initial determination that the proposed changes will result in no cost or savings to any state agency and no cost or savings in federal funding to the state.

SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE ADVERSE
ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESSES
AND THE ABILITY OF CALIFORNIA
BUSINESSES TO COMPETE

The Commissioner has made an initial determination that the proposed changes will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. These proposed changes will have no effect on the creation or elimination of jobs in California, the creation of new businesses, the elimination of existing businesses in California, or the expansion of businesses in California.

**COST IMPACTS ON PRIVATE
PERSONS OR ENTITIES**

The Commissioner has made an initial determination that the proposed changes will not affect private person or entities.

IMPACT ON HOUSING COSTS

The Commissioner has made an initial determination that the proposed changes will not affect housing costs.

IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESS

The Commissioner has made an initial determination that the proposed changes will have no impact on small businesses.

**SPECIFIC TECHNOLOGIES
OR EQUIPMENT**

The Commissioner has made an initial determination that the proposed changes would not mandate the use of specific technologies or equipment.

ALTERNATIVES

The Commissioner 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.

PLAIN ENGLISH

The application describing the proposal is in plain English. However, the application itself is based on technical actuarial principles.

**TEXT AND INITIAL
STATEMENT OF REASONS**

The Department has prepared an Initial Statement of Reasons addressing the proposed changes, in addition to the Informative Digest included in this notice. Upon request to the contact persons above the Initial Statement of Reasons, Notice of Proposed Action and proposed text of regulation are available for inspection or copying. Further details on CAARP's proposal are on file with the Commissioner and available for review as set forth below.

FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

A Final Statement of Reasons will be prepared at the conclusion of this proceeding. Upon request to the contact person listed above, the Final Statement of Reasons will be made available for inspection and copying once it has been prepared. A copy of the Final Statement of Reasons will also be posted on the Department's web site.

ACCESS TO RULEMAKING FILE

Any interested person may inspect a copy of or direct questions about CAARP's proposed changes, the statement of reasons, and any supplemental information contained in the rulemaking file by contacting the contact person listed above. The rulemaking file is available for inspection by appointment at 1901 Harrison Street, Oakland, CA 94612, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

AUTOMATIC MAILING

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

**AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS
ON THE INTERNET**

The Initial Statement of Reasons, proposed text of regulation, and this Notice of Proposed Action will be published online and may be accessed through the Department's website at www.insurance.ca.gov.

**AVAILABILITY OF MODIFIED
TEXT OF REGULATIONS**

If the Department amends the application with changes that are sufficiently related to the original application, the Department will make the full text of the proposed changes, with the changes clearly indicated, available to the public for at least 15 days before the date the Department adopts the proposed amendments.

**TITLE 11. COMMISSION ON PEACE
OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING**

**MINIMUM REQUIRED ENTRY-LEVEL
TRAINING STANDARDS**

At both December 3, 2025, and March 4, 2026, meetings, Commission on Peace Officer Standards

and Training (POST) staff presented proposed amendments to Commission Regulation 1005 and the adoption of Commission Regulations 1005.01, 1005.02, 1005.03, 1005.04, 1005.05, 1005.06, 1005.07, 1005.08, and 1005.09. Staff requested to initiate the public comment portion of the rulemaking process prior to bringing the proposed amendments for Commission approval in June 2026.

The proposed changes involve amending Commission Regulation 1005 to augment, and clarify the minimum required entry-level training standards for peace officers that are subject to Commission Regulations. The proposed changes also involve the adoption of subsections to better clarify the regulatory requirements currently outlined in Commission Regulation 1005.

The attached notice includes the proposed changes, an invitation for written input on this proposal, the deadline for written comments, and information about requesting a public hearing. The following related information is available on the POST Website at www.post.ca.gov/Regulatory-Actions.

- POST Bulletin and Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action.
- Text of Proposed Regulatory Action.
- Initial Statement of Reasons.

Questions regarding this proposed regulatory action may be directed to [Bryant Henley](#), Commission on POST, 860 Stillwater Road, Suite 100, West Sacramento, CA 95605-1630, at (916) 227-4838. General questions regarding the regulatory process may be directed to Katie Strickland at (916) 227-2802.

Notice is hereby given that the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) proposes to amend regulations in Division 2 of Title 11 of the California Code of Regulations as described below in the Informative Digest. A public hearing is not scheduled. Pursuant to Government Code (GC) section 11346.8, any interested person, or their duly authorized representative, may request a public hearing. POST must receive the written request no later than 15 days prior to the close of the public comment period.

PUBLIC COMMENTS DUE BY MAY 18, 2026

Notice is also given that any interested person, or authorized representative, may submit written comment(s) relevant to the proposed regulatory action by fax at (916) 404-5619, by email to [Bryant Henley](mailto:bryant.henley@post.ca.gov) at bryant.henley@post.ca.gov, or by letter to:

Commission on POST
 Attention: Rulemaking
 860 Stillwater Road, Suite 100
 West Sacramento, CA 95605-1630

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

This proposal is made pursuant to the authority vested by Penal Code (PC) section 13503 (authority of POST), and PC § 13506 (POST authority to adopt regulations). This proposal is intended to interpret, implement, and make specific PC § 832, which authorizes POST to develop an introductory training course for every peace officer described in Chapter 4.5, and also PC § 13503(e), which authorizes POST to develop and implement programs to increase the effectiveness of law enforcement, including programs involving training and education courses. Additionally, this proposal is intended to interpret, implement, and make specific the minimum training requirements that apply to a number of different peace officer positions within the state of California. Those sections, which identify the relevant peace officer positions, include PC §§ 830.1, 830.2, 830.3, 830.31, 830.32, 830.33, 830.34, 830.35, 830.36, 830.37, 830.4, 830.55, and 832.4.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

California law establishes the limits of authority and powers applicable to all state, county and local peace officer positions. For the vast majority of peace officer positions, California law also authorizes POST to prescribe and develop the minimum training standards that must be met before an individual is authorized to exercise peace officer powers.

This rulemaking action will provide further clarification and specificity regarding the minimum entry-level training requirements applicable to each category of peace officer position subject to POST's Regulations. Those peace officer positions are set forth in Chapter 4.5 of Title 3 of Part 2 of the Penal Code.

Currently, among other things, Commission Regulation 1005 establishes a general rule which requires most individuals in peace officer positions to complete the Regular Basic Course before the peace officer may exercise peace officer powers. Commission Regulation 1005 goes on to create exceptions to this requirement for certain reserve officers, investigators, coroners and jail deputies, among other peace officer positions. The current regulation further provides that, under some specified circumstances, a peace officer may only be required to complete an Introductory PC 832 Training Course to meet minimum training requirements. Additionally, under other limited circumstances, the current regulation states that some peace officer positions may instead complete the Specialized Investigators' Basic Course in order to satisfy minimum training requirements.

Commission Regulation 1005, however, does not currently list each and every peace officer position

subject to POST’s regulatory authority, thereby creating a risk that law enforcement agencies may occasionally misunderstand the minimum training required for a particular peace officer position, given the significant variety of peace officer positions in California. This risk is of particular concern to POST for some of the less common types of peace officer positions in California. In short, POST has observed that regulated law enforcement entities would benefit from greater clarity regarding the training requirements for each category of peace officer that is subject to POST’s regulatory requirements.

The proposed regulations, therefore, will describe in more detail the minimum entry level training requirements for each peace officer described in a specific section of the Penal Code. The proposed regulations will provide greater clarity and uniformity to California law enforcement agencies regarding the specific minimum training requirements applicable to the many different peace officer positions subject to POST’s regulatory authority.

Anticipated Benefits of the Proposed Amendments:

The benefits anticipated by the proposed amendments to the regulation include an increase in uniformity and training standardization for the vast majority of peace officer positions in California, which will increase the efficiency of the state of California in delivering services to stakeholders. Thus, through improved training standardization rules tailored to the specific powers of each peace officer position, POST will continue to support peace officers’ commitment to preserving peace, protection of public health, safety, and welfare of California. The proposed amendments will have no impact on worker safety or the state’s environment.

Evaluation of Inconsistency/Incompatibility with Existing State Regulations:

POST has determined that these proposed amendments are consistent and compatible with existing regulations. After conducting a review for any regulations that would relate to, or affect this area, POST has concluded that these are the only regulations that concern processes and procedures for peace officer training requirements in the state.

**DOCUMENT(S)/FORM(S)
INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

There are no documents/forms incorporated by reference in this proposed action.

**DISCLOSURES REGARDING
THE PROPOSED ACTION**

POST has made the following initial determinations:

Mandate on local agencies or school districts: None.

Cost or savings to any state agency: None.

Costs to any local agency or school district which must be reimbursed in accordance with GC §§ 17500 through 17630: None.

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

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

Cost impacts on a representative private persons or business: POST 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 California businesses: POST has determined that the proposed regulations will not have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

Significant effect on housing costs: None.

Small Business Determination: POST has determined that the proposed regulations will not affect small businesses, as defined in GC §§ 11342.610 and 11346.3(b)(4)(B), because the regulations only affect state and local governmental agencies that employ peace officers. Additionally, the Commission’s main function to select and maintain training standards for law enforcement has no effect financially on small businesses.

**RESULTS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT
ANALYSIS/ASSESSMENT**

POST concludes that it is (1) unlikely the proposal will create nor eliminate jobs in the state of California, (2) unlikely that the proposal will create new businesses or eliminate existing businesses, and (3) unlikely that the proposed regulations will result in the expansion of businesses currently doing business within the state.

Benefits of the Proposed Action: As stated above under the Informative Digest/Policy Statement Overview, the benefits of the regulation will increase the efficiency of the state of California in delivering services to stakeholders by providing additional clarity to both state and local law enforcement agencies that are subject to POST’s regulations regarding the minimum training requirements that each category of peace officer must meet. Thus, the proposed action ensures that law enforcement standards are maintained and effective in preserving peace, as well as the protection of public health, safety, and welfare in California. There would be no impact that would affect worker safety or the state’s environment.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

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

CONTACT PERSONS

Questions regarding this proposed regulatory action may be directed to [Bryant Henley](#), Commission on POST, 860 Stillwater Road, Suite 100, West Sacramento, CA 95605–1630, at (916) 227–4838. General questions regarding the regulatory process may be directed to Katie Strickland at (916) 227–2802.

TEXT OF PROPOSAL

Individuals may request 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 Commission on POST at 860 Stillwater Road, Suite 100, West Sacramento, CA 95605–1630. These documents are also located on the POST Website at www.post.ca.gov/Regulatory-Actions.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS/AVAILABILITY OF CHANGED OR MODIFIED TEXT

Following the public comment period, the Commission may adopt the proposal substantially as set forth without further notice, or the Commission may modify the proposal if such modifications remain sufficiently related to the text as described in the Informative Digest. If the Commission makes changes to the language before the date of adoption, the text of any modified language, clearly indicated, will be made available at least 15 days before adoption to all persons whose comments were received by POST during the public comment period and to all persons who request notification from POST of the availability of such changes. A request for the modified text should be addressed to the agency official designated in this notice. The Commission will accept written comments on the modified text for 15 days after the date that the revised text is made available.

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

The rulemaking file contains all information upon which POST is basing this proposal and is available for public inspection by contacting the person(s) named above. 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.

To request a copy of the Final Statement of Reasons once it has been approved, submit a written request to the contact person(s) named above.

TITLE 11. COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING

POST PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHERS’ BASIC COURSE

The Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) is proposing modifications to the Public Safety Dispatchers’ Course to standardize the course’s modular format, ensuring consistency across all course presenters. In addition, the standardized modular format provides an alternative presentation structure, offering increased flexibility for students, agencies, and presenters through varied scheduling and delivery modules. The proposed amendments repeal the existing training specifications for the *POST Public Safety Dispatchers’ Basic Course* and adopt the new training specifications.

The proposed changes will be presented to the Commission for approval at the June 3, 2026, meeting.

The attached notice includes the proposed changes, an invitation for written input on this proposal, the deadline for written comments, and information about requesting a public hearing. The following related information is available on the POST Website at www.post.ca.gov/Regulatory-Actions.

- POST Bulletin and Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action.
- Text of Proposed Regulatory Action.
- Initial Statement of Reasons.
- *Training Specifications for the Public Safety Dispatchers’ Basic Course* — REPEAL.
- *Training Specifications for the Public Safety Dispatchers’ Basic Course* — ADOPT.
- Minimum Content and Hourly Requirements Public Safety Dispatchers’ Basic Course — Standard Format.

- Minimum Content and Hourly Requirements Public Safety Dispatchers’ Basic Course — Modular Format — Module II.
- Minimum Content and Hourly Requirements Public Safety Dispatchers’ Basic Course — Modular Format — Module I.

Questions regarding this proposed regulatory action may be directed to [Michelle Daubner](#), Commission on POST, 860 Stillwater Road, Suite 100, West Sacramento, CA 95605–1630, at (916) 227–4827. General questions regarding the regulatory process may be directed to Katie Strickland at (916) 227–2802.

Notice is hereby given that the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) proposes to amend regulations in Division 2 of Title 11 of the California Code of Regulations as described below in the Informative Digest. A public hearing is not scheduled. Pursuant to Government Code (GC) section 11346.8, any interested person, or their duly authorized representative, may request a public hearing. POST must receive the written request no later than 15 days prior to the close of the public comment period.

PUBLIC COMMENTS DUE BY MAY 18, 2026

Notice is also given that any interested person, or authorized representative, may submit written comment(s) relevant to the proposed regulatory action by fax at (916) 404–5619, by email to Michelle Daubner at michelle.daunber@post.ca.gov, or by letter to:

Commission on POST
Attention: Rulemaking
860 Stillwater Road, Suite 100
West Sacramento, CA 95605–1630

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

This proposal is made pursuant to the authority vested by Penal Code (PC) section 13503 (authority of POST), PC § 13506 (POST authority to adopt regulations). This proposal is intended to interpret, implement, and make specific PC § 13503(e), which authorizes POST to develop and implement programs to increase the effectiveness of law enforcement, including programs involving training and education courses.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

This rulemaking action clarifies and makes specific the requirements for the Public Safety Dispatchers’ Basic Course by establishing a modular delivery format while maintaining the existing standard course format.

Currently, Commission Procedure D–1, Basic Training establishes the training requirements, learning objectives, and hourly requirements for the Public Safety Dispatchers’ Basic Course. Commission Regulation 1018 references the Training Specifications for the course, and Commission Regulation 1015 establishes reimbursement limitations for POST–certified training courses.

The regulations proposed in this rulemaking action will revise Commission Procedure D–1, Basic Training, to define both standard and modular course delivery formats, clarify course terminology and presenter responsibilities, and reorganize training requirements to align with the two formats. The proposal will also update Commission Regulation 1015 to include reimbursement limitations for the modular format of the Public Safety Dispatchers’ Basic Course and update Commission Regulation 1018 to reference the revised Training Specifications. Additionally, the *Training Specifications for the Public Safety Dispatchers’ Basic Course* will be updated to organize course content by learning domain and module while maintaining the existing learning objectives, learning activities, and hourly requirements.

Anticipated Benefits of the Proposed Amendments:

The benefits anticipated by the proposed amendments to the regulation will provide current and prospective public safety dispatchers, agencies, and training presenters with a standardized and flexible course delivery framework by adding a modular format while maintaining the existing standard course format. These changes ensure consistency in learning objectives, learning activities, and hourly requirements across all course presentations while allowing greater flexibility in scheduling and delivery. Thus, the law enforcement standards are maintained and effective in preserving peace, protection of public health, safety, and welfare of California. The proposed amendments will have no impact on worker safety or the state’s environment.

Evaluation of Inconsistency/Incompatibility with Existing State Regulations:

POST has determined that these proposed amendments are not inconsistent nor incompatible with existing regulations. After conducting a review of any regulations that would relate to or affect this area, POST has concluded that these are the only regulations that concern processes and procedures for peace officer eligibility in the state.

DOCUMENT(S)/FORM(S) INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

- *Minimum Content and Hourly Requirements Public Safety Dispatchers’ Basic Course — Standard Format*, April 1, 2027.

- *Minimum Content and Hourly Requirements Public Safety Dispatchers’ Basic Course — Modular Format — Module II, April 1, 2027.*
- *Minimum Content and Hourly Requirements Public Safety Dispatchers’ Basic Course — Modular Format — Module I, April 1, 2027.*
- *Training Specifications for the Public Safety Dispatchers’ Basic Course, April 1, 2027.*

DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE PROPOSED ACTION

POST has made the following initial determinations:

Mandate on local agencies or school districts: None.

Cost or savings to any state agency: None.

Costs to any local agency or school district which must be reimbursed in accordance with GC §§ 17500 through 17630: None.

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

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

Cost impacts on a representative private persons or business: POST 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 California businesses: POST has determined that the proposed regulations will not have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

Significant effect on housing costs: None.

Small Business Determination: POST has determined that the proposed regulations will not affect small businesses because the regulations only affect current and prospective public safety dispatchers, law enforcement agencies, and training presenters who elect to present the modular format of the course. Additionally, the Commission’s main function to select and maintain training standards for law enforcement has no effect financially on small businesses.

RESULTS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS/ASSESSMENT

POST concludes that it is (1) unlikely the proposal will create nor eliminate jobs in the state of California, (2) unlikely that the proposal will create new businesses or eliminate existing businesses, and (3) unlikely that the proposed regulations will result in the expansion of businesses currently doing business within the state.

Benefits of the Proposed Action: As stated above under the Informative Digest/Policy Statement Overview, the benefits of the regulation will provide current and prospective public safety dispatchers, law enforcement agencies, and training presenters with a standardized and flexible framework for delivering the Public Safety Dispatchers’ Basic Course by adding a modular course format while maintaining the existing standard format. The proposed amendments clarify course structure, delivery formats, and training requirements while ensuring consistency in learning objectives and hourly requirements across all course presentations. Thus, the law enforcement standards are maintained and effective in preserving peace, protection of public health, safety, and welfare in California. There would be no impact that would affect worker safety or the state’s environment.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

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

CONTACT PERSONS

Questions regarding this proposed regulatory action may be directed to [Michelle Daubner](#), Commission on POST, 860 Stillwater Road, Suite 100, West Sacramento, CA 95605–1630, at (916) 227–4827. General questions regarding the regulatory process may be directed to Katie Strickland at (916) 227–2802.

TEXT OF PROPOSAL

Individuals may request 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 Commission on POST at 860 Stillwater Road, Suite 100, West Sacramento, CA 95605–1630. These documents are also located on the POST Website at www.post.ca.gov/Regulatory–Actions.

**ADOPTION OF PROPOSED
REGULATIONS/AVAILABILITY OF
CHANGED OR MODIFIED TEXT**

Following the public comment period, the Commission may adopt the proposal substantially as set forth without further notice, or the Commission may modify the proposal if such modifications remain sufficiently related to the text as described in the Informative Digest. If the Commission makes changes to the language before the date of adoption, the text of any modified language, clearly indicated, will be made available at least 15 days before adoption to all persons whose comments were received by POST during the public comment period and to all persons who request notification from POST of the availability of such changes. A request for the modified text should be addressed to the agency official designated in this notice. The Commission will accept written comments on the modified text for 15 days after the date that the revised text is made available.

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

The rulemaking file contains all information upon which POST is basing this proposal and is available for public inspection by contacting the person(s) named above. 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.

To request a copy of the Final Statement of Reasons once it has been approved, submit a written request to the contact person(s) named above.

**TITLE 14. STATE
COASTAL CONSERVANCY**

**USE OF PEDRO POINT HEADLANDS IN
SAN MATEO COUNTY**

These regulations are submitted to the Office of Administrative Law on March 24, 2026, with an intended notice publication date of April 3, 2026.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Coastal Conservancy (the “Conservancy”) proposes to adopt regulations as described below, after considering all comments, objections, and recommendations regarding the proposed action.

PROPOSED REGULATORY ACTION

The Conservancy proposes adopting Chapter 5, Article 1, Sections 13770 through 13783, and Article 2, Sections 13784 through 137966, within Title 14, Division 5.6 of the California Code of Regulations. The proposed regulations concern the use of land within the Pedro Point Headlands in San Mateo County under the Conservancy’s ownership or control.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

(Section 11346.5(a)(15) of the Government Code)

Any person, or their authorized representative, may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action to the Conservancy. *The written comment period closes May 19, 2026, at 11:59 p.m., 45 days after the April 3, 2026, publication date.* The Conservancy will only consider written comments received by the end of the written comment period, described above. Written comments may be submitted by either of the following methods:

1. By email to: Erin.Gravley@scc.ca.gov.
2. By mail or hand delivered to:

State Coastal Conservancy
Attention: Erin Gravley
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1000 (10th Floor)
Oakland, CA 94612

To facilitate timely review of comments, please label all comments with this title/subject line: “Public Comment Letter — Proposed Regulatory Action for Use of Pedro Point Headlands in San Mateo County.”

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 7920.00 et seq.), your comments, attachments, and associated contact information will become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

PUBLIC HEARING

(Section 11346.5(a)(17) of the Government Code)

The Conservancy does not intend to hold a public hearing, unless a hearing is timely requested; however, any interested person or duly authorized representative may request, no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period, described above, a public hearing pursuant to Section 11346.8 of the Government Code.

ACCOMMODATION NOTICE

If any member of the public requires accommodation to participate in a public hearing and/or meeting, please contact Taylor Samuelson at Taylor.Samuelson@scc.ca.gov no later than five (5)

working days prior to the noticed public meeting and/or hearing.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

(Section 11346.5(a)(2) of the Government Code)

Authority Cited: Section 31102 of the Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 31000–31414 of the Public Resources Code.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST

(Section 11346.5(a)(3) of the Government Code)

Summary of Existing Laws and Effect of the Proposed Action

The Conservancy is a state agency with responsibility for protecting, restoring, and enhancing natural resources along the coast and in coastal watersheds, protecting coastal agriculture, and providing public access to the coast. The Conservancy’s enabling legislation is located at Division 21 of the Public Resources Code (“Division 21”). Existing law, Section 31105 of the Public Resources Code, authorizes the Conservancy to acquire real property or interests for purposes specified in Division 21. In addition, existing law, Section 31104.1 of the Public Resources Code, requires the Conservancy to serve as a repository for lands whose reservation is required to meet the policies and objectives of the California Coastal Act of 1976 (Division 20 of the Public Resources Code), a certified local coastal plan or program, or the San Francisco Bay Plan as implemented by the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission pursuant to Title 7.2 of the Government Code. Pursuant to the authority derived from Section 31104.1 of the Public Resources Code, the Conservancy may accept dedication of fee title, easements, development rights, or other interests in lands, including interests required to provide public access to recreation and resources areas in the coastal zone. As a result, the Conservancy owns and manages properties across the State of California to carry out Division 21 purposes. One property the Conservancy owns is a popular recreational area located within Pedro Point Headlands (“Pedro Point Headlands”), San Mateo County.

This regulatory action proposes adopting Chapter 5, Article 1, Sections 13770 through 13783, and Article 2, Sections 13784 through 137965, within Title 14, Division 5.6 of the California Code of Regulations. The proposed regulatory action will create a clear framework for the Conservancy to protect the public, prevent habitat degradation or disruption to wildlife, and protect or restore the natural environment.

Other state laws related to the use of public land and to the proposed regulations include the following:

- Penal Code Section 384a, which makes it a misdemeanor to willfully or negligently cut, destroy, mutilate, or remove plant material that is growing upon public land without a written authorization, signed by the owner of the land or an authorized agent.
- Penal Code Section 450 et seq., which criminalizes arson of forest land.
- Penal Code Section 594 et seq., which criminalizes graffiti and vandalism.

Anticipated Benefits of Proposed Regulations

The anticipated benefits of the proposed regulatory action include increasing public safety, reducing conflict between different user groups, providing clear information to the public, and protecting and restoring the natural environment. For example, establishing specific procedures for temporary closure of Pedro Point Headlands when there are risks to public safety, habitat, wildlife, and/or natural or cultural resources will help to mitigate those risks, and such procedures promote transparency regarding the reasons for and duration of closures. In addition, reasonable restrictions on the hours of use and vehicles protect the environment by reducing potential impacts to sensitive habitat and wildlife. The anticipated benefits to this state property and the public outweigh minor limitations on public access and are consistent with the Conservancy’s responsibility as a land steward.

Evaluation of Inconsistency/Incompatibility with Existing State Regulations

The proposed regulatory action is not inconsistent or incompatible with existing state regulations. To date, the Conservancy has not adopted regulations concerning the use or management of Pedro Point Headlands. Regulations adopted by other state agency land managers are not applicable to Pedro Point Headlands.

Evaluation of Existing, Comparable Federal Regulation or Statute

The Conservancy is not aware of a substantial difference from an existing, comparable federal regulation or statute.

Forms Incorporated by Reference

None.

MANDATED BY FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATIONS

(Sections 11346.2(c) of the Government Code)

The Conservancy is not aware of any federal regulations or statutes that address the specific subject matter addressed by the proposed regulatory action; however, the Conservancy is working with the federal government to ensure the regulations are largely consistent with the regulations governing federal land in San Mateo County.

OTHER STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

(Section 11346.5(a)(4) of the Government Code)

The Conservancy is not aware of any other requirements prescribed by statute applicable to the Conservancy, or to the specific regulations or class of regulations.

DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE PROPOSED ACTION

(Section 11346.5(a)(5), (6), (7), (8), and (12) of the Government Code)

The Conservancy has made the following initial determinations and/or declarations:

- Mandate on local agencies and school districts: None.
- Cost or savings to any other state agency: None.
- Cost to any local agency or school district which is required to be reimbursed: None.
- Other nondiscretionary costs or savings imposed on local agencies: None.
- Cost or savings in federal funding to the state: None.
- Significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other States: None.
- Significant effect on housing costs: None.

COST IMPACTS ON REPRESENTATIVE PERSONS OR BUSINESSES

(Section 11346.5(a)(9) of the Government Code)

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

RESULTS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(Section 11346.5(a)(10) of the Government Code)

Section 11346.3 of the Government Code requires state agencies to assess the potential economic impacts on California businesses and individuals when proposing to adopt or amend a regulation. The following is a summary of the results from the economic impact analysis:

- *Creation or Elimination of Jobs within the State of California:* The proposed regulatory action is not expected to create or eliminate jobs within the State of California.

- *Creation or Elimination of Businesses within the State of California:* The proposed regulatory action is not expected to create or eliminate businesses in the State of California.
- *Expansion of Businesses Currently Doing Business within the State of California:* The proposed regulatory action is not expected to encourage or discourage businesses from expanding their business in the State of California.
- *Benefits of Regulation to Health and Welfare of California Residents, Worker Safety, and the State's Environment:* The proposed regulatory action will benefit the health and welfare of California residents and the State's environment, by providing the Conservancy with additional tools to manage Pedro Point Headlands. For example, the proposed regulations will benefit the health and welfare of California residents by informing visitors of hazards and how to safely recreate at Pedro Point Headlands and closing the property, or a portion of the property, when there is a hazard or maintenance. The proposed regulatory action will benefit the State's environment by prohibiting uses that would otherwise damage or degrade natural resources and habitats or harm or disrupt wildlife. The proposed regulatory action will allow for effective management of Pedro Point Headlands.

SMALL BUSINESS DETERMINATION

1 CCR 4(a) and (b)

Minimal to no impacts are expected for small businesses. Any such impact will come from the proposed prohibition to charge for events or services on public lands. The proposed regulatory action may affect small businesses that charge the public a fee for events on public property or commercial dog walking. However, such impacts are expected to be minimal to none. The proposed regulatory action establishes a process by which the public can seek written authorization for select events. In addition, Pedro Point Headlands has steep terrain and narrow trails not necessarily compatible for commercial dog walking, and there are other coastal areas in San Mateo County to walk dogs. Thus, it is possible that the regulations may have an impact on small businesses that charge the public a fee for events on public land or provide commercial dog walking, but the impacts are expected to be minimal to none.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

(Section 11346.5(a)(13) of the Government Code)

In accordance with Section 11346.5(a)(13) of the Government Code, the Conservancy must determine

that no reasonable alternative it has 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 Conservancy has not identified such a reasonable alternative, and invites interested people to provide comments regarding any alternatives to the proposed regulatory action during the written comment period.

CONTACT PERSONS

(Section 11346.5(a)(14) of the Government Code)

Please direct inquiries concerning the proposed action or regulatory process to:

State Coastal Conservancy
 Attention: Erin Gravley
 1515 Clay Street, Suite 1000 (10th Floor)
 Oakland, CA 94612
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 (510) 286-2239

The backup contact person is Desiree Staeffler, by email at Desiree.Staeffler@scc.ca.gov and telephone at (510) 286-4171.

NOTICE AND AVAILABILITY OF
 RULEMAKING PACKAGE; AND
 AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS
 ON THE INTERNET

(Sections 11346.4(a)(1)-(4), (6) and 11346.5(a)(16), (20) of the Government Code; 1 CCR 86)

The Conservancy is emailing people and/or groups it believes to be interested in the proposed regulatory action and posting on its website, mentioned below, this Notice of Proposed Action on or before April 3, 2026, which is at least 45 days prior to close of the public comment period and any public hearing, if a hearing is requested.

In addition, the Conservancy will have the entire rulemaking file available for inspection and copying at its office at the address above. Copies of the Notice of Proposed Action, Initial Statement of Reasons, text of the regulations with any modifications illustrated, as well as the Final Statement of Reasons, when completed, and modified text, if any, may be accessed through the Conservancy’s website at: <https://scc.ca.gov/public-notices/>; or may be obtained by contacting the agency contact person(s) named in this notice.

AVAILABILITY OF CHANGED OR
 MODIFIED TEXT

(Section 11346.5(a)(18) of the Government Code)

After considering all timely and relevant comments received during the written comment period, the Conservancy may adopt the proposed regulatory action substantially as described in this notice. If the Conservancy makes substantial changes, it will make the modified text (with the changes clearly indicated) available to the public for at least 15 days before the Conservancy adopts, amends, or repeals the resulting regulation. A copy of any modified regulation may be obtained from the agency contact person(s) named in this notice or on the Conservancy’s website at the URL provided above. The posting on the Conservancy’s website will start the 15-day window. Non-substantial changes will not be further noticed.

AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL
 STATEMENT OF REASONS

(Section 11346.5(a)(19) of the Government Code)

Upon its completion, the Final Statement of Reasons will be available on the Conservancy’s website at the URL provided above and may be requested from the contact person(s) named in this notice.

**TITLE 16. STRUCTURAL PEST
 CONTROL BOARD**

EXAMINATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Structural Pest Control Board (Board or SPCB) is proposing to take the action as 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 for this action. However, the Board will hold a hearing if it receives a written request for a public hearing from any interested person, or their authorized representative, no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period. A hearing may be requested by making such request in writing and addressed to the individuals listed under “Contact Person” in this Notice.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Written comments relevant to the action proposed, including those sent by mail or email to the addresses

listed under “Contact Person” in this Notice, must be **received by the Board at its office no later than Monday May 18, 2026**, or must be received by the Board at the hearing, should one be scheduled.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Pursuant to the authority vested by Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 8525 and to implement, interpret, or make specific BPC sections 8560, 8561, 8563, 8564.5, 8565, 8565.5, 8566 and 8674, the Board is proposing to amend Title 16, California Code of Regulations (CCR) sections 1940, 1941, 1942, and adopt 1940.1.¹

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/ POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

The Structural Pest Control Board (Board) is responsible for licensing and regulating pest control professionals in California pursuant to the provisions of BPC sections 8500 and following (commonly referred to as the Structural Pest Control Act (“Act”). The license types include applicator, field representative, and operator and fall into three branches in California: Branch 1 — fumigation, Branch 2 — general pest, and Branch 3 — termite. The Board licenses an estimated 24,200 pest control professionals, including approximately 6,000 applicators, 14,000 field representatives, and 4,200 operators. Protection of the public is the Board’s highest priority in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions.

BPC section 8525 authorizes the Board, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (Government Code sections 11340 et seq.), to adopt, amend, repeal and enforce reasonably necessary rules and regulations relating to the practice of pest control and its various branches as established by BPC section 8560 and the administration of the Act. BPC section 8560 gives the Board authority to develop and administer examinations including to “make rules and regulations for the purpose of securing fair, impartial, and proper examinations.” BPC section 8560(g) establishes that each examination shall be in each of the subjects specified in the branch or branches relating to the specific applications and that a license shall be granted to any applicant “who shall make a general average of not less than 70 percent on each of the subjects of the branch or branches.” However, the Board does not currently have examination requirements specified in regulations.

The Department of Consumer Affairs’ (DCA) Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) provides professional consulting services in exam-

ination validation and development to this Board and other DCA boards, bureaus, and committees, and provides recommendations based on regulations, professional guidelines, and technical standards related to licensure examinations. OPES guidance helps the Board implement department-wide examination validation policies in accordance with legislative requirements for examination validation set forth in BPC section 139. OPES has completed occupational analyses of the structural pest control professions regulated by this Board and developed examination plan outlines to specify content to ensure entry level competence in the specified structural pest control license and branch in California (see reports in Underlying Data). Based on the findings of these analyses, the Board seeks to formalize its examination requirements in regulations in compliance with BPC section 139. These changes are intended to better protect California consumers by ensuring examinations meet minimum standards for qualifying applicants for licensure.

The Board’s current regulations do not address the examinations that the Board administers for its licenses. They do not reflect the current laws and procedures for examination application and administration. The current regulations also do not reflect minimum examination and certification standards required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA).

Alignment with Federal Core Competency and Examination Requirements and Department of Pesticide Regulation Regulations

In 1974, the U.S. EPA adopted 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 171 titled “Certification of Pesticide Applicators” to ensure state certification programs protect applicators, the public, and the environment from the risks associated with restricted use pesticides (RUPs). These are pesticides that the U.S. EPA has determined may cause unreasonable adverse effects to the environment and have the potential to cause injury to applicators or bystanders if not used properly and according to label instructions (see criteria for RUPs in 40 CFR § 152.170). To manage these risks, the U.S. EPA requires RUPs to be used only by **certified** applicators or individuals working under the direct supervision of a certified applicator. The criteria for RUPs are outlined in 40 CFR § 152.170.

Effective May 22, 2018, the U.S. EPA updated its regulations at 40 CFR Part 171 to enhance certification standards. These updates require state certifying agencies, such as the Board, to adopt or exceed federal “core standards” for commercial applicators as described in 40 CFR § 171.103, and to ensure their examination procedures assess minimum competency. Furthermore, 40 CFR § 171.303(b)(2)(i) requires that state certification plans include a citation of the specif-

¹ All CCR references are to Title 16 unless otherwise noted.

ic laws and/or regulations demonstrating adoption of these standards.

Due to California’s unique regulatory framework, the Board licenses and certifies applicators of California restricted materials, which include RUPs (as defined in California Code of Regulations, title 3, section 6400(a)), as well as applicators who perform pest control for hire regardless of whether they use RUPs. The Board coordinates and consults with the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) to ensure California’s pesticide laws and regulations are being implemented consistent with the federal requirements and the State’s plan for complying with federal requirements (see Section 11 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA — 7 U.S.C. §§ 136–136y)). DPR revised regulations related to the certification and training of pesticide applicators in Title 3, California Code of Regulations (3 CCR) Division 6 (see, 3 CCR section 6504 relating to exam content) to ensure State compliance. The regulations became effective on January 1, 2024.

These proposed regulations will align the Board’s regulations with federal requirements and DPR’s regulations. California law at Food and Agricultural Code (FAC) section 14015 restricts the use or possession of RUPs to the following:

Except as provided by regulation adopted by the director, a restricted material shall only be possessed or used by, or under the direct supervision of, a private applicator, who is certified pursuant to Section 14093, or a certified commercial applicator, as defined by Section 6000 of Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations.

In California, only **operators and field representatives** are considered certified applicators under federal law, since they apply RUPs as a “certified commercial applicator” in accordance with DPR’s regulations at 3 CCR § 6000 (which includes SPCB Operators and Field Representatives, but not Applicators). Therefore, the amended federal requirements apply only to these two license types—operators and field representatives—and their specified branches for this Board. Nevertheless, the Board needs to update its regulations to reflect that these requirements for core standards are met through its examinations for those license types considered certified commercial applicators (operator and field representative) to show compliance with the U.S. EPA and DPR regulations noted above.

Compliance with Examination Validation Requirements

The Legislature has recognized that occupational analyses and examination validation studies are fundamental components of licensure programs. (BPC section 139, subdivision (a).) DCA’s Departmental Li-

censure Examination Validation Policy (OPES 22–01) recognizes the same. Licensure examinations with substantial validity evidence are essential in preventing unqualified individuals from obtaining professional licenses. To that end, licensure examinations must be:

- Developed according to an examination outline that is based on a current occupational analysis,
- Regularly evaluated,
- Updated when tasks performed or prerequisite knowledge in a profession change, or to prevent overexposure of test questions, and,
- Reported annually, in terms of validation activities, to the Legislature.

Although the Board’s existing licensing exams already meet federal standards covering the core standards set forth in 40 CFR § 171.103, the Board has not yet adopted regulations explicitly referencing the core standards as required by 40 CFR § 171.303(b)(2)(i). A comprehensive review conducted in partnership with OPES confirmed that the Board’s exams align with federal standards (see memo from Heidi Lincer, Chief of OPES, dated June 11, 2025, in the Initial Statement of Reasons’ Underlying Data). As discussed above, OPES has validated the Board’s examinations pursuant to the DCA policy noted above and, as a result, this proposal is necessary to implement and update the Board’s validated content and standards in regulation for its examinations.

The Board is proposing changes to CCR sections 1940, 1941, 1942, and adopting of CCR section 1940.1, to establish minimum standards and procedures for the applicator, field representative, and operator license examinations administered by the Board. Amendments to CCR section 1940 would also establish that upon passing an exam, applicants may submit an application for an applicator, field representative or operator license, and would further provide a definition for “pass” or “passing” a Board examination. The changes to CCR section 1940 would generally specify the latest content areas, tasks, and associated knowledge statements for these exams by incorporating by reference the Board’s examination outlines for the professions regulated by the Board from OPES’ Occupational Analyses, as specified.

The Board also proposes to update its requirements for taking a board examination. This would include adopting standards for submission of a completed application for examination in proposed new CCR section 1940.1, amending requirements for submitting a re-examination application at CCR section 1942, and amending existing regulations relating to consequences for an applicant’s failure to appear for examination in CCR section 1941. These updates would include the following:

Application for Examination (CCR section 1940.1):

- Application submission criteria and requirements for submission of a fee, as specified,
- Disclosure of specified identifying and contact information,
- Disclosure regarding whether the applicant has previously applied for examination,
- Disclosure regarding whether the applicant is presently or was previously licensed with the Board,
- Disclosure regarding whether the applicant is requesting a reasonable accommodation and, if so, requiring medical documentation, as specified,
- A statement signed by the applicant under penalty of perjury that the information provided in the application for examination is true and correct,
- A copy of the applicant’s “acceptable government-issued photo identification,” as specified,
- For Branch 1, 2, or 3 operator licenses, submission of satisfactory proof of completing the applicable courses required by BPC section 8565.5, as specified, and,
- Setting the Board’s requirements for confirming the application for examination is complete and sending notice of written approval to the applicant and the examination vendor and specifying the contents of the notice and an applicant’s responsibilities.

Failure to Appear for an Examination (CCR section 1941):

- The title would be revised from “Failure to Appear for Operator or Field Representative’s Examinations” to “Failure to Appear for an Examination,”
- Existing references to “operator’s or filed representative’s” would be repealed and replaced with a general cross-reference to all examinations in CCR section 1940, and,
- The section would be amended to add a cross-reference to the new application requirements for examination proposed at CCR section 1940.1.

Application for Re-Examination (CCR section 1942):

- Strike existing references to when an applicant “fails” an operator’s or field representative’s exam and replace it with “does not pass an examination” as specified in CCR section 1940,
- Strike existing references to a requirement that an applicant may take another examination only “within six months thereafter” (after taking a prior exam),
- Application submission criteria and requirements for submission of a fee, as specified,

- Disclosure of specified identifying and contact information,
- A statement signed by the applicant under penalty of perjury that the information provided in the application for examination is true and correct,
- Setting the Board’s requirements for confirming the application for examination is complete and sending notice of written approval to the applicant and the examination vendor, and specifying the contents of the notice and an applicant’s responsibilities, and,
- Providing a definition of “acceptable government-issued photo identification” required for presentation at the exam location prior to taking an exam consistent with the definition set forth in CCR section 1940.1.

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, worker safety, and the State’s environment. This proposed rulemaking will make the Board’s examination requirements consistent with current state and federal law, establish clear procedures for examination administration, incorporate minimum standards for exam validation and strengthen consumer protection.

The Board also anticipates that the updated regulations will be a more effective tool for the Board, examination applicants and licensees, and the public by confirming that examinations meet minimum competency standards for licensure and by ensuring consistency and fairness in the Board’s examination processes.

The proposed regulations will also benefit the health and welfare of California residents, certified commercial applicators, and the environment by aligning examination and certification standards with the federal framework governing the safe use of RUPs in this State. The proposal meets the minimum federal standards for examination and licensure of field representatives and operators who apply RUPs, reducing the likelihood of improper applications and accidental exposures. Certified commercial applicators (field representatives and operator “workers” who apply RUPs) will be better equipped to follow pesticide labeling and California laws by standardizing the exam content consistent with U.S. EPA regulations, ensuring safe and lawful use of RUPs.

EVALUATION OF CONSISTENCY AND COMPATIBILITY WITH EXISTING STATE REGULATIONS

During the process of developing this regulatory proposal, the Board conducted a search of any similar

regulations relating to these topics and concluded that these regulations are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing state regulations.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

1. “Attachment A: Examination Outline for the California Applicator Examination,” which is published in the memorandum entitled “Occupational Analysis of the Applicator Profession” from the Chief of the Office of Professional Examination Services to the board’s Executive Officer, dated March 9, 2023.
2. “Table 10 — Examination Outline for the Branch 1 Field Representative Profession,” which is published in the document entitled “*Occupational Analysis of the Branch 1 Field Representative Profession*” by the Department of Consumer Affairs’ Office of Professional Examination Services, dated August 2019.
3. “Table 14 — Branch 2 Field Representative Examination Outline 2025,” which is published in the document entitled “*Occupational Analysis of the Branch 2 Field Representative Profession*” by the Department of Consumer Affairs’ Office of Professional Examination Services, dated July 2025.
4. “Table 13 — Examination Content Outline: Branch 3 Field Representative,” which is published in the document entitled “*Occupational Analysis of the Branch 3 Field Representative Profession*” by the Department of Consumer Affairs’ Office of Professional Examination Services, dated January 2017.
5. “Table 10 — Examination Outline For Branch 1 Operator Profession,” which is published in the document entitled “*Occupational Analysis of the Branch 1 Operator Profession*” by the Department of Consumer Affairs’ Office of Professional Examination Services, dated August 2019.
6. “Table 14 — Branch 2 Operator Examination Outline 2025, which is published in the document entitled “*Occupational Analysis of the Branch 2 Operator Profession*” by the Department of Consumer Affairs’ Office of Professional Examination Services, dated July 2025.
7. “Table 13 — Examination Outline For Branch 3 Operator Profession,” which is published in the document entitled “*Occupational Analysis of the Branch 3 Operator Profession*” by the Department of Consumer Affairs’ Office of Professional Examination Services, dated August 2017.
8. Code of Federal Regulations, Title 40, sections 171.103(c), 171.103(d)(7) and 171.103(d)(14), dated July 1, 2023.

DISCLOSURES REGARDING THIS PROPOSED ACTION

FISCAL IMPACT ESTIMATES

Fiscal Impact on Public Agencies Including Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs or Savings in Federal Funding to the State: The Board estimates one-time costs of approximately \$2,600 to update the seven exams and post them on the Board’s website. Any workload and costs will be absorbed within existing resources.

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

Non-Discretionary Costs or 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 will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. This initial determination is based on the following facts:

This Board already administers all examinations required for licensure. The proposed regulations do not establish new testing requirements or impose new obligations on businesses; rather, they codify existing examination practices, procedures, and standards into regulation for consistency and transparency. License applicants are already required to meet these examination requirements as a condition of licensure. Therefore, no additional costs or burdens will be incurred by businesses or licensees as a result of this rulemaking.

Based on the recent fiscal year data, the Board receives approximately 10,000 initial and reexamination applications annually. The examination standards and application requirements reflected in these regulations are consistent with the standards the Board has historically applied to all examination applicants. As a result, the proposed regulations do not impose any new or additional requirements beyond current practice and will have no change in business impact to applicants or the State.

Additionally, the amendments to these regulatory sections clarify existing procedures and policies rather than establish new standards. The Board already

follows these procedures and communicates these requirements to applicants as part of its current examination and licensing process.

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

RESULTS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT/ANALYSIS

Impact on Jobs/Businesses

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

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

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

Benefits of Regulation

The Board has determined that this regulatory proposal will have the following benefits to the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety, and the State’s environment:

The proposed regulations will benefit the health and welfare of California residents, certified commercial applicators, and the environment by ensuring examination and certification standards are consistent with the federal framework for the safe use of restricted-use pesticides (RUPs).

The proposal meets the minimum federal standards, helping reduce improper applications and accidental exposures. Certified commercial applicators (field representatives and operators) will be better prepared to follow pesticide labeling and California laws, ensuring safe and lawful use of RUPs.

Absent this proposal, California’s certification and examination requirements would not be fully aligned with the updated federal standards, potentially creating regulatory inconsistencies and undermining state-wide compliance with 40 CFR Part 171.

The Board also anticipates that the updated regulations will serve as a more effective tool for the Board, examination applicants, licensees, and the public by providing a clear and comprehensive overview of the Board’s examinations and related procedures. These changes are designed to better protect California consumers by confirming that examinations meet minimum competency standards for licensure and by en-

suring consistency and fairness in the Board’s examination processes.

Business Reporting Requirements

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

Effect on Small Business

The Board has determined that the proposed regulations will not affect small businesses. While the Board does not have, nor does it maintain, data to determine if any of its licensees are a “small business,” as defined in Government Code section 11342.610, the Board has made an initial determination that the proposed regulatory action will not affect small businesses for the reasons set forth in the “Business Impact Estimates” section of this Notice.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

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

Any interested person may submit comments to the Board in writing relevant to the above determinations at 2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1500, Sacramento, CA 95815, during the written comment period, or at the hearing if one is scheduled or requested.

AVAILABILITY OF STATEMENT OF REASONS AND RULEMAKING FILE

The Board has compiled a record for this regulatory action, which includes the Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR), proposed regulatory text, and all the information on which this proposal is based. This material is contained in the rulemaking file and is available for public inspection upon request to the Contact Persons named in this Notice.

TEXT OF PROPOSAL

Copies of the exact language of the proposed regulations, and any document incorporated by reference, and of the initial statement of reasons, and all of the information upon which the proposal is based, may be obtained upon request from the Board office located at, 2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1500, Sacramento, California, 95815.

AVAILABILITY OF
CHANGED OR MODIFIED TEXT

After considering all timely and relevant comments received, the Board, upon its own motion or at the request of any interested party, may thereafter adopt the proposed regulations substantially as described in this notice or may modify such proposals if such modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. With the exception of technical or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified proposal, with the modifications clearly indicated, will be available for review and written comment for 15 days prior to its adoption from the persons designated in this Notice as the Contact Persons 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 (FSOR) once it has been prepared by making a written request to the Contact Persons named below or by accessing the website listed below.

CONTACT PERSONS

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

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Address: Structural Pest Control Board
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1500
Sacramento, CA 95815
Telephone Number: 279-236-2502
Email Address: pestboard@dca.ca.gov

The backup contact person is:

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AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS
ON THE INTERNET

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

**TITLE 24. BUILDING
STANDARDS COMMISSION**

2025 CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE
CODE CALIFORNIA CODE OF
REGULATIONS, PART 1 (BSC 01/25)

Notice is hereby given that the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) proposes to adopt, approve, codify, and publish changes to building standards contained in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 24, Part 1. The CBSC is proposing building standards related to the 2025 California Administrative Code, Title 24, Part 1.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(1), 11346.5(a)(15) and 11346.5(a)(17).

A public hearing has not been scheduled; however, written comments will be accepted from **April 3, 2026**, until midnight on **May 18, 2026**.

Comments may be submitted to CBSC via:

Email: cbsc@dgs.ca.gov

US Mail postmarked no later than **May 18, 2026**:

California Building Standards Commission
Attention: Public Comments
2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130
Sacramento, CA 95833

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thorized representative, may request no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period that a public hearing be held.

The public will have an opportunity to provide written and oral comments regarding the proposed action on building standards at a public meeting to be conducted by CBSC to be scheduled at a date near the end of the current adoption cycle. A meeting notice will be issued announcing the date, time and location of the public meeting.

POST-HEARING MODIFICATIONS TO THE TEXT OF THE REGULATIONS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(18).

Following the public comment period, CBSC may adopt the proposed building standards substantially as proposed in this notice or with modifications that are sufficiently related to the original proposed text and notice of proposed changes. If modifications are made, the full text of the proposed modifications, clearly indicated, will be made available to the public for at least 15 days prior to the date on which CBSC adopts, amends, or repeals the regulation(s). CBSC will accept written comments on the modified building standards during the 15-day period.

NOTE: To be notified of any modifications, you must submit written/oral comments or request that you be notified of any modifications.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(2).

CBSC proposes to adopt these building standards under the authority granted by Health and Safety Code Sections 18931, 18934 and 18949.6.

The purpose of these building standards is to implement, interpret, or make specific provisions of Government Code Section 11546.7(a), and Health and Safety Code Sections 18931, 18934 and 18949.6.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(3).

Summary of Existing Laws

Health and Safety Code (HSC) Section 18931 establishes the duties of CBSC to review and approve, return for amendment, or reject the building standards adopted by state agencies; codify and publish the adopted and approved standards; resolve conflict; ensure consistency; hear appeals and adopt procedural regulations to administer these duties.

HSC Section 18934 mandates state agencies proposing to adopt building standards to adopt and CBSC to approve regulations establishing procedures to en-

sure public participation in the development of building standards and regulations.

HSC Section 18949.6 requires CBSC to adopt regulations setting forth the procedure for the adoption of building standards and administrative regulations that apply directly to the implementation or enforcement of building standards. The adoption process is required to facilitate the triennial adoption of model codes and allow for public review of proposed building standards and administrative regulations.

Government Code (GOV) Section 11546.7(a) establishes the state Internet Web site accessibility standards to which state agencies' Internet Web sites are required to comply.

Summary of Existing Regulations

Chapter 1 of the California Administrative Code (California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1) contains regulations that explain the various responsibilities and functions of CBSC addressing the development, adoption, and publication of building standards in Title 24, California Code of Regulations. It also includes requirements for state proposing agencies and state adopting agencies involved in the development of building standards.

Summary of Effect

The proposed amendments to Chapter 1 of the 2025 California Administrative Code, are being made to clarify, conform, and coordinate requirements relative to procedures for compliance with CBSC rulemaking processes by state adopting and proposing agencies. Specific rationale is provided for each item within the Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR).

Comparable Federal Statute or Regulations

There are no comparable federal statutes or regulations related to the CBSC proposed action.

Policy Statement Overview

The proposed amendments to Chapter 1 of the 2025 California Administrative Code address necessary procedures for compliance with CBSC rulemaking processes by state adopting and proposing agencies and specific clarifying and conforming changes. The amendments are proposed to assist the public and state agencies with the requirements and processes regarding rulemaking procedures.

Evaluation of Consistency

CBSC has determined that the proposed administrative regulations are not inconsistent or incompatible with existing state regulations.

OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE APPLICABLE TO THE AGENCY OR TO ANY SPECIFIC REGULATION OR CLASS OF REGULATIONS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(4).

CBSC has determined that there are no other matters prescribed by statute applicable to the agency or to any specific regulation or class of regulations.

MANDATE ON LOCAL AGENCIES OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(5).

CBSC has determined that the proposed regulatory action **WOULD NOT** impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts. CBSC does not have authority to impose building standards or regulations on school districts. Further, the proposed amendments are clarifying, conforming or coordinating in nature and will not materially alter the substance or intent of the existing code provisions.

ESTIMATE OF COST OR SAVINGS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(6).

An estimate, prepared in accordance with instructions adopted by Department of Finance, of cost or savings to any state agency, local agency, or school district.

- A. Cost or Savings to any state agency: **NO**.
- B. Cost to any local agency required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: **NO**.
- C. Cost to any school district required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: **NO**.
- D. Other nondiscretionary cost or savings imposed on local agencies: **NO**.
- E. Cost or savings in federal funding to the state: **NO**.

Estimate: N/A.

INITIAL DETERMINATION OF NO SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESSES

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(8).

CBSC has made an initial determination that the amendment of these regulations will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact on businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

Declaration of Evidence

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(8).

CBSC has determined that the amendments being proposed are clarifying, conforming, or coordinating changes that do not materially alter the substance or intent of the existing code provisions. The public is welcome to submit any information, facts, or docu-

ments either supporting CBSC's initial determination or finding to the contrary.

COST IMPACT ON REPRESENTATIVE PRIVATE PERSON OR BUSINESS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(9).

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

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECT OF REGULATIONS UPON JOBS AND BUSINESS EXPANSION, ELIMINATION OR CREATION

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(10).

The CBSC has assessed whether and to what extent this proposal will affect the following:

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

These regulations will not affect the creation or cause the elimination of jobs within the State of California.

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

These regulations will not affect the creation of new businesses or elimination of existing businesses within the State of California.

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

These regulations will not affect the expansion of businesses currently doing business within the State of California.

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

This proposal will clarify and coordinate existing regulations providing regulatory consistency for the code user. These regulations will not affect the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety and the state's environment as they are editorial in nature.

FINDING OF NECESSITY FOR THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(11).

N/A.

**ESTIMATED COST OF COMPLIANCE
OF STANDARDS THAT WOULD
IMPACT HOUSING**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(12).

CBSC has determined that this proposal would not have a significant effect on housing costs. CBSC does not have authority to impose building standards or regulations affecting housing.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(13).

CBSC has determined that no reasonable alternative considered by CBSC or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of CBSC 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. In addition, no reasonable alternative considered by CBSC or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of CBSC would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provisions of law.

**AVAILABILITY OF
RULEMAKING DOCUMENTS**

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(16) and 11346.5(a)(20).

All of the information upon which the proposed regulations are based is contained in the rulemaking file, which is available for public review, by contacting the person named below. This notice, the express terms and initial statement of reasons can be accessed from the CBSC website: dgs.ca.gov/BSC.

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(19).

Interested parties 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 at the CBSC website: <https://www.dgs.ca.gov/en/BSC>.

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(21).

CBSC shall provide, upon request, a description of proposed changes included in the proposed action, in the manner provided by Section 11346.6, to accommodate a person with a visual or other disability for which effective communication is required under state or federal law. The statement shall note that providing the accessible description of proposed changes may require extending the period of public comment for the proposed action.

**CBSC CONTACT PERSON
FOR PROCEDURAL AND
ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONS**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(14).
General questions regarding procedural and administrative issues should be addressed to:

Kevin Day, Deputy Executive Director
California Building Standards Commission
2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130
Sacramento, CA 95833
Telephone: (916) 263-0916

**PROPOSING STATE AGENCY
CONTACT PERSON FOR SUBSTANTIVE
OR TECHNICAL QUESTIONS
ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO
BUILDING STANDARDS**

Specific questions regarding the substantive or technical aspects of the proposed changes to the building standards should be addressed to:

Primary Contact:

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Sacramento, CA 95833
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**TITLE 24. BUILDING
STANDARDS COMMISSION**

**2025 CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING
CODE, CALIFORNIA CODE OF
REGULATIONS, PART 10 (BSC 02/25)**

Notice is hereby given that the California Building Standards Commission (BSC) proposes to adopt, approve, codify, and publish changes to building standards contained in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 24, Part 10. The BSC is proposing building standards related to the 2025 California Existing Building Code.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(1), 11346.5(a)(15) and 11346.5(a)(17).

A public hearing has not been scheduled; however, written comments will be accepted from **April 3, 2026**, until midnight on **May 18, 2026**.

Comments may be submitted to CBSC via:

Email: cbsc@dgs.ca.gov

US Mail postmarked no later than **May 18, 2026**:

California Building Standards Commission
 Attention: Public Comments
 2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130
 Sacramento, CA 95833

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The public will have an opportunity to provide written and oral comments regarding the proposed action on building standards at a public meeting to be conducted by CBSC to be scheduled at a date near the end of the current adoption cycle. A meeting notice will be issued announcing the date, time and location of the public meeting.

POST-HEARING MODIFICATIONS TO THE TEXT OF THE REGULATIONS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(18).

Following the public comment period, CBSC may adopt the proposed building standards substantially as proposed in this notice or with modifications that are sufficiently related to the original proposed text and notice of proposed changes. If modifications are made, the full text of the proposed modifications, clearly indicated, will be made available to the public for at least 15 days prior to the date on which CBSC adopts, amends, or repeals the regulation(s). CBSC will accept written comments on the modified building standards during the 15-day period.

NOTE: To be notified of any modifications, you must submit written/oral comments or request that you be notified of any modifications.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(2).

BSC proposes to adopt these building standards under the authority granted by Health and Safety Code Section 18934.5.

The purpose of these building standards is to implement, interpret, or make specific provisions of Health and Safety Code Section 18934.5.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(3).

Summary of Existing Laws

HSC Section 18934.5 authorizes BSC to adopt, approve, codify, and publish building standards for the design and construction of state buildings, including California State University buildings and, to the extent permitted by law, University of California buildings, where no state agency has the authority to adopt building standards applicable to state buildings.

Summary of Existing Regulations

The existing 2025 California Existing Building Code (CEBC) is Part 10 of the California Code of Regulations, Title 24. The 2025 CEBC is based on the 2024 IEBC of the International Code Council, with amendments for state buildings, including California State University and University of California buildings promulgated by the California Building Standards Commission.

Summary of Effect

The proposed action will make editorial changes to currently adopted amendments to improve clarity.

Comparable Federal Statute or Regulations

There are no comparable federal statutes or regulations related to the proposed action by BSC.

Policy Statement Overview

The broad objective of the proposed action is to maintain building regulations in conformance with existing state laws and regulations. This proposal will achieve that by proposing editorial changes to clean up the language which will provide clarity and regulatory consistency for the code user.

Evaluation of Consistency

BSC has determined that the proposed regulation is not inconsistent or incompatible with existing state regulations.

OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY
STATUTE APPLICABLE TO THE AGENCY
OR TO ANY SPECIFIC REGULATION OR
CLASS OF REGULATIONS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(4).

There are no other matters prescribed by statute applicable to BSC, or to any specific regulation or class of regulations.

MANDATE ON LOCAL AGENCIES OR
SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(5).

BSC has determined that the proposed regulatory action would not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts.

ESTIMATE OF COST OR SAVINGS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(6).

An estimate, prepared in accordance with instructions adopted by Department of Finance, of cost or savings to any state agency, local agency, or school district.

- A. Cost or Savings to any state agency: **No.**
- B. Cost to any local agency required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: **No.**
- C. Cost to any school district required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: **No.**
- D. Other nondiscretionary cost or savings imposed on local agencies: **No.**
- E. Cost or savings in federal funding to the state: **No.**

Estimate: N/A.

INITIAL DETERMINATION OF NO
SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE ADVERSE
ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESSES

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(8).

If the agency makes an initial determination that the adoption/amendment/repeal of this regulation will not have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states, it shall make a declaration to that effect.

BSC has made an initial determination that the amendment of this regulation will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact on businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

Declaration of Evidence

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(8).

In making the declaration, the agency shall provide in the record of facts, evidence, documents, testimony, or other evidence that the agency relied upon to support its initial determination of no effect.

BSC is making editorial amendments to provide clarification with no intended change in regulatory effect. No other facts, evidence, documents, testimony or other evidence has been relied upon to support the initial determination of no effect. The public is welcome to submit any information, facts, or documents either supporting BSC's initial determination or finding to the contrary.

COST IMPACT ON REPRESENTATIVE
PRIVATE PERSON OR BUSINESS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(9).

Describe all cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action. If no cost impact, provide the following statement:

BSC is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action. The proposed amendment has clarifying changes that do not materially alter the substance or intent of the existing code provisions.

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECT
OF REGULATIONS UPON JOBS AND
BUSINESS EXPANSION,
ELIMINATION OR CREATION

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(10).

The BSC has assessed whether and to what extent this proposal will affect the following:

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

This regulation will not affect the creation or elimination of jobs within the State of California.

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

This regulation will not affect the creation of new businesses or elimination of existing businesses within the State of California.

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

This regulation will not affect the expansion of businesses currently doing business within the State of California.

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

This regulation will clarify minimum building standards, which will provide clarity and regulatory consistency for the code user.

**FINDING OF NECESSITY FOR
THE PUBLIC’S HEALTH,
SAFETY, OR WELFARE**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(11).

Any regulation that requires a report shall not apply to businesses, unless the agency makes a finding that it is necessary for the health, safety, or welfare of the public that the regulations apply to businesses.

N/A

**ESTIMATED COST OF COMPLIANCE
OF STANDARDS THAT WOULD
IMPACT HOUSING**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(12).

BSC has determined that this proposal would not have a significant impact on housing costs. BSC does not have authority to impose building standards or regulations applicable to housing.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(13).

BSC has determined that no reasonable alternative considered by BSC or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of BSC 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. In addition, no reasonable alternative considered by BSC or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of BSC would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provisions of law.

**AVAILABILITY OF
RULEMAKING DOCUMENTS**

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(16) and 11346.5(a)(20).

All of the information upon which the proposed regulation is based is contained in the rulemaking file, which is available for public review, by contacting the person named below. This notice, the express terms

and initial statement of reasons can be accessed from the CBSC website: dgs.ca.gov/BSC.

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(19).

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Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(21).

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**CBSC CONTACT PERSON
FOR PROCEDURAL AND
ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONS**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(14).

General questions regarding procedural and administrative issues should be addressed to:

Kevin Day, Deputy Executive Director
California Building Standards Commission
2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130
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Telephone: (916) 263–0916

**PROPOSING STATE AGENCY
CONTACT PERSON FOR SUBSTANTIVE
OR TECHNICAL QUESTIONS
ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO
BUILDING STANDARDS**

Specific questions regarding the substantive or technical aspects of the proposed changes to the building standards should be addressed to:

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Irina Brauzman, Supervising Architect
California Building Standards Commission
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**TITLE 24. BUILDING STANDARDS
COMMISSION (DIVISION OF THE
STATE ARCHITECT)**

2025 CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE
CODE CALIFORNIA CODE OF
REGULATIONS, TITLE 24,
PART 1 (DSA–SS 01/25)

Notice is hereby given that the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) on behalf of the Division of the State Architect (DSA) proposes to adopt, approve, codify, and publish changes to building standards contained in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 24, Part 1. The DSA is proposing building standards related to structural design and construction oversight of public elementary and secondary schools, community colleges and state–owned or state leased essential services buildings.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(1), 11346.5(a)(15) and 11346.5(a)(17).

A public hearing has not been scheduled; however, written comments will be accepted from **April 3, 2026**, until midnight on **May 18, 2026**.

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ble [CBSC website](#) without redaction. Also, only comments received in an accessible format will be viewable on CBSC’s website. Non–accessible comments will be listed on the website and made available upon request. Any interested person, or his or her duly authorized representative, may request no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period that a public hearing be held.

The public will have an opportunity to provide written and oral comments regarding the proposed action on building standards at a public meeting to be conducted by CBSC to be scheduled at a date near the end of the current adoption cycle. A meeting notice will be issued announcing the date, time and location of the public meeting.

**POST–HEARING MODIFICATIONS TO THE
TEXT OF THE REGULATIONS**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(18).

Following the public comment period, CBSC may adopt the proposed building standards substantially as proposed in this notice or with modifications that are sufficiently related to the original proposed text and notice of proposed changes. If modifications are made, the full text of the proposed modifications, clearly indicated, will be made available to the public for at least 15 days prior to the date on which CBSC adopts, amends, or repeals the regulation(s). CBSC will accept written comments on the modified building standards during the 15–day period.

NOTE: To be notified of any modifications, you must submit written/oral comments or request that you be notified of any modifications.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(2).

CBSC proposes to adopt these building standards under the authority granted by Health and Safety Code Section 18949.1. The purpose of these building standards is to implement, interpret, or make specific the provisions of Health and Safety Code Sections 13138, 16022, 18909; Government Code Sections 4454 and 14963; and Education Code Sections 17070.54, 17300, 17301 and 81133.

The Division of the State Architect is proposing this regulatory action based on Health and Safety Code Section 16022, Education Code Sections 17300, 17301, 17310, 81133 and 81142, and Government Code Sections 4453 and 14963.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(3).

Summary of Existing Laws

Health and Safety Code Section 13138 authorizes the State Fire Marshal (or agency appropriated responsibility for enforcement) to charge an amount sufficient to recover costs incurred for building code inspections and related fire and life safety activities (such as plan review).

Health and Safety Code Section 16022 assigns the State Architect the responsibility to observe the implementation and administration of the Essential Services Act, to establish and adopt regulations deemed necessary to do so, to provide advice and assistance to local jurisdictions and to hear appeals relative to administration of the Act.

Health and Safety Code Section 18949.1, transfers the responsibilities of DSA to adopt regulations relating to building standards, to the California Building Standards Commission.

Health and Safety Code Section 18909 defines what is and is not a building standard.

Government Code Section 4453 assigns responsibility for enforcement of Chapter 7 to the Director of the Department of General Services (DGS) where state funds are used for any project or where funds of counties, municipalities, or other political subdivisions are utilized for the construction of elementary, secondary, or community college projects.

Government Code Section 4454 dictates that no contract shall be awarded until DGS has issued written approval stating that the plans and specifications comply with the intent of Chapter 7, and Government Code Section 4454.5 declares district faculty and employee housing, and community college student housing buildings exempt from the requirement for written approval from DGS.

Government Code Section 14963 transfers the responsibilities of the State Fire Marshal to conduct duties and functions related to construction, school, plan checking, and construction inspection to DSA.

Education Code Section 17070.54 requires school districts to submit to DGS, a five-year school facilities master plan, or updated five-year school facilities master plan, as a condition of receiving construction funding from the School Facilities Program. **Section 17070.54(d)** stipulates that DGS, “...in consultation with the State Department of Education, shall develop guidelines that school districts may use to guide the development of the school facilities master plan required as a condition of participating in the school facilities program. The department, in consultation with the State Department of Education, shall develop guidelines or standards that school districts shall use to develop and submit the inventory required...for every school in the school district...”

Education Code Sections 17280–17317 and 81130–81149 are known and cited as the “Field Act”.

The Field Act was enacted after the 1933 Long Beach Earthquake and assigned DSA authority for design review and construction oversight of school building construction in California to ensure the protection of life and property. **Sections 17310 and 81142** authorize the State Architect to establish building standards for public elementary and secondary schools, and community colleges.

Education Code Sections 17300, 17301, 81133 establish rules related to filing fees for projects.

Summary of Existing Regulations

Existing building standards which prescribe the administrative requirements for building design and construction of state-owned or state-leased essential services buildings, public elementary and secondary schools, and community colleges are promulgated by the Division of the State Architect. These regulations are contained in CCR, Title 24, Part 1, and are based on authority and responsibilities assigned to DSA by statute.

Summary of Effect

The proposed action amends the current 2025 edition of the California Administrative Code (CAC) (Title 24, Part 1, California Code of Regulations). In addition to the item noted below, the proposed action contains editorial updates, including clarifications as necessary to implement the requirements of Education Code section 17070.54.

The proposal includes a new requirement to provide a site plan with unique building numbers when submitting a project for DSA review. This will facilitate a more efficient process and coordination between DSA, CDE and OPSC in the review, approval, and funding of school construction projects in accordance with the requirements established by Proposition 2 (AB 247, Chapter 81, 2023–2024). Therefore, this proposal is necessary to facilitate the incorporation and implementation of AB247 (Education Finance: school facilities: Kindergarten Through Grade 12 Schools and Local Community College Public Education Facilities Modernization, Repair and Safety Bond Act of 2024).

Comparable Federal Statute or Regulations

There are no comparable federal regulations or statutes.

Policy Statement Overview

The broad objective of the proposed action is to maintain building regulations in conformance with current state law by amending the current edition of the California Administrative Code.

Evaluation of Consistency

There are no regulations being proposed that will be inconsistent or incompatible within this submittal and with current California Administrative Code and statutory requirements of the Education Code, Government Code, and Health and Safety Code.

**OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY
STATUTE APPLICABLE TO THE AGENCY
OR TO ANY SPECIFIC REGULATION OR
CLASS OF REGULATIONS**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(4).
DSA has determined that there are no other matters prescribed by statute applicable to the agency or to any specific regulation or class of regulations.

**MANDATE ON LOCAL AGENCIES OR
SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(5).
DSA has determined that the proposed regulatory action would not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts, except for ITEM 2, which includes a new requirement to provide a site plan with unique building numbers when submitting a project for DSA review.

ESTIMATE OF COST OR SAVINGS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(6).
An estimate, prepared in accordance with instructions adopted by Department of Finance, of cost or savings to any state agency, local agency, or school district.

- A. Cost or Savings to any state agency: **NO.**
- B. Cost to any local agency required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: **NO.**
- C. Cost to any school district required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: **NO.**
- D. Other nondiscretionary cost or savings imposed on local agencies: **NO.**
- E. Cost or savings in federal funding to the state: **NO.**

Estimate: The proposed regulations will have no mandated cost or savings to any state agency, local agency, or school district.

**INITIAL DETERMINATION OF NO
SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE ADVERSE
ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESSES**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(8).
If the agency makes an initial determination that the adoption/amendment/repeal of this regulation will not have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states, it shall make a declaration to that effect.

DSA has made an initial determination that the adoption of the proposed amendments to this regulation will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact on businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

Declaration of Evidence

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(8).
In making the declaration, the agency shall provide in the record of facts, evidence, documents, testimony, or other evidence that the agency relied upon to support its initial determination of no effect.

DSA has not relied on any other facts, evidence, documents, testimony, or other evidence to make its initial determination of no statewide adverse economic impact. The scope of the proposed action is to make editorial and clarifying modifications to the existing code that are in alignment with statutory requirements and national referenced standards.

**COST IMPACT ON REPRESENTATIVE
PRIVATE PERSON OR BUSINESS**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(9).
Describe all cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action. If no cost impact, provide the following statement:

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

**ASSESSMENT OF EFFECT OF
REGULATIONS UPON JOBS AND
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The Division of the State Architect has assessed whether and to what extent this proposal will affect the following:

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

The Division of the State Architect did not identify any amended regulation that would lead to the creation or elimination of jobs within the State of California.

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

Part 1, California Administrative Code is the administrative regulations for application of the California Building code, implementation of construction testing and inspection programs, and certification of construction for the safety and protection of life and property of public K–14 school buildings in compliance with the California Education Code and state–owned or state–leased essential service buildings in compliance with the California Health and Safety Code. The benefits of the regulations provide clarity to the California Administrative Code.

FINDING OF NECESSITY
FOR THE PUBLIC’S HEALTH,
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Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(11).

Any regulation that requires a report shall not apply to businesses, unless the agency makes a finding that it is necessary for the health, safety, or welfare of the public that the regulations apply to businesses.

N/A

ESTIMATED COST OF COMPLIANCE
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Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(12).

DSA has determined that this proposed action has no effect on housing.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(13).

DSA has determined that no reasonable alternative considered by DSA or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of DSA 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. In addition, no reasonable alternative considered by DSA or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of DSA would be more cost–effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provisions of law.

AVAILABILITY OF
RULEMAKING DOCUMENTS

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(16) and 11346.5(a)(20).

All of the information upon which the proposed regulations are based is contained in the rulemaking file, which is available for public review, by contacting the person named below. This notice, the express terms and initial statement of reasons can be accessed from the CBSC website: [dgs.ca.gov/BSC](https://www.dgs.ca.gov/BSC).

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TITLE 24. BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION (DIVISION OF THE STATE ARCHITECT)

2025 CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING CODE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 10 (DSA–SS 03/25)

Notice is hereby given that the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) on behalf of the Division of the State Architect (DSA) proposes to adopt, approve, codify, and publish changes to building standards contained in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 24, Part 1. The DSA is proposing building standards related to structural design and construction oversight of public elementary and secondary schools, community colleges and state–owned or state leased essential services buildings.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(1), 11346.5(a)(15) and 11346.5(a)(17).

A public hearing has not been scheduled; however, written comments will be accepted from **April 3, 2026**, until midnight on **May 18, 2026**.

Comments may be submitted to CBSC via:

Email: cbsc@dgs.ca.gov

US Mail postmarked no later than **May 18, 2026**:

California Building Standards Commission

Attention: Public Comments

2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130

Sacramento, CA 95833

All written comments received are considered part of the public record and will be made available for public inspection via [CBSC’s website](#). Public comments may include personally identifiable information (PII) such as name, email address or mailing address. Interested persons are not required to submit their PII to comment on this rulemaking. However, any PII submitted is subject to posting on the publicly accessi-

ble [CBSC website](#) without redaction. Also, only comments received in an accessible format will be viewable on CBSC’s website. Non–accessible comments will be listed on the website and made available upon request. Any interested person, or his or her duly authorized representative, may request no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period that a public hearing be held.

The public will have an opportunity to provide written and oral comments regarding the proposed action on building standards at a public meeting to be conducted by CBSC to be scheduled at a date near the end of the current adoption cycle. A meeting notice will be issued announcing the date, time and location of the public meeting.

POST–HEARING MODIFICATIONS TO THE TEXT OF THE REGULATIONS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(18).

Following the public comment period, CBSC may adopt the proposed building standards substantially as proposed in this notice or with modifications that are sufficiently related to the original proposed text and notice of proposed changes. If modifications are made, the full text of the proposed modifications, clearly indicated, will be made available to the public for at least 15 days prior to the date on which CBSC adopts, amends, or repeals the regulation(s). CBSC will accept written comments on the modified building standards during the 15–day period.

NOTE: To be notified of any modifications, you must submit written/oral comments or request that you be notified of any modifications.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(2).

CBSC proposes to adopt these building standards under the authority granted by Health and Safety Code Section 18949.1. The purpose of these building standards is to implement, interpret, or make specific the provisions of Health and Safety Code sections 16000–16023, and Education Code sections 17280–17317, 81052–81053 and 81130–81147.

The Division of the State Architect is proposing this regulatory action based on Health and Safety Code section 16022, and Education Code sections 17310, 81053 and 81142.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(3).

Summary of Existing Laws

Health and Safety Code Sections 16000–16023 are known and cited as the “Essential Services Build-

ings Seismic Safety Act of 1986” and require that essential services buildings be capable of providing essential services to the public after a disaster and shall be designed and constructed to minimize fire hazards and to resist, insofar as practical, the forces generated by earthquakes, gravity, and winds.

Health and Safety Code Section 16022 authorizes the State Architect to establish building standards for state–owned and state–leased essential services buildings and to oversee the implementation of the act including the design and construction of state–owned and state leased essential services buildings.

Health and Safety Code Section 18949.1 transfers the responsibilities of DSA to adopt regulations relating to building standards, to the California Building Standards Commission.

Education Code Sections 17280–17317 and 81130–81147 are known and cited as the “Field Act” and relate to public elementary and secondary (K–12) schools and community colleges respectively.

Education Code Sections 17310 and 81142 authorize the State Architect to establish building standards for the design, construction, and inspection of building systems for public elementary and secondary (K–12) schools and community colleges respectively.

Education Code Sections 81052–81053 authorize the State Architect to establish building standards which a community college may elect to use in lieu of those standards promulgated in accordance with Education Code section 81142.

Summary of Existing Regulations

Existing building standards which prescribe the design and construction requirements for the repair, alternation, addition, and change of occupancy to existing state–owned or state–leased essential services buildings, public elementary and secondary schools, and community colleges are promulgated by the Division of the State Architect. These regulations are contained in Title 24, Part 10, California Existing Building Code.

Summary of Effect

The proposed action amends the current 2025 edition of the California Existing Building Code (CEBC) (Title 24, Part 10, California Code of Regulations). The proposed action contains editorial updates, including clarifications which do not cause a material change in regulatory effect.

Comparable Federal Statute or Regulations

There are no comparable federal regulations or statutes.

Policy Statement Overview

This proposal provides clarifying updates to align with current interpretation and facilitate implementation of the existing code requirements without materially altering the code.

Evaluation of Consistency

The proposed regulations are not inconsistent nor incompatible with existing state regulations.

**OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY
STATUTE APPLICABLE TO THE AGENCY
OR TO ANY SPECIFIC REGULATION OR
CLASS OF REGULATIONS**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(4).
DSA has determined that there are no other matters prescribed by statute applicable to the agency or to any specific regulation or class of regulations.

**MANDATE ON LOCAL AGENCIES OR
SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(5).
DSA has determined that the proposed regulatory action would not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts.

ESTIMATE OF COST OR SAVINGS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(6).
An estimate, prepared in accordance with instructions adopted by Department of Finance, of cost or savings to any state agency, local agency, or school district.

- A. Cost or Savings to any state agency: **NO.**
- B. Cost to any local agency required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: **NO.**
- C. Cost to any school district required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: **NO.**
- D. Other nondiscretionary cost or savings imposed on local agencies: **NO.**
- E. Cost or savings in federal funding to the state: **NO.**

Estimate: The proposed regulations will have no mandated cost or savings to any state agency, local agency, or school district.

**INITIAL DETERMINATION OF NO
SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE ADVERSE
ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESSES**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(8).
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DSA has made an initial determination that the adoption and amendment of this regulation will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact on businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

Declaration of Evidence

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(8).

In making the declaration, the agency shall provide in the record of facts, evidence, documents, testimony, or other evidence that the agency relied upon to support its initial determination of no effect.

DSA has not relied on any other facts, evidence, documents, testimony, or other evidence to make its initial determination of no statewide adverse economic impact. The scope of the proposed action is to make editorial and clarifying modifications to the existing code which do not cause a material change in regulatory effect.

COST IMPACT ON REPRESENTATIVE PRIVATE PERSON OR BUSINESS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(9).

Describe all cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action. If no cost impact, provide the following statement:

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

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECT OF REGULATIONS UPON JOBS AND BUSINESS EXPANSION, ELIMINATION OR CREATION

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(10).

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

The Division of the State Architect did not identify any amended regulation that would lead to the creation or elimination of jobs within the State of California.

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

The Division of the State Architect did not identify any amended regulation that would lead to the expansion of businesses currently doing business within the State of California.

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

The benefits of the regulations will clarify minimum building standards, which will provide clarity and regulatory consistency for the code user, thereby benefiting the welfare of residents, worker safety, and the state's environment.

FINDING OF NECESSITY FOR THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(11).

Any regulation that requires a report shall not apply to businesses, unless the agency makes a finding that it is necessary for the health, safety, or welfare of the public that the regulations apply to businesses.

N/A.

ESTIMATED COST OF COMPLIANCE OF STANDARDS THAT WOULD IMPACT HOUSING

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(12).

DSA has determined that this proposed action has no effect on housing.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(13).

DSA has determined that no reasonable alternative considered by DSA or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of DSA 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. In addition, no reasonable alternative considered by DSA or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of DSA would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provisions of law.

AVAILABILITY OF RULEMAKING DOCUMENTS

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(16) and 11346.5(a)(20).

All of the information upon which the proposed regulations are based is contained in the rulemaking file, which is available for public review, by contacting the

person named below. This notice, the express terms and initial statement of reasons can be accessed from the CBSC website: dgs.ca.gov/BSC.

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(19).

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Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(21).

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**TITLE 24. BUILDING STANDARDS
COMMISSION (DIVISION OF THE
STATE ARCHITECT)**

**2025 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS,
TITLE 24, PART 2 (DSA-SS 02/25)**

Notice is hereby given that the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) on behalf of the Division of the State Architect (DSA) proposes to adopt, approve, codify, and publish changes to building standards contained in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 24, Part 1. The DSA is proposing building standards related to structural design and construction oversight of public elementary and secondary schools, community colleges and state-owned or state leased essential services buildings.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(1), 11346.5(a)(15) and 11346.5(a)(17).

A public hearing has not been scheduled; however, written comments will be accepted from **April 3, 2026**, until midnight on **May 18, 2026**.

Comments may be submitted to CBSC via:

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The public will have an opportunity to provide written and oral comments regarding the proposed action on building standards at a public meeting to be conducted by CBSC to be scheduled at a date near the end of the current adoption cycle. A meeting notice will be issued announcing the date, time and location of the public meeting.

POST-HEARING MODIFICATIONS TO THE TEXT OF THE REGULATIONS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(18).

Following the public comment period, CBSC may adopt the proposed building standards substantially as proposed in this notice or with modifications that are sufficiently related to the original proposed text and notice of proposed changes. If modifications are made, the full text of the proposed modifications, clearly indicated, will be made available to the public for at least 15 days prior to the date on which CBSC adopts, amends, or repeals the regulation(s). CBSC will accept written comments on the modified building standards during the 15-day period.

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AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(2).

CBSC proposes to adopt these building standards under the authority granted by Health and Safety Code Section 18949.1. The purpose of these building standards is to implement, interpret, or make specific the provisions of Health and Safety Code sections 16000–16023, and Education Code sections 17280–17317, 81052–81053 and 81130–81149.

The Division of the State Architect is proposing this regulatory action based on Health and Safety Code section 16022, and Education Code sections 17310, 81053 and 81142.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(3).

Summary of Existing Laws

Health and Safety Code Sections 16000–16023 are known and cited as the “Essential Services Buildings Seismic Safety Act of 1986” and require that essential services buildings be capable of providing essential services to the public after a disaster and shall be designed and constructed to minimize fire hazards and to resist, insofar as practical, the forces generated by earthquakes, gravity, and winds.

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Summary of Existing Regulations

Existing building standards which prescribe the design and construction requirements for state-owned or state-leased essential services buildings, public elementary and secondary schools, and community colleges are promulgated by the Division of the State Architect. These regulations are contained in CCR, Title 24, Part 2, and are based on provisions within the adopted model building code.

Summary of Effect

The proposed action amends the current 2025 edition of the California Building Code (CBC) (Title 24, Part 2, California Code of Regulations). The proposed action contains editorial updates, including clarifications which do not cause a material change in regulatory effect.

Comparable Federal Statute or Regulations

There are no comparable federal regulations or statutes.

Policy Statement Overview

This proposal provides clarifying updates to align with current interpretation and facilitate implementation of the existing code requirements without materially altering the code.

Evaluation of Consistency

There are no regulations being proposed that will be inconsistent or incompatible within this submittal and with current California Building Code and statutory requirements of the Education Code and Health and Safety Code.

OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY
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An estimate, prepared in accordance with instructions adopted by Department of Finance, of cost or savings to any state agency, local agency, or school district.

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Estimate: The proposed regulations will have no mandated cost or savings to any state agency, local agency, or school district.

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**TITLE 24. BUILDING STANDARDS
COMMISSION/DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND
INFORMATION (OFFICE OF
STATEWIDE HOSPITAL PLANNING
AND DEVELOPMENT)**

2025 CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE
CODE CALIFORNIA CODE OF
REGULATIONS, TITLE 24,
PART 1 (OSHPD 01/25)

Notice is hereby given that the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) on behalf of THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND INFORMATION (HCAI) proposes to adopt, approve, codify, and publish changes to building standards contained in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 24, Part 1. HCAI is proposing building standards related to the construction of hospitals, skilled nursing and intermediate care facilities, licensed clinics, and correctional treatment centers.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(1), 11346.5(a)(15) and 11346.5(a)(17).

A public hearing has not been scheduled; however, written comments will be accepted from **April 3, 2026** until midnight on **May 18, 2026**.

Comments may be submitted to CBSC via:

Email: cbsc@dgs.ca.gov

US Mail postmarked no later than **May 18, 2026**:

California Building Standards Commission
Attention: Public Comments
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days prior to the close of the written comment period that a public hearing be held.

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**POST-HEARING MODIFICATIONS TO THE
TEXT OF THE REGULATIONS**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(18).

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AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(2).

CBSC proposes to adopt these building standards under the authority granted by Health and Safety Code Section 18949.3. The purpose of these building standards is to implement, interpret, or make specific the provisions of Health and Safety Code Sections 129675–130079.

HCAI is proposing this regulatory action based on Health and Safety Code, Sections 1275, 18929, 18942 and 129850.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(3).

Summary of Existing Laws

Health and Safety Code, Section 1275 authorizes HCAI to adopt and enforce building standards for the physical plant of health facilities including hospitals, skilled nursing and intermediate care facilities, licensed clinics, and correctional treatment centers.

Health and Safety Code, Section 18929 requires Office of Statewide Hospital Planning and Development (OSHPD) to submit administrative regulations that directly apply to the implementation or enforcement of building standards to the California Building

Standards Commission for the Commission’s approval and must be adopted pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 18930 and the Government Code (commencing with Section 11346).

Health and Safety Code, Section 18942 requires California Building Standards Commission to publish supplements as necessary during an intervening cycle. Changes adopted during the intervening period shall be limited to clarifying, conforming, or coordinating changes that do not materially alter existing code provisions.

Health and Safety Code, Section 18949.3 transfers the responsibilities of HCAI to adopt regulations relating to building standards, to the California Building Standards Commission.

Health and Safety Code, Sections 129675–130079 authorizes HCAI to provide plan review and construction observation for hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities to assure that these health facilities are compliant with the California Building Standards Code.

Health and Safety Code, Section 129850 authorizes HCAI to propose building standards, as necessary, in order to carry out the requirements of the Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act.

Summary of Existing Regulations

Title 24, Part 1, California Administrative Code (CAC) contains regulations pertaining to the administrative processes for the design and construction of hospitals, skilled nursing and intermediate care facilities, licensed clinics, and correctional treatment centers.

Summary of Effect

The proposal makes minor editorial and administrative modifications for clarification; provides consistency within Title 24 and provides coordination with Title 22, Licensing and Certification requirements, and includes requirements for laws passed that influence standards.

Comparable Federal Statute or Regulations

There are no comparable federal statutes or regulations related to this proposed action.

Policy Statement Overview

HCAI is responsible for the development of building standards for the physical plant of health facilities including hospitals, skilled nursing and intermediate care facilities, licensed clinics, and correctional treatment centers. The intent of this proposal is to provide editorial and minor technical modifications to administrative regulations for clarification and consistency and includes requirements for laws passed that influence standards.

Evaluation of Consistency

The proposed regulation is consistent and compatible with existing state regulations.

OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE APPLICABLE TO THE AGENCY OR TO ANY SPECIFIC REGULATION OR CLASS OF REGULATIONS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(4). There are no other matters to identify.

MANDATE ON LOCAL AGENCIES OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(5). HCAI has determined that the proposed regulatory action **WOULD NOT** impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts.

ESTIMATE OF COST OR SAVINGS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(6). An estimate, prepared in accordance with instructions adopted by Department of Finance, of cost or savings to any state agency, local agency, or school district.

- A. Cost or Savings to any state agency: **NO**.
- B. Cost to any local agency required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: **NO**.
- C. Cost to any school district required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: **NO**.
- D. Other nondiscretionary cost or savings imposed on local agencies: **NO**.
- E. Cost or savings in federal funding to the state: **NO**.

Estimate: \$0.

INITIAL DETERMINATION OF NO SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESSES

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(8). If the agency makes an initial determination that the adoption/amendment/repeal of this regulation will not have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states, it shall make a declaration to that effect.

HCAI has made an initial determination that the adoption/amendment/repeal of this regulation will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact on businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

Declaration of Evidence

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(8).

In making the declaration, the agency shall provide in the record of facts, evidence, documents, testimony, or other evidence that the agency relied upon to support its initial determination of no effect.

HCAI has not relied on any other facts, evidence, documents, testimony, or other evidence to make its final determination of no statewide adverse economic impact. The scope of the proposed action is to make editorial and administrative modifications to the existing code that are in alignment with current practices, health facility licensing requirements and national referenced standards.

COST IMPACT ON REPRESENTATIVE PRIVATE PERSON OR BUSINESS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(9).

Describe all cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action. If no cost impact, provide the following statement:

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

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECT OF REGULATIONS UPON JOBS AND BUSINESS EXPANSION, ELIMINATION OR CREATION

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(10).

HCAI has assessed whether and to what extent this proposal will affect the following:

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

The proposed regulations will not create or eliminate jobs within the State of California.

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

The proposed regulations will not create new businesses, or eliminate existing businesses within the State of California.

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

The proposed regulations will not cause expansion of businesses currently doing business with the State of California.

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

The proposed building standards and regulations regarding the design and construction of licensed health facilities ensure protection of the public’s health, safe-

ty, and welfare of California residents through updated amendments. The regulations will not affect worker safety, or the state’s environment.

FINDING OF NECESSITY FOR THE PUBLIC’S HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(11).

Any regulation that requires a report shall not apply to businesses, unless the agency makes a finding that it is necessary for the health, safety, or welfare of the public that the regulations apply to businesses.

N/A.

ESTIMATED COST OF COMPLIANCE OF STANDARDS THAT WOULD IMPACT HOUSING

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(12).

These proposed regulations will not result in any cost of compliance that would impact housing.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(13).

HCAI has determined that no reasonable alternative considered by HCAI or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of HCAI 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. In addition, no reasonable alternative considered by HCAI or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of HCAI would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provisions of law.

AVAILABILITY OF RULEMAKING DOCUMENTS

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(16) and 11346.5(a)(20).

All of the information upon which the proposed regulations are based is contained in the rulemaking file, which is available for public review, by contacting the person named below. This notice, the express terms and initial statement of reasons can be accessed from the CBSC website: [dgs.ca.gov/BSC](https://www.dgs.ca.gov/BSC).

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(19).

Interested parties 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 at the CBSC website: <https://www.dgs.ca.gov/en/BSC>.

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(21).

HCAI shall provide, upon request, a description of proposed changes included in the proposed action, in the manner provided by Section 11346.6, to accommodate a person with a visual or other disability for which effective communication is required under state or federal law. The statement shall note that providing the accessible description of proposed changes may require extending the period of public comment for the proposed action.

**CBSC CONTACT PERSON
FOR PROCEDURAL AND
ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONS**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(14).

General questions regarding procedural and administrative issues should be addressed to:

Kevin Day, Deputy Executive Director
California Building Standards Commission
2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130
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Telephone: (916) 263-0916

**PROPOSING STATE AGENCY
CONTACT PERSON FOR SUBSTANTIVE
OR TECHNICAL QUESTIONS ON
THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO
BUILDING STANDARDS**

Specific questions regarding the substantive or technical aspects of the proposed changes to the building standards should be addressed to:

Primary Contact:

Eric Jacobsen, Health Facilities Review,
Supervisor, Building Standards Unit
Department of Health Care Access and
Information
Office of Statewide Hospital Planning and
Development
(916) 440-8300
RegsUnit@hcai.ca.gov

Back up Contact:

Lori Campbell, Supervisor I Specialist, Building
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2025 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS,
TITLE 24, PART 2, VOLUME 1 (OSHPD 02/25)

Notice is hereby given that the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) on behalf of THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND INFORMATION proposes to adopt, approve, codify, and publish changes to building standards contained in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 24, Part 2, Volume 1. HCAI is proposing building standards related to the construction of hospitals, skilled nursing and intermediate care facilities, licensed clinics, and correctional treatment centers.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(1), 11346.5(a)(15) and 11346.5(a)(17).

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The public will have an opportunity to provide written and oral comments regarding the proposed action on building standards at a public meeting to be conducted by CBSC to be scheduled at a date near the end of the current adoption cycle. A meeting notice will be issued announcing the date, time and location of the public meeting.

POST-HEARING MODIFICATIONS TO THE TEXT OF THE REGULATIONS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(18).

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NOTE: To be notified of any modifications, you must submit written/oral comments or request that you be notified of any modifications.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(2).

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HCAI is proposing this regulatory action based on Health and Safety Code, Sections 1275, 18942 and 129850.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(3).

Summary of Existing Laws

Health and Safety Code, Section 1275 authorizes HCAI to adopt and enforce building standards for the physical plant of health facilities including hospitals, skilled nursing and intermediate care facilities, licensed clinics, and correctional treatment centers.

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Summary of Existing Regulations

Title 24, Part 2, Volume 1, California Building Code (CBC) is based on the 2024 International Building Code with California amendments. The CBC contains regulations pertaining to the design and construction of hospitals, skilled nursing and intermediate care facilities, licensed clinics, and correctional treatment centers regulated by HCAI.

Summary of Effect

The proposal makes minor editorial and technical modifications for clarification; provides consistency within Title 24 and provides coordination with Title 22, Licensing and Certification requirements, alignment with national standards set by Facility Guidelines Institute and includes requirements for laws passed that influence standards.

Comparable Federal Statute or Regulations

There are no comparable federal statutes or regulations related to this proposed action.

Policy Statement Overview

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Evaluation of Consistency

The proposed regulation is consistent and compatible with existing state regulations.

OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE APPLICABLE TO THE AGENCY OR TO ANY SPECIFIC REGULATION OR CLASS OF REGULATIONS

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Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(5). HCAI has determined that the proposed regulatory action **WOULD NOT** impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts.

ESTIMATE OF COST OR SAVINGS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(6). An estimate, prepared in accordance with instructions adopted by Department of Finance, of cost or savings to any state agency, local agency, or school district.

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Estimate: \$0.

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N/A.

ESTIMATED COST OF
COMPLIANCE OF STANDARDS
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Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(12).

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AVAILABILITY OF
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Primary Contact:

Eric Jacobsen, Health Facilities Review,
Supervisor, Building Standards Unit

Department of Health Care Access and
Information

Office of Statewide Hospital Planning and
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Back up Contact:

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(Specialist), Building Standards Unit

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2025 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS,
TITLE 24, PART 2 VOLUME 2 (OSHPD 03/25)

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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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TEXT OF THE REGULATIONS**

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AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(2).

CBSC proposes to adopt these building standards under the authority granted by Health and Safety Code Section 18949.3. The purpose of these building standards is to implement, interpret, or make specific the provisions of Health and Safety Code Sections 129675-130079.

HCAI is proposing this regulatory action based on Health and Safety Code, Sections 1275, 18942 and 129850.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(3).

Summary of Existing Laws

Health and Safety Code, Section 1275 authorizes HCAI to adopt and enforce building standards for the physical plant of health facilities including hospitals, skilled nursing and intermediate care facilities, licensed clinics, and correctional treatment centers.

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Health and Safety Code, Section 129850 authorizes HCAI to propose building standards, as necessary, in order to carry out the requirements of the Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act.

Summary of Existing Regulations

Title 24, Part 2, Volume 2, California Building Code (CBC) is based on the 2024 International Building Code with California amendments. The CBC contains regulations pertaining to the design and construction of hospitals, skilled nursing and intermediate care facilities, licensed clinics, and correctional treatment centers regulated by HCAI.

Summary of Effect

The proposal makes minor editorial and technical modifications for clarification; provides consistency within Title 24.

Comparable Federal Statute or Regulations

There are no comparable federal statutes or regulations related to this proposed action.

Policy Statement Overview

HCAI is responsible for the development of building standards for the physical plant of health facilities including hospitals, skilled nursing and intermediate care facilities, licensed clinics, and correctional treatment centers. The intent of this proposal is to provide editorial and minor technical modifications to regulations for clarification and consistency.

Evaluation of Consistency

The proposed regulation is consistent and compatible with existing state regulations.

**OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY
STATUTE APPLICABLE TO THE AGENCY
OR TO ANY SPECIFIC REGULATION OR
CLASS OF REGULATIONS**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(4).
There are no other matters to identify.

**MANDATE ON LOCAL AGENCIES OR
SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(5).

HCAI has determined that the proposed regulatory action WOULD NOT impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts.

ESTIMATE OF COST OR SAVINGS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(6).

An estimate, prepared in accordance with instructions adopted by Department of Finance, of cost or savings to any state agency, local agency, or school district.

- A. Cost or Savings to any state agency: **NO.**
- B. Cost to any local agency required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: **NO.**
- C. Cost to any school district required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: **NO.**
- D. Other nondiscretionary cost or savings imposed on local agencies: **NO.**
- E. Cost or savings in federal funding to the state: **NO.**

Estimate: \$0.

**INITIAL DETERMINATION OF NO
SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE ADVERSE
ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESSES**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(8).

If the agency makes an initial determination that the adoption/amendment/repeal of this regulation will not have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states, it shall make a declaration to that effect.

HCAI has made an initial determination that the adoption/amendment/repeal of this regulation will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact on businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

Declaration of Evidence

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(8).

In making the declaration, the agency shall provide in the record of facts, evidence, documents, testimony, or other evidence that the agency relied upon to support its initial determination of no effect.

HCAI has not relied on any other facts, evidence, documents, testimony, or other evidence to make its final determination of no statewide adverse economic impact. The scope of the proposed action is to make editorial clarifications to the existing code that are in alignment with national referenced standards.

COST IMPACT ON REPRESENTATIVE PRIVATE PERSON OR BUSINESS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(9). Describe all cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action. If no cost impact, provide the following statement:

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

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECT OF REGULATIONS UPON JOBS AND BUSINESS EXPANSION, ELIMINATION OR CREATION

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(10). HCAI has assessed whether and to what extent this proposal will affect the following:

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

The proposed regulations will not create or eliminate jobs within the State of California.

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

The proposed regulations will not create new businesses, or eliminate existing businesses within the State of California.

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

The proposed regulations will not cause expansion of businesses currently doing business with the State of California.

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

The proposed building standards and regulations regarding the design and construction of licensed health facilities ensure protection of the public's health, safety, and welfare of California residents through updated amendments. The regulations will not affect worker safety, or the state's environment.

FINDING OF NECESSITY FOR THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(11). Any regulation that requires a report shall not apply to businesses, unless the agency makes a finding that it is necessary for the health, safety, or welfare of the public that the regulations apply to businesses.

N/A.

ESTIMATED COST OF COMPLIANCE OF STANDARDS THAT WOULD IMPACT HOUSING

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(12). These proposed regulations will not result in any cost of compliance that would impact housing.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(13). HCAI has determined that no reasonable alternative considered by HCAI or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of HCAI 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. In addition, no reasonable alternative considered by HCAI or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of HCAI would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provisions of law.

AVAILABILITY OF RULEMAKING DOCUMENTS

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(16) and 11346.5(a)(20).

All of the information upon which the proposed regulations are based is contained in the rulemaking file, which is available for public review, by contacting the person named below. This notice, the express terms and initial statement of reasons can be accessed from the CBSC website: dgs.ca.gov/BSC.

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(19).

Interested parties 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 at the CBSC website: <https://www.dgs.ca.gov/en/BSC>.

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(21).

HCAI shall provide, upon request, a description of proposed changes included in the proposed action, in the manner provided by Section 11346.6, to accommodate a person with a visual or other disability for which effective communication is required under state or federal law. The statement shall note that providing the accessible description of proposed changes may require extending the period of public comment for the proposed action.

CBSC CONTACT PERSON
FOR PROCEDURAL AND
ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(14).

General questions regarding procedural and administrative issues should be addressed to:

Kevin Day, Deputy Executive Director
California Building Standards Commission
2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130
Sacramento, CA 95833
Telephone: (916) 263–0916

PROPOSING STATE AGENCY
CONTACT PERSON FOR SUBSTANTIVE
OR TECHNICAL QUESTIONS
ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO
BUILDING STANDARDS

Specific questions regarding the substantive or technical aspects of the proposed changes to the building standards should be addressed to:

Primary Contact:

Roy Lobo, Principal Structural Engineer
(Supervisor)
Department of Health Care Access and
Information
Office of Statewide Hospital Planning and
Development
(916) 440–8300
RegsUnit@hcai.ca.gov

Back up Contact:

Lori Campbell, Staff Services Manager I
(Specialist), Building Standards Unit
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**TITLE 24. BUILDING STANDARDS
COMMISSION/DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND
INFORMATION (OFFICE OF
STATEWIDE HOSPITAL
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT)**

2025 CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING
CODE CALIFORNIA CODE OF
REGULATIONS, TITLE 24,
PART 10 (OSHPD 07/25)

Notice is hereby given that the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) on behalf of THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND INFORMATION proposes to adopt, approve, codify, and publish changes to building standards contained in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 24, Part 10. HCAI is proposing building standards related to the construction of hospitals, skilled nursing and intermediate care facilities, licensed clinics, and correctional treatment centers.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(1), 11346.5(a)(15) and 11346.5(a)(17).

A public hearing has not been scheduled; however, written comments will be accepted from **April 3, 2026**, until midnight on **May 18, 2026**.

Comments may be submitted to CBSC via:

Email: cbsc@dgs.ca.gov

US Mail postmarked no later than **May 18, 2026**:

California Building Standards Commission
Attention: Public Comments
2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130
Sacramento, CA 95833

All written comments received are considered part of the public record and will be made available for public inspection via [CBSC's website](#). Public comments may include personally identifiable information (PII) such as name, email address or mailing address. Interested persons are not required to submit their PII to comment on this rulemaking. However, any PII submitted is subject to posting on the publicly accessible [CBSC website](#) without redaction. Also, only comments received in an accessible format will be viewable on CBSC's website. Non-accessible comments will be listed on the website and made available upon request. Any interested person, or his or her duly authorized representative, may request no later than 15

days prior to the close of the written comment period that a public hearing be held.

The public will have an opportunity to provide written and oral comments regarding the proposed action on building standards at a public meeting to be conducted by CBSC to be scheduled at a date near the end of the current adoption cycle. A meeting notice will be issued announcing the date, time and location of the public meeting.

POST-HEARING MODIFICATIONS TO THE TEXT OF THE REGULATIONS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(18).

Following the public comment period, CBSC may adopt the proposed building standards substantially as proposed in this notice or with modifications that are sufficiently related to the original proposed text and notice of proposed changes. If modifications are made, the full text of the proposed modifications, clearly indicated, will be made available to the public for at least 15 days prior to the date on which CBSC adopts, amends, or repeals the regulation(s). CBSC will accept written comments on the modified building standards during the 15-day period.

NOTE: To be notified of any modifications, you must submit written/oral comments or request that you be notified of any modifications.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(2).

CBSC proposes to adopt these building standards under the authority granted by Health and Safety Code Section 18949.3. The purpose of these building standards is to implement, interpret, or make specific the provisions of Health and Safety Code Sections 129675–130079.

HCAI is proposing this regulatory action based on Health and Safety Code, Sections 1275, 18942 and 129850.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(3).

Summary of Existing Laws

Health and Safety Code, Section 1275 authorizes HCAI to adopt and enforce building standards for the physical plant of health facilities including hospitals, skilled nursing and intermediate care facilities, licensed clinics, and correctional treatment centers.

Health and Safety Code, Section 18942 requires California Building Standards Commission to publish supplements as necessary during an intervening cycle. Changes adopted during the intervening period shall be limited to clarifying, conforming, or coord-

inating changes that do not materially alter existing code provisions.

Health and Safety Code, Section 18949.3 transfers the responsibilities of HCAI to adopt regulations relating to building standards, to the California Building Standards Commission.

Health and Safety Code, Sections 129675–130079 authorizes HCAI to provide plan review and construction observation for hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities to assure that these health facilities are compliant with the California Building Standards Code.

Health and Safety Code, Section 129850 authorizes HCAI to propose building standards, as necessary, in order to carry out the requirements of the Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act.

Summary of Existing Regulations

Title 24, Part 10, 2025 California Existing Building Code (CEBC) is based on the 2024 International Existing Building Code with California amendments. The CEBC contains regulations pertaining to the design and construction of hospitals, skilled nursing and intermediate care facilities, licensed clinics, and correctional treatment centers.

Summary of Effect

The proposal makes minor editorial and technical modifications for clarification; provides consistency within Title 24.

Comparable Federal Statute or Regulations

There are no comparable federal statutes or regulations related to this proposed action.

Policy Statement Overview

HCAI is responsible for the development of building standards for the physical plant of health facilities including hospitals, skilled nursing and intermediate care facilities, licensed clinics, and correctional treatment centers. The intent of this proposal is to provide editorial and minor technical modifications to the regulations for clarification and consistency.

Evaluation of Consistency

The proposed regulation is consistent and compatible with existing state regulations.

OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE APPLICABLE TO THE AGENCY OR TO ANY SPECIFIC REGULATION OR CLASS OF REGULATIONS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(4). There are no other matters to identify.

MANDATE ON LOCAL AGENCIES OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(5).

HCAI has determined that the proposed regulatory action **WOULD NOT** impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts.

ESTIMATE OF COST OR SAVINGS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(6).

An estimate, prepared in accordance with instructions adopted by Department of Finance, of cost or savings to any state agency, local agency, or school district.

- A. Cost or Savings to any state agency: **NO.**
- B. Cost to any local agency required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: **NO.**
- C. Cost to any school district required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: **NO.**
- D. Other nondiscretionary cost or savings imposed on local agencies: **NO.**
- E. Cost or savings in federal funding to the state: **NO.**

Estimate: \$0.

INITIAL DETERMINATION OF NO SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESSES

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Declaration of Evidence

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(8).

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HCAI has not relied on any other facts, evidence, documents, testimony, or other evidence to make its final determination of no statewide adverse economic impact. The scope of the proposed action is to make editorial and technical modifications to the existing code that are in alignment with health facility licensing requirements and national referenced standards.

COST IMPACT ON REPRESENTATIVE PRIVATE PERSON OR BUSINESS

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N/A.

**ESTIMATED COST OF
COMPLIANCE OF STANDARDS
THAT WOULD IMPACT HOUSING**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(12).

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CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(13).

HCAI has determined that no reasonable alternative considered by HCAI or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of HCAI 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. In addition, no reasonable alternative considered by HCAI or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of HCAI would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provisions of law.

**AVAILABILITY OF
RULEMAKING DOCUMENTS**

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(16) and 11346.5(a)(20).

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BUILDING STANDARDS**

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Primary Contact:

Roy Lobo, Principal Structural Engineer
(Supervisor)
Department of Health Care Access and
Information
Office of Statewide Hospital Planning and
Development
(916) 440-8300
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Back up Contact:

Lori Campbell, Staff Services Manager I
(Specialist), Building Standards Unit
Department of Health Care Access and
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**TITLE 24. BUILDING STANDARDS
COMMISSION (OFFICE OF THE
STATE FIRE MARSHAL)**

2025 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS,
TITLE 24, PART 2 (SFM 01/25)

Notice is hereby given that the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) on behalf of State Fire

Marshal (SFM) proposes to adopt, approve, codify, and publish changes to building standards contained in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 24, Part 2. The SFM is proposing building standards related to the 2025 Intervening rulemaking code cycle.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(1), 11346.5(a)(15) and 11346.5(a)(17).

A public hearing has not been scheduled; however, written comments will be accepted from **April 3, 2026**, until midnight on **May 18, 2026**.

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Email: cbsc@dgs.ca.gov

US Mail postmarked no later than **May 18, 2026**:

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The public will have an opportunity to provide written and oral comments regarding the proposed action on building standards at a public meeting to be conducted by CBSC to be scheduled at a date near the end of the current adoption cycle. A meeting notice will be issued announcing the date, time, and location of the public meeting.

POST-HEARING MODIFICATIONS TO THE TEXT OF THE REGULATIONS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(18).

Following the public comment period, CBSC may adopt the proposed building standards substantially as proposed in this notice or with modifications that are sufficiently related to the original proposed text and notice of proposed changes. If modifications are made, the full text of the proposed modifications, clearly in-

dicated, will be made available to the public for at least 15 days prior to the date on which CBSC adopts, amends, or repeals the regulation(s). CBSC will accept written comments on the modified building standards during the 15-day period.

NOTE: To be notified of any modifications, you must submit written/oral comments or request that you be notified of any modifications.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(2).

CBSC proposes to adopt these building standards under the authority granted by Health and Safety Code Section 18949.2. The purpose of these building standards is to implement, interpret, or make specific the provisions of Health and Safety Code Sections 1596.78, 13108, 13108.5, 13113, 13113.5, 13114, 13132, 13132.7, 13133, 13135, 13143, 13143.1, 13143.2, 13143.6, 13143.9, 13145, 13146, 13210, 13211, 16022.5, 17921.

The SFM is proposing this regulatory action based on Health and Safety Code Sections 1250, 1502, 1568.02, 1569.70–1569.74, 1597.44–1597.65, 13108, 13108.5, 13114, 13143, 13143.2, 13143.6, 13145, 13146, 13211, 16022.5, 17921, 18928, 18949.2, 25500 through 25545; Government Code Sections 51176, 51177, 51178, 51179 and 51189; Public Education Code 17074.50; Public Resources Code Sections 4201 through 4204.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(3).

Summary of Existing Laws

Health and Safety Code Section 1250

As used in this chapter, “health facility” means a facility, place, or building that is organized, maintained, and operated for the diagnosis, care, prevention, and treatment of human illness, physical or mental, including convalescence and rehabilitation and including care during and after pregnancy, or for any one or more of these purposes, for one or more persons, to which the persons are admitted for a 24-hour stay or longer.

Health and Safety Code Section 1502

General Provisions and Definitions for California’s Community Care Facilities Act

Health and Safety Code Section 1568.02, 1569.70 through 1569.74

General Provisions and Levels of Care for Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly

Health and Safety Code Section 1596.78

A family daycare home is a provider’s residence that offers care and supervision for 14 or fewer children for under 24 hours per day. A large family daycare home serves 7 to 14 children, while a small family daycare

home serves eight or fewer, including resident children under age 10 in both cases. These homes may be located in various residential dwelling types including: owned, rented, or leased, and must be the primary residence of the daycare provider.

Health and Safety Code Section 1597.44 through 1597.65

General and Licensing provisions for Family Day Care

Health and Safety Code Section 13108 (a).

The State Fire Marshal shall prepare and adopt building standards related to the means of egress, the installation of fire alarms, and fire extinguishing systems in any state-owned building or any state-occupied building.

Health and Safety Code Section 13108.5.

(a) The State Fire Marshal, in consultation with the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection and the Director of Housing and Community Development, shall, pursuant to Section 18930, propose fire protection building standards for roofs, exterior walls, structure projections, including, but not limited to, porches, decks, balconies, and eaves, and structure openings, including, but not limited to, attic and eave vents and windows of buildings in fire hazard severity zones, including very high fire hazard severity zones designated by the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection pursuant to Article 9 (commencing with Section 4201) of Chapter 1 of Part 2 of Division 4 of the Public Resources Code.

Health and Safety Code Section 13113.

An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in all 24-hour institutional-type occupancies and homes for the care of aged or senile persons.

Health and Safety Code Section 13113.5.

The State Fire Marshal shall adopt regulations requiring the installation of automatic smoke detectors in all facilities that provide 24-hour per day care, which house six or fewer persons, and which do not have automatic sprinkler systems.

Health and Safety Code Section 13114 (a).

The State Fire Marshal shall adopt regulations and standards to control the quality and installation of fire alarm systems and fire alarm devices marketed, distributed, offered for sale, or sold in this state, and no person shall market, distribute, offer for sale, or sell any fire alarm system or fire alarm device in this state unless the system or device has been approved and listed by the State Fire Marshal.

Health and Safety Code Section 13132.

Every person, firm, or corporation maintaining or operating any facility for the care of the mentally handicapped shall file a statement with the fire authority having jurisdiction within five days of the admission or readmission of a patient stating that such pa-

tient is an ambulatory or a non-ambulatory person and enumerating the reasons for such classification. Such a statement shall also be filed for each existing patient within 30 days of the effective date of this section.

Any statement required to be filed pursuant to this section shall be certified as to its correctness by the person attending such patient.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation required to file a statement pursuant to this section to include false statements therein. Any such act shall be in violation of this section and subject to the provisions of Section 13112.

Health and Safety Code Section 13132.7.

Shall require fire-retardant roof coverings in fire hazard severity zones.

Health and Safety Code Section 13133 (a).

The State Fire Marshal shall develop and adopt regulations establishing new occupancy classifications and specific fire safety standards appropriate for residential facilities and residential care facilities for the elderly. These fire safety standards shall apply uniformly throughout the state.

Health and Safety Code Section 13135.

The State Fire Marshal shall adopt regulations for alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities based on whether the residents or patients of the facilities are non-ambulatory.

Health and Safety Code Section 13143.

Grants the State Fire Marshal authority to prepare and adopt regulations establishing minimum requirements for the prevention of fire and for the protection of life and property against fire and panic in any building or structure used or intended for use as an asylum, jail, mental hospital, hospital, home for the elderly, children's nursery, children's home or institution not otherwise excluded from the coverage of this subdivision, school, or any similar occupancy of any capacity, and in any assembly occupancy where 50 or more persons may gather together in a building, room, or structure for the purpose of amusement, entertainment, instruction, deliberation, worship, drinking or dining, awaiting transportation, or education.

Health and Safety Code Section 13143.1 (a).

The State Fire Marshal shall prepare, adopt, and submit building standards for establishing minimum requirements for the prevention of fire and for the protection of life and property against fire and panic in any motion picture or television production facility.

Health and Safety Code Section 13143.2.

The State Fire Marshal shall enforce building standards published in the California Building Standards Code and those other rules and regulations adopted by the State Fire Marshal for the provision of structural fire safety and fire-resistant exits in multiple-story structures existing on January 1, 1975, let for human

habitation, including, and limited to, apartment houses, hotels, and motels wherein rooms used for sleeping are let above the ground floor.

Health and Safety Code Section 13143.6 (a).

The State Fire Marshal shall prepare and adopt regulations establishing minimum standards for the prevention of fire and for the protection of life and property against fire in any building or structure intended for use as a home or institution for the housing of any person of any age for protective social care and supervision services by any governmental agency, certified family care homes, out-of-home placement facilities, and halfway houses.

Health and Safety Code Section 13143.9.

The State Fire Marshal shall establish minimum requirements for the storage, handling, and use of hazardous materials.

Health and Safety Code Section 13145.

The State Fire Marshal, the chief of any city, county, or city and county fire department or district providing fire protection services, or a Designated Campus Fire Marshal, and their authorized representatives, shall enforce in their respective areas building standards relating to fire and panic safety adopted by the State Fire Marshal and published in the California Building Standards Code and other regulations that have been formally adopted by the State Fire Marshal for the prevention of fire or the protection of life and property against fire or panic.

Health and Safety Code Section 13146.

(a) The responsibility for enforcement of building standards adopted by the State Fire Marshal and published in the California Building Standards Code relating to fire and panic safety and other regulations of the State Fire Marshal shall be as follows:

(1) The city, county, or city and county with jurisdiction in the area affected by the standard or regulation shall delegate the enforcement of the building standards relating to fire and panic safety and other regulations of the State Fire Marshal as they relate to R-3 dwellings, as described in Section 310.5 of Part 2 of the California Building Standards Code, to either of the following:

(A) The chief of the fire authority of the city, county, or city and county, or the chief’s authorized representative.

(B) The chief building official of the city, county, or city and county, or the official’s authorized representative.

Health and Safety Code Section 13210.

(a) “Existing high-rise structure” means a high-rise structure, the construction of which is commenced or completed prior to July 1, 1974.

(b) “High-rise structure” means every building of any type of construction or occupancy having floors

used for human occupancy located more than 75 feet above the lowest floor level having building access, except buildings used as hospitals, as defined in Section 1250.

(c) “New high-rise structure” means a high-rise structure, the construction of which is commenced on or after July 1, 1974.

Health and Safety Code Section 13211.

The State Fire Marshal shall prepare and adopt building standards relating to fire and panic safety in high-rise structures.

Health and Safety Code Section 16022.5.

Following the completion of construction of a state-owned or state-occupied essential services building, the State Fire Marshal may conduct regular inspections of those buildings to ensure compliance with building standards related to fire and panic safety.

Health and Safety Code Section 17921 (b).

The State Fire Marshal shall adopt, amend, or repeal and submit building standards for approval pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 18935) of Part 2.5, and the State Fire Marshal shall adopt, amend, and repeal other rules and regulations for fire and panic safety in all hotels, motels, lodging houses, apartment houses, and dwellings, buildings, and structures accessory thereto. These building standards and regulations shall be enforced pursuant to Sections 13145 and 13146; however, this section is not intended to require an inspection by a local fire agency of each single-family dwelling prior to its occupancy.

Health and Safety Code Section 18928 (a).

Requires each state agency to adopt or propose the adoption of a model code, national standards, or specification that shall reference the most recent edition of applicable model codes, national standards, or specifications.

Health and Safety Code Section 18949.2

(a) Any responsibilities of the State Fire Marshal to adopt, through a formal rulemaking process as provided in Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, relating to building standards, including, but not limited to, Sections 13108, 13143, 13143.6, and 13211, are hereby transferred to the commission.

(b) The State Fire Marshal shall remain the state agency responsible for developing building standards to implement the state’s fire and life safety policy. In its role as the fire and life safety standard developing agency, the State Fire Marshal shall continue its existing activities and forums designed to facilitate compromise and consensus among the various individuals and groups involved in the development of the state’s codes related to fire and life safety.

(c) The state’s fire and life safety building standards, as developed by the State Fire Marshal and as adopted by the commission, shall continue to be based on the state’s fire and life safety policy goals and mandates as they existed prior to the enactment of this chapter and as they are amended.

Health and Safety Code Section 25500 through 25545.

(a) The Legislature declares that to protect public health and safety and the environment, it is necessary to establish business and area plans relating to the handling and release or threatened release of hazardous materials. The establishment of a statewide environmental reporting system for these plans is a statewide requirement. Basic information on the location, type, quantity, and health risks of hazardous materials handled, used, stored, or disposed of in the state, which could be accidentally released into the environment, is required to be submitted to firefighters, health officials, planners, public safety officers, health care providers, regulatory agencies, and other interested persons. The information provided by business and area plans is necessary to prevent or mitigate the damage to the health and safety of persons and the environment from the release or threatened release of hazardous materials into the workplace and environment.

Government Code Section 51176 through 51179.

The purpose of this chapter is to classify lands in the state in accordance with whether a very high fire hazard is present so that public officials can identify measures that will retard the rate of spread, and reduce the potential intensity, of uncontrolled fires that threaten to destroy resources, life, or property, and to require that those measures be taken.

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No later than January 31, 2020, the State Fire Marshal, in consultation with the director and the Director of Housing and Community Development, shall, pursuant to Section 18930 of the Health and Safety Code, recommend updated building standards that provide for comprehensive site and structure fire risk reduction to protect structures from fires spreading from adjacent structures or vegetation and to protect vegetation from fires spreading from adjacent structures, based on information learned from the 2017 wildfire season.

Public Education Code 17074.50.

(a) On and after July 1, 2002, all new construction projects submitted to the Division of the State Architect pursuant to this chapter, including, but not limited to, hardship applications, that require the approval of the Department of General Services shall include an automatic fire detection, alarm, and sprinkler system as set forth in Section 17074.52 and approved by the State Fire Marshal.

Public Resources Code 4201 through 4204

The purpose of this article is to provide for the classification of lands within state responsibility areas in accordance with the severity of fire hazard present for the purpose of identifying measures to be taken to retard the rate of spreading and to reduce the potential intensity of uncontrolled fires that threaten to destroy resources, life, or property.

Summary of Existing Regulations

The SFM adopts by reference the 2024 International Building Code with SFM amendments and additional building standards relating to regulations that establish minimum requirements for the prevention of fire and for the protection of life and property against fire, and in any building or structure used or intended for use as defined in each of the Health and Safety Code references shown above.

Summary of Effect

The general purpose of this proposed action is principally intended to adopt/amend/repeal certain provisions in the 2025 California Building Code (California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 2) based upon updated information or recent actions of the SFM. This proposed action:

- Update definitions in Chapter 2.
- Propose editorial improvements and correlate existing regulations with law and other state agency regulations in Chapter 3.
- Remove outdated language and conflicting requirements for fire protection systems in Chapters 7, 9, 10, and 35.

Comparable Federal Statute or Regulations

The SFM has determined that there are no comparable federal regulations or statutes addressing the fire and life safety requirements as presented in this notice.

Policy Statement Overview

The specific purpose of this rulemaking effort by the SFM is to comply with Health and Safety Code section 18929.1, which requires all proposed regulations to specifically adhere to this section regarding the 18–month adoption cycle.

The actions described above are reasonably necessary to carry out the purpose for which it is proposed. The rationale for these actions is to establish minimum requirements for the prevention of fire and for the protection of life and property against fire and panic in occupancies published in the 2025 California Building Code.

The SFM further proposes to offer new amendments where necessary to ensure that the regulations of the California Building Code, establish and or maintain minimum requirements for the prevention of fire and panic for the protection of life and property against fire and panic in any building or structure used or in-

tended for use as defined in each of the Health and Safety Code references shown above.

Evaluation of Consistency

The proposed regulations are consistent with existing state regulations.

OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY
STATUTE APPLICABLE TO THE AGENCY
OR TO ANY SPECIFIC REGULATION OR
CLASS OF REGULATIONS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(4).

The SFM has determined that there are no other prescribed statutes or specific regulations or classes of regulations applicable to the amendments and building standards related to the 2025 California Building Code.

MANDATE ON LOCAL AGENCIES OR
SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(5).

SFM has determined that the proposed regulatory action would not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts.

ESTIMATE OF COST OR SAVINGS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(6).

An estimate, prepared in accordance with instructions adopted by the Department of Finance, of costs or savings to any state agency, local agency, or school district.

- A. Cost or Savings to any state agency: **NO.**
- B. Cost to any local agency required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: **NO.**
- C. Cost to any school district required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: **NO.**
- D. Other nondiscretionary costs or savings imposed on local agencies: **NO.**
- E. Cost or savings in federal funding to the state: **NO.**

Estimate: 0.

INITIAL DETERMINATION OF NO
SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE ADVERSE
ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESSES

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(8).

If the agency makes an initial determination that the adoption/amendment/repeal of this regulation will not have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability

of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states, it shall make a declaration to that effect.

SFM has made an initial determination that the adoption/amendment/repeal of this regulation will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact on businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

Declaration of Evidence

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(8).

In making the declaration, the agency shall provide in the record of facts, evidence, documents, testimony, or other evidence that the agency relied upon to support its initial determination of no effect.

The SFM has determined that this proposed action will not have a significant adverse economic impact on businesses. This determination was made following a comprehensive review process that included the establishment of SFM workgroups to evaluate the potential economic and operational effects of the proposal. The workgroups engaged in a consensus-based decision-making process and considered testimony, data, and recommendations provided by subject matter experts representing relevant technical, regulatory, and industry perspectives. Based on this collaborative analysis and expert input, the SFM concluded that the proposed action would not result in a significant adverse economic impact on businesses. SFM did not receive any comments or indications that there would be a statewide adverse economic impact on businesses. Therefore, the Office of the State Fire Marshal initial determination of no significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business in California and their ability to compete with businesses in other states does not require any additional evidence, documents, or other evidence to support this action. SFM encourages anyone to submit comments supporting or opposing this statement.

COST IMPACT ON REPRESENTATIVE
PRIVATE PERSON OR BUSINESS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(9).

Describe all cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action. If no cost impact, provide the following statement:

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

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECT
OF REGULATIONS UPON
JOBS AND BUSINESS EXPANSION,
ELIMINATION OR CREATION

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(10).
The SFM has assessed whether and to what extent this proposal will affect the following:

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

These regulations will not affect the creation or elimination of jobs within the State of California.

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

These regulations will not affect the creation of new businesses or cause the elimination of existing businesses within the State of California.

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

These regulations will not impact the expansion of businesses currently operating within the State of California.

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

These regulations will update and improve minimum existing building standards and improve hazardous materials management, which will provide increased protection of public health and safety, worker safety, and the environment.

FINDING OF NECESSITY
FOR THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH,
SAFETY, OR WELFARE

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(11).
Any regulation that requires a report shall not apply to businesses unless the agency makes a finding that it is necessary for the health, safety, or welfare of the public that the regulations apply to businesses.
N/A.

ESTIMATED COST OF COMPLIANCE
OF STANDARDS THAT WOULD
IMPACT HOUSING

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(12).
Proposals contained in this rulemaking relating to housing are editorial or are being proposed to clarify the original intent of the regulations or statute. No additional cost of compliance should be incurred. Potential benefits of this rulemaking should bring uniformity for the design, installation/construction, and enforcement.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(13).
SFM has determined that no reasonable alternative considered by SFM or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of SFM 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. In addition, no reasonable alternative considered by SFM or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of SFM would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provisions of law.

AVAILABILITY OF
RULEMAKING DOCUMENTS

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(16) and 11346.5(a)(20).

All of the information upon which the proposed regulations are based is contained in the rulemaking file, which is available for public review by contacting the person named below. This notice, the express terms, and initial statement of reasons can be accessed from the CBSC website: dgs.ca.gov/BSC/BSC.

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(19).
Interested parties 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 visiting the CBSC website at <https://www.dgs.ca.gov/en/BSC>.

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(21).
SFM shall provide, upon request, a description of proposed changes included in the proposed action, in the manner provided by Section 11346.6, to accommodate a person with a visual or other disability for which effective communication is required under state or federal law. The statement shall note that providing an accessible description of proposed changes may require extending the period of public comment for the proposed action.

CBSC CONTACT PERSON
FOR PROCEDURAL AND
ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(14).
General questions regarding procedural and administrative issues should be addressed to:

Kevin Day, Deputy Executive Director
California Building Standards Commission
2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130
Sacramento, CA 95833
Telephone: (916) 263-0916

PROPOSING STATE AGENCY
CONTACT PERSON FOR
SUBSTANTIVE OR TECHNICAL
QUESTIONS ON THE PROPOSED
CHANGES TO BUILDING STANDARDS

Specific questions regarding the substantive or technical aspects of the proposed changes to the building standards should be addressed to:

Primary Contact:

Crystal Sujeski, Division Chief
CALFIRE — Office of the State Fire Marshal
Code Development and Analysis Division
510–846–1276
Crystal.Sujeski@fire.ca.gov

Back up Contact:

Jena Garcia, DSFM III Supervisor
CALFIRE — Office of the State Fire Marshal
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**TITLE 24. BUILDING STANDARDS
COMMISSION (OFFICE OF THE
STATE FIRE MARSHAL)**

2025 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS,
TITLE 24, PART 9 (SFM 03/25)

Notice is hereby given that the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC), on behalf of the Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM), proposes to adopt, approve, codify, and publish changes to building standards contained in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 24, Part 9. The SFM is proposing building standards related to safeguarding life and property from fire and explosive hazards.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(1), 11346.5(a)(15) and 11346.5(a)(17).

A public hearing has not been scheduled; however, written comments will be accepted from **April 3, 2026**, until midnight on **May 18, 2026**.

Comments may be submitted to CBSC via:

Email: cbcs@dgs.ca.gov

US Mail postmarked no later than **May 18, 2026**:

California Building Standards Commission
Attention: Public Comments

2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130
Sacramento, CA 95833

All written comments received are considered part of the public record and will be made available for public inspection via [CBSC's website](#). Public comments may include personally identifiable information (PII) such as name, email address or mailing address. Interested persons are not required to submit their PII to comment on this rulemaking. However, any PII submitted is subject to posting on the publicly accessible [CBSC website](#) without redaction. Also, only comments received in an accessible format will be viewable on CBSC's website. Non-accessible comments will be listed on the website and made available upon request. Any interested person, or his or her duly authorized representative, may request, no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period, that a public hearing be held.

The public will have an opportunity to provide written and oral comments regarding the proposed action on building standards at a public meeting to be conducted by CBSC, to be scheduled at a date near the end of the current adoption cycle. A meeting notice will be issued announcing the date, time, and location of the public meeting.

**POST-HEARING MODIFICATIONS TO THE
TEXT OF THE REGULATIONS**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(18).

Following the public comment period, CBSC may adopt the proposed building standards substantially as proposed in this notice or with modifications that are sufficiently related to the original proposed text and notice of proposed changes. If modifications are made, the full text of the proposed modifications, clearly indicated, will be made available to the public for at least 15 days prior to the date on which CBSC adopts, amends, or repeals the regulation(s). CBSC will accept written comments on the modified building standards during the 15-day period.

NOTE: To be notified of any modifications, you must submit written/oral comments or request that you be notified of any modifications.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(2).

CBSC proposes to adopt these building standards under the authority granted by Health and Safety Code Section 18949.2. The purpose of these building standards is to implement, interpret, or make specific the provisions of Health and Safety Code Sections 1596.78, 13108, 13108.5, 13113, 13113.5, 13114, 13132, 13132.7, 13133, 13135, 13143, 13143.1, 13143.2, 13143.6, 13143.9, 13145, 13146, 13210, 13211, 16022.5, 17921.

The SFM is proposing this regulatory action based on Health and Safety Code Sections 1250, 1502, 1568.02, 1569.70–1569.74, 1597.44–1597.65, 13108, 13108.5, 13114, 13143, 13143.2, 13143.6, 13145, 13146, 13211, 16022.5, 17921, 18928, 18949.2, 25500 through 25545; Government Code Sections 51176, 51177, 51178, 51179 and 51189; Public Education Code 17074.50; Public Resources Code Sections 4201 through 4204.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(3).

Summary of Existing Laws

Health and Safety Code Section 1250

As used in this chapter, “health facility” means a facility, place, or building that is organized, maintained, and operated for the diagnosis, care, prevention, and treatment of human illness, physical or mental, including convalescence and rehabilitation and including care during and after pregnancy, or for any one or more of these purposes, for one or more persons, to which the persons are admitted for a 24-hour stay or longer.

Health and Safety Code Section 1502

General Provisions and Definitions for California’s Community Care Facilities Act

Health and Safety Code Section 1568.02, 1569.70 through 1569.74

General Provisions and Levels of Care for Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly

Health and Safety Code Section 1596.78

A family daycare home is a provider’s residence that offers care and supervision for 14 or fewer children for under 24 hours per day. A large family daycare home serves 7 to 14 children, while a small family daycare home serves eight or fewer, including resident children under age 10 in both cases. These homes may be located in various residential dwelling types including: owned, rented, or leased, and must be the primary residence of the daycare provider.

Health and Safety Code Section 1597.44 through 1597.65

General and Licensing provisions for Family Day Care.

Health and Safety Code Section 13108 (a).

The State Fire Marshal shall prepare and adopt building standards related to the means of egress, the installation of fire alarms, and fire extinguishing systems in any state-owned building or any state-occupied building.

Health and Safety Code Section 13108.5.

(a) The State Fire Marshal, in consultation with the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection and the Director of Housing and Community Development, shall, pursuant to Section 18930, propose fire protec-

tion building standards for roofs, exterior walls, structure projections, including, but not limited to, porches, decks, balconies, and eaves, and structure openings, including, but not limited to, attic and eave vents and windows of buildings in fire hazard severity zones, including very high fire hazard severity zones designated by the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection pursuant to Article 9 (commencing with Section 4201) of Chapter 1 of Part 2 of Division 4 of the Public Resources Code.

Health and Safety Code Section 13113.

An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in all 24-hour institutional-type occupancies and homes for the care of aged or senile persons.

Health and Safety Code Section 13113.5.

The State Fire Marshal shall adopt regulations requiring the installation of automatic smoke detectors in all facilities that provide 24-hour per day care, which house six or fewer persons, and which do not have automatic sprinkler systems.

Health and Safety Code Section 13114 (a).

The State Fire Marshal shall adopt regulations and standards to control the quality and installation of fire alarm systems and fire alarm devices marketed, distributed, offered for sale, or sold in this state, and no person shall market, distribute, offer for sale, or sell any fire alarm system or fire alarm device in this state unless the system or device has been approved and listed by the State Fire Marshal.

Health and Safety Code Section 13132.

Every person, firm, or corporation maintaining or operating any facility for the care of the mentally handicapped shall file a statement with the fire authority having jurisdiction within five days of the admission or readmission of a patient, stating that such patient is either an ambulatory or a non-ambulatory person, and enumerating the reasons for such classification. Such a statement shall also be filed for each existing patient within 30 days of the effective date of this section.

Any statement required to be filed pursuant to this section shall be certified as to its correctness by the person attending such patient.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation required to file a statement pursuant to this section to include false statements therein. Any such act shall be in violation of this section and subject to the provisions of Section 13112.

Health and Safety Code Section 13132.7.

Shall require fire-retardant roof coverings in fire hazard severity zones.

Health and Safety Code Section 13133 (a).

The State Fire Marshal shall develop and adopt regulations establishing new occupancy classifications and specific fire safety standards appropriate for res-

idential facilities and residential care facilities for the elderly. These fire safety standards shall apply uniformly throughout the state.

Health and Safety Code Section 13135.

The State Fire Marshal shall adopt regulations for alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities based on whether the residents or patients of the facilities are non-ambulatory.

Health and Safety Code Section 13143.

Grants the State Fire Marshal authority to prepare and adopt regulations establishing minimum requirements for the prevention of fire and for the protection of life and property against fire and panic in any building or structure used or intended for use as an asylum, jail, mental hospital, hospital, home for the elderly, children’s nursery, children’s home or institution not otherwise excluded from the coverage of this subdivision, school, or any similar occupancy of any capacity, and in any assembly occupancy where 50 or more persons may gather together in a building, room, or structure for amusement, entertainment, instruction, deliberation, worship, drinking or dining, awaiting transportation, or education.

Health and Safety Code Section 13143.1 (a).

The State Fire Marshal shall prepare, adopt, and submit building standards for establishing minimum requirements for the prevention of fire and for the protection of life and property against fire and panic in any motion picture or television production facility.

Health and Safety Code Section 13143.2.

The State Fire Marshal shall enforce building standards published in the California Building Standards Code and those other rules and regulations adopted by the State Fire Marshal for the provision of structural fire safety and fire-resistant exits in multiple-story structures existing on January 1, 1975, for human habitation, including, and limited to, apartment houses, hotels, and motels wherein rooms used for sleeping are above the ground floor.

Health and Safety Code Section 13143.6 (a).

The State Fire Marshal shall prepare and adopt regulations establishing minimum standards for the prevention of fire and for the protection of life and property against fire in any building or structure intended for use as a home or institution for the housing of any person of any age for protective social care and supervision services by any governmental agency, certified family care homes, out-of-home placement facilities, and halfway houses.

Health and Safety Code Section 13143.9.

The State Fire Marshal shall establish minimum requirements for the storage, handling, and use of hazardous materials.

Health and Safety Code Section 13145.

The State Fire Marshal, the chief of any city, county, or city and county fire department or district providing fire protection services, or a Designated Campus Fire Marshal, and their authorized representatives, shall enforce in their respective areas building standards relating to fire and panic safety adopted by the State Fire Marshal and published in the California Building Standards Code and other regulations that the State Fire Marshal has formally adopted for the prevention of fire or the protection of life and property against fire or panic.

Health and Safety Code Section 13146.

(a) The responsibility for enforcement of building standards adopted by the State Fire Marshal and published in the California Building Standards Code relating to fire and panic safety and other regulations of the State Fire Marshal shall be as follows:

(1) The city, county, or city and county with jurisdiction in the area affected by the standard or regulation shall delegate the enforcement of the building standards relating to fire and panic safety and other regulations of the State Fire Marshal as they relate to R-3 dwellings, as described in Section 310.5 of Part 2 of the California Building Standards Code, to either of the following:

(A) The chief of the fire authority of the city, county, or city and county, or the chief’s authorized representative.

(B) The chief building official of the city, county, or city and county, or the official’s authorized representative.

Health and Safety Code Section 13210.

(a) “Existing high-rise structure” means a high-rise structure, the construction of which is commenced or completed prior to July 1, 1974.

(b) “High-rise structure” means every building of any type of construction or occupancy having floors used for human occupancy located more than 75 feet above the lowest floor level having building access, except buildings used as hospitals, as defined in Section 1250.

(c) “New high-rise structure” means a high-rise structure, the construction of which is commenced on or after July 1, 1974.

Health and Safety Code Section 13211.

The State Fire Marshal shall prepare and adopt building standards relating to fire and panic safety in high-rise structures.

Health and Safety Code Section 16022.5.

Following the completion of construction of a state-owned or state-occupied essential services building, the State Fire Marshal may conduct regular inspections of those buildings to ensure compli-

ance with building standards related to fire and panic safety.

Health and Safety Code Section 17921 (b).

The State Fire Marshal shall adopt, amend, or repeal and submit building standards for approval pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 18935) of Part 2.5, and the State Fire Marshal shall adopt, amend, and repeal other rules and regulations for fire and panic safety in all hotels, motels, lodging houses, apartment houses, and dwellings, buildings, and structures accessory thereto. These building standards and regulations shall be enforced pursuant to Sections 13145 and 13146; however, this section is not intended to require an inspection by a local fire agency of each single-family dwelling prior to its occupancy.

Health and Safety Code Section 18928 (a).

Requires each state agency to adopt or propose the adoption of a model code, national standards, or specification that shall reference the most recent edition of applicable model codes, national standards, or specifications.

Health and Safety Code Section 18949.2

(a) Any responsibilities of the State Fire Marshal to adopt, through a formal rulemaking process as provided in Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, relating to building standards, including, but not limited to, Sections 13108, 13143, 13143.6, and 13211, are hereby transferred to the commission.

(b) The State Fire Marshal shall remain the state agency responsible for developing building standards to implement the state's fire and life safety policy. In its role as the fire and life safety standard developing agency, the State Fire Marshal shall continue its existing activities and forums designed to facilitate compromise and consensus among the various individuals and groups involved in developing the state's codes related to fire and life safety.

(c) The state's fire and life safety building standards, as developed by the State Fire Marshal and as adopted by the commission, shall continue to be based on the state's fire and life safety policy goals and mandates as they existed prior to the enactment of this chapter and as they are amended.

Health and Safety Code Section 25500 through 25545.

(a) The Legislature declares that to protect public health and safety and the environment, it is necessary to establish business and area plans relating to the handling and release or threatened release of hazardous materials. The establishment of a statewide environmental reporting system for these plans is a statewide requirement. Basic information on the location, type, quantity, and health risks of hazardous materials handled, used, stored, or disposed of in the state, which

could be accidentally released into the environment, is required to be submitted to firefighters, health officials, planners, public safety officers, health care providers, regulatory agencies, and other interested persons. The information provided by business and area plans is necessary to prevent or mitigate the damage to the health and safety of persons and the environment from the release or threatened release of hazardous materials into the workplace and environment.

Government Code Section 51176 through 51179.

The purpose of this chapter is to classify lands in the state in accordance with whether a very high fire hazard is present so that public officials can identify measures that will retard the rate of spread, and reduce the potential intensity, of uncontrolled fires that threaten to destroy resources, life, or property, and to require that those measures be taken.

Government Code Section 51189.

No later than January 31, 2020, the State Fire Marshal, in consultation with the director and the Director of Housing and Community Development, shall, pursuant to Section 18930 of the Health and Safety Code, recommend updated building standards that provide for comprehensive site and structure fire risk reduction to protect structures from fires spreading from adjacent structures or vegetation and to protect vegetation from fires spreading from adjacent structures, based on information learned from the 2017 wildfire season.

Public Education Code 17074.50.

(a) On and after July 1, 2002, all new construction projects submitted to the Division of the State Architect pursuant to this chapter, including, but not limited to, hardship applications, that require the approval of the Department of General Services shall include an automatic fire detection, alarm, and sprinkler system as set forth in Section 17074.52 and approved by the State Fire Marshal.

Public Resources Code 4201 through 4204

The purpose of this article is to provide for the classification of lands within state responsibility areas in accordance with the severity of fire hazard present, for the purpose of identifying measures to be taken to retard the rate of spreading and to reduce the potential intensity of uncontrolled fires that threaten to destroy resources, life, or property.

Summary of Existing Regulations

The SFM adopts by reference the 2024 International Fire Code with SFM amendments and additional building standards relating to regulations that establish minimum requirements for the prevention of fire and for the protection of life and property against fire, and in any building or structure used or intended for use as defined in each of the Health and Safety Code references shown above.

Summary of Effect

The general purpose of this proposed action is principally intended to adopt/amend/repeal specific provisions in the 2025 California Fire Code (California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 9) based upon updated information or recent actions of the SFM.

This proposed action:

- Update definitions in Chapter 2, Section 202.
- Propose editorial improvements and correlate existing regulations with law and other state agency regulations in Chapter 2, Section 203.
- Remove outdated language, clarify requirements, and make editorial updates for fire protection systems in Chapters 9, 10, 11, 12, 50, and 80.

Comparable Federal Statute or Regulations

The SFM has determined that there are no comparable federal regulations or statutes addressing the fire and life safety requirements as presented in this notice.

Policy Statement Overview

The actions described above are reasonably necessary to carry out the purpose for which it is proposed. The rationale for these actions is to establish minimum requirements for the prevention of fire and for the protection of life and property against fire and panic in occupancies published in the 2025 California Fire Code.

The SFM further proposes to offer new amendments where necessary to ensure that the regulations of the California Fire Code establish and or maintain minimum requirements for the prevention of fire and panic for the protection of life and property against fire and panic in any building or structure used or intended for use as defined in each of the Health and Safety Code references shown above.

Evaluation of Consistency

The proposed regulations are consistent with existing state regulations.

**OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY
STATUTE APPLICABLE TO THE AGENCY
OR TO ANY SPECIFIC REGULATION OR
CLASS OF REGULATIONS**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(4).

The SFM has determined that there are no other prescribed statutes, specific regulations, or classes of regulations applicable to the amendments and building standards related to the 2025 California Fire Code.

**MANDATE ON LOCAL AGENCIES OR
SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(5).

SFM has determined that the proposed regulatory action would not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts.

ESTIMATE OF COST OR SAVINGS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(6).

An estimate, prepared in accordance with instructions adopted by the Department of Finance, of costs or savings to any state agency, local agency, or school district.

- A. Cost or Savings to any state agency: **NO.**
- B. Cost to any local agency required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: **NO.**
- C. Cost to any school district required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: **NO.**
- D. Other nondiscretionary costs or savings imposed on local agencies: **NO.**
- E. Cost or savings in federal funding to the state: **NO.**

Estimate: 0.

**INITIAL DETERMINATION OF NO
SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE ADVERSE
ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESSES**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(8).

If the agency makes an initial determination that the adoption/amendment/repeal of this regulation will not have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states, it shall make a declaration to that effect.

SFM has made an initial determination that the adoption/amendment/repeal of this regulation will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact on businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

Declaration of Evidence

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(8).

In making the declaration, the agency shall provide in the record of facts, evidence, documents, testimony, or other evidence that the agency relied upon to support its initial determination of no effect.

The SFM has determined that this proposed action will not have a significant adverse economic impact on businesses. This determination was made following a comprehensive review process that included the establishment of SFM workgroups to evaluate the potential economic and operational effects of the proposal. The workgroups engaged in a consensus-based decision-making process and considered testimony, data, and recommendations provided by subject mat-

ter experts representing relevant technical, regulatory, and industry perspectives. Based on this collaborative analysis and expert input, the SFM concluded that the proposed action would not result in a significant adverse economic impact on businesses.

COST IMPACT ON REPRESENTATIVE PRIVATE PERSON OR BUSINESS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(9).

Describe all cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action. If no cost impact, provide the following statement:

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

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECT OF REGULATIONS UPON JOBS AND BUSINESS EXPANSION, ELIMINATION OR CREATION

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(10).

The SFM has assessed whether and to what extent this proposal will affect the following:

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

These regulations will not affect the creation or cause the elimination of jobs within the State of California.

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

These regulations will not affect the creation of new businesses or the elimination of existing businesses within the State of California.

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

These regulations will not affect the expansion of businesses currently doing business within the State of California

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

These regulations will update and improve minimum existing building standards and improve hazardous materials management, which will provide increased protection of public health and safety, worker safety, and the environment.

FINDING OF NECESSITY FOR THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(11).

Any regulation that requires a report shall not apply to businesses unless the agency makes a finding that it is necessary for the health, safety, or welfare of the public that the regulations apply to businesses.

N/A.

ESTIMATED COST OF COMPLIANCE OF STANDARDS THAT WOULD IMPACT HOUSING

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(12).

Proposals contained in this rulemaking relating to housing are editorial or are being proposed to clarify the original intent of the regulations or statute. No additional cost of compliance should be incurred. Potential benefits of this rulemaking should bring uniformity for the design, installation/construction, and enforcement.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(13).

SFM has determined that no reasonable alternative considered by SFM or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of SFM 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. In addition, no reasonable alternative considered by SFM or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of SFM would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provisions of law.

AVAILABILITY OF RULEMAKING DOCUMENTS

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(16) and 11346.5(a)(20).

All of the information upon which the proposed regulations are based is contained in the rulemaking file, which is available for public review by contacting the person named below. This notice, the express terms, and initial statement of reasons can be accessed from the CBSC website: dgs.ca.gov/BSC/BSC.

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(19).

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the final statement of reasons, once it has been prepared, by making a written request to the con-

tact person named below or at the CBSC website: <https://www.dgs.ca.gov/en/BSC>.

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(21).

SFM shall provide, upon request, a description of proposed changes included in the proposed action, in the manner provided by Section 11346.6, to accommodate a person with a visual or other disability for which effective communication is required under state or federal law. The statement shall note that providing an accessible description of proposed changes may require extending the period of public comment for the proposed action.

CBSC CONTACT PERSON
FOR PROCEDURAL AND
ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(14).

General questions regarding procedural and administrative issues should be addressed to:

Kevin Day, Deputy Executive Director
California Building Standards Commission
2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130
Sacramento, CA 95833
Telephone: (916) 263–0916

PROPOSING STATE AGENCY
CONTACT PERSON FOR
SUBSTANTIVE OR TECHNICAL
QUESTIONS ON THE PROPOSED
CHANGES TO BUILDING STANDARDS

Specific questions regarding the substantive or technical aspects of the proposed changes to the building standards should be addressed to:

Primary Contact:

Crystal Sujeski, Division Chief
CALFIRE — Office of the State Fire Marshal
Code Development and Analysis Division
510–846–1276
Crystal.Sujeski@fire.ca.gov

Back up Contact:

Jena Garcia, DSFM III Supervisor
CALFIRE — Office of the State Fire Marshal
Code Development and Analysis Division
916–531–7650
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TITLE 24. BUILDING STANDARDS
COMMISSION (OFFICE OF THE
STATE FIRE MARSHAL)

2025 CALIFORNIA WILDLAND URBAN
INTERFACE CODE CALIFORNIA CODE OF
REGULATIONS, TITLE 24,
PART 7 (SFM 04/25)

Notice is hereby given that the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC), on behalf of the Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM), proposes to adopt, approve, codify, and publish changes to building standards contained in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 24, Part 7. The SFM proposes building standards related to safeguarding life and property from the intrusion of fire and preventing structure fires from spreading to wildland fuels.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(1), 11346.5(a)(15) and 11346.5(a)(17).

A public hearing has not been scheduled; however, written comments will be accepted from **April 3, 2026**, until midnight on **May 18, 2026**.

Comments may be submitted to CBSC via:

Email: cbsc@dgs.ca.gov

US Mail postmarked no later than **May 18, 2026**:

California Building Standards Commission
Attention: Public Comments
2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130
Sacramento, CA 95833

All written comments received are considered part of the public record and will be made available for public inspection via [CBSC's website](#). Public comments may include personally identifiable information (PII) such as name, email address, or mailing address. Interested persons are not required to submit their PII to comment on this rulemaking. However, any PII submitted is subject to posting on the publicly accessible [CBSC website](#) without redaction. Also, only comments received in an accessible format will be viewable on CBSC's website. Non-accessible comments will be listed on the website and made available upon request. Any interested person, or his or her duly authorized representative, may request, no later than 15 days prior to the closing of the written comment period, that a public hearing be held.

The public will have an opportunity to provide written and oral comments regarding the proposed action on building standards at a public meeting to be conducted by CBSC, to be scheduled at a date near the

end of the current adoption cycle. A meeting notice will be issued announcing the date, time, and location of the public meeting.

**POST–HEARING MODIFICATIONS TO THE
TEXT OF THE REGULATIONS**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(18).

Following the public comment period, CBSC may adopt the proposed building standards substantially as proposed in this notice or with modifications that are sufficiently related to the original proposed text and notice of proposed changes. If modifications are made, the full text of the proposed modifications, clearly indicated, will be made available to the public for at least 15 days prior to the date on which CBSC adopts, amends, or repeals the regulation(s). CBSC will accept written comments on the modified building standards during the 15–day period.

NOTE: To be notified of any modifications, you must submit written/oral comments or request that you be notified of any modifications.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(2).

CBSC proposes to adopt these building standards under the authority granted by Health and Safety Code Section 18949.2. The purpose of these building standards is to implement, interpret, or make specific provisions of Health and Safety Code Sections 13108, 13108.5, 13113, 13113.5, 13114, 13132, 13132.7, 13133, 13135, 13143, 13143.1, 13143.2, 13143.6, 13143.9, 13145, 13146, 13210, 13211, 16022.5, 17921.

The SFM is proposing this regulatory action based on Health and Safety Code Sections 1250, 1502, 1568.02, 1569.70–1569.74, 1597.44–1597.65, 13108, 13108.5, 13114, 13143, 13143.2, 13143.6, 13145, 13146, 13211, 16022.5, 17921, 18928, 18949.2, 25500 through 25545; Government Code Sections 51176, 51177, 51178, 51179 and 51189; Public Education Code 17074.50; Public Resources Code Sections 4201 through 4204.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(3).

Health and Safety Code Section 1250

As used in this chapter, “health facility” means a facility, place, or building that is organized, maintained, and operated for the diagnosis, care, prevention, and treatment of human illness, physical or mental, including convalescence and rehabilitation and including care during and after pregnancy, or for any one or more of these purposes, for one or more persons, to which the persons are admitted for a 24–hour stay or longer.

Health and Safety Code Section 1502

General provisions and Definitions for the California Community Care Facilities Act

Health and Safety Code Section 1568.02, 1569.70 through 1569.74

General provisions and Levels of Care for Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly

Health and Safety Code Section 1597.44 through 1597.65

General and Licensing provisions for Family Day Care

Health and Safety Code Section 13108 (a).

The State Fire Marshal shall prepare and adopt building standards related to the means of egress, the installation of fire alarms, and fire extinguishing systems in any state–owned building or in any state–occupied building.

Health and Safety Code Section 13108.5.

(a) The State Fire Marshal, in consultation with the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection and the Director of Housing and Community Development, shall, pursuant to Section 18930, propose fire protection building standards for roofs, exterior walls, structure projections, including, but not limited to, porches, decks, balconies, and eaves, and structure openings, including, but not limited to, attic and eave vents and windows of buildings in fire hazard severity zones, including very high fire hazard severity zones designated by the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection pursuant to Article 9 (commencing with Section 4201) of Chapter 1 of Part 2 of Division 4 of the Public Resources Code.

Health and Safety Code Section 13113.

An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in all 24–hour institutional–type occupancies and homes for the care of aged or senile persons.

Health and Safety Code Section 13113.5.

The State Fire Marshal shall adopt regulations requiring the installation of automatic smoke detectors in all facilities that provide 24–hour care, house six or fewer persons, and do not have automatic sprinkler systems.

Health and Safety Code Section 13114 (a).

The State Fire Marshal shall adopt regulations and standards to control the quality and installation of fire alarm systems and fire alarm devices marketed, distributed, offered for sale, or sold in this state, and that no person shall market, distribute, offer for sale, or sell any fire alarm system or fire alarm device in this state unless the system or device has been approved and listed by the State Fire Marshal.

Health and Safety Code Section 13132.

Every person, firm, or corporation maintaining or operating any facility for the care of the mental–

ly handicapped shall file a statement with the fire authority having jurisdiction within five days of the admission or readmission of a patient, stating that such patient is either an ambulatory or a non-ambulatory person, and enumerating the reasons for such classification. Such a statement shall also be filed for each existing patient within 30 days of the effective date of this section.

Any statement required to be filed pursuant to this section shall be certified as to its correctness by the person attending such patient.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation required to file a statement pursuant to this section to include false statements therein. Any such act shall be in violation of this section and subject to the provisions of Section 13112.

Health and Safety Code Section 13132.7.

Shall require fire-retardant roof coverings in fire hazard severity zones.

Health and Safety Code Section 13133 (a).

The State Fire Marshal shall develop and adopt regulations establishing new occupancy classifications and specific fire safety standards appropriate for residential facilities and residential care facilities for the elderly. These fire safety standards shall apply uniformly throughout the state.

Health and Safety Code Section 13135.

The State Fire Marshal shall adopt regulations for alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities based on whether the residents or patients of the facilities are non-ambulatory.

Health and Safety Code Section 13143.

Grants the State Fire Marshal authority to prepare and adopt regulations establishing minimum requirements for the prevention of fire and for the protection of life and property against fire and panic in any building or structure used or intended for use as an asylum, jail, mental hospital, hospital, home for the elderly, children’s nursery, children’s home or institution not otherwise excluded from the coverage of this subdivision, school, or any similar occupancy of any capacity, and in any assembly occupancy where 50 or more persons may gather together in a building, room, or structure for amusement, entertainment, instruction, deliberation, worship, drinking or dining, awaiting transportation, or education.

Health and Safety Code Section 13143.1 (a).

The State Fire Marshal shall prepare, adopt, and submit building standards for establishing minimum requirements for the prevention of fire and for the protection of life and property against fire and panic in any motion picture or television production facility.

Health and Safety Code Section 13143.2.

The State Fire Marshal shall enforce building standards published in the California Building Stan-

dards Code and those other rules and regulations adopted by the State Fire Marshal for the provision of structural fire safety and fire-resistant exits in multiple-story structures existing on January 1, 1975, for human habitation, including, and limited to, apartment houses, hotels, and motels wherein rooms used for sleeping are above the ground floor.

Health and Safety Code Section 13143.6 (a).

The State Fire Marshal shall prepare and adopt regulations establishing minimum standards for the prevention of fire and for the protection of life and property against fire in any building or structure used intended for use as a home or institution for the housing of any person of any age for protective social care and supervision services by any governmental agency, certified family care homes, out-of-home placement facilities, and halfway houses.

Health and Safety Code Section 13143.9.

The State Fire Marshal shall establish minimum requirements for the storage, handling, and use of hazardous materials.

Health and Safety Code Section 13145.

The State Fire Marshal, the chief of any city, county, or city and county fire department or district providing fire protection services, or a Designated Campus Fire Marshal, and their authorized representatives, shall enforce in their respective areas building standards relating to fire and panic safety adopted by the State Fire Marshal and published in the California Building Standards Code and other regulations that the State Fire Marshal has formally adopted for the prevention of fire or for the protection of life and property against fire or panic.

Health and Safety Code Section 13146.

(a) The responsibility for enforcement of building standards adopted by the State Fire Marshal and published in the California Building Standards Code relating to fire and panic safety and other regulations of the State Fire Marshal shall be as follows:

(1) The city, county, or city and county with jurisdiction in the area affected by the standard or regulation shall delegate the enforcement of the building standards relating to fire and panic safety and other regulations of the State Fire Marshal as they relate to R-3 dwellings, as described in Section 310.5 of Part 2 of the California Building Standards Code, to either of the following:

(A) The chief of the fire authority of the city, county, or city and county, or the chief’s authorized representative.

(B) The chief building official of the city, county, or city and county, or the official’s authorized representative.

Health and Safety Code Section 13210.

(a) “Existing high-rise structure” means a high-rise structure, the construction of which is commenced or completed prior to July 1, 1974.

(b) “High-rise structure” means every building of any type of construction or occupancy having floors used for human occupancy located more than 75 feet above the lowest floor level having building access, except buildings used as hospitals, as defined in Section 1250.

(c) “New high-rise structure” means a high-rise structure, the construction of which is commenced on or after July 1, 1974.

Health and Safety Code Section 13211.

The State Fire Marshal shall prepare and adopt building standards relating to fire and panic safety in high-rise structures.

Health and Safety Code Section 16022.5.

Following the completion of the construction of a state-owned or state-occupied essential services building, the State Fire Marshal may conduct regular inspections of those buildings to ensure compliance with building standards related to fire and panic safety.

Health and Safety Code Section 17921 (b).

The State Fire Marshal shall adopt, amend, or repeal and submit building standards for approval pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 18935) of Part 2.5, and the State Fire Marshal shall adopt, amend, and repeal other rules and regulations for fire and panic safety in all hotels, motels, lodging houses, apartment houses and dwellings, buildings, and structures accessory thereto. These building standards and regulations shall be enforced pursuant to Sections 13145 and 13146; however, this section is not intended to require an inspection by a local fire agency of each single-family dwelling prior to its occupancy.

Health and Safety Code Section 18928 (a).

Requires each state agency to adopt or propose the adoption of a model code, national standards, or specification that shall reference the most recent edition of applicable model codes, national standards, or specifications.

Health and Safety Code Section 18949.2

(a) Any responsibilities of the State Fire Marshal to adopt, through a formal rulemaking process as provided in Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, relating to building standards, including, but not limited to, Sections 13108, 13143, 13143.6, and 13211, are hereby transferred to the commission.

(b) The State Fire Marshal shall remain the state agency responsible for developing building standards to implement the state’s fire and life safety policy. In its role as the fire and life safety standard developing

agency, the State Fire Marshal shall continue its existing activities and forums designed to facilitate compromise and consensus among the various individuals and groups involved in developing the state’s codes related to fire and life safety.

(c) The state’s fire and life safety building standards, as developed by the State Fire Marshal and as adopted by the commission, shall continue to be based on the state’s fire and life safety policy goals and mandates as they existed prior to the enactment of this chapter and as they are amended.

Health and Safety Code Section 25500 through 25545.

(a) The Legislature declares that, to protect the public health and safety and the environment, it is necessary to establish business and area plans relating to the handling and release or threatened release of hazardous materials. The establishment of a statewide environmental reporting system for these plans is a statewide requirement. Basic information on the location, type, quantity, and health risks of hazardous materials handled, used, stored, or disposed of in the state, which could be accidentally released into the environment, is required to be submitted to firefighters, health officials, planners, public safety officers, health care providers, regulatory agencies, and other interested persons. The information provided by business and area plans is necessary to prevent or mitigate the damage to the health and safety of persons and the environment from the release or threatened release of hazardous materials into the workplace and environment.

Government Code Section 51176 through 51179.

The purpose of this chapter is to classify lands in the state in accordance with whether a very high fire hazard is present so that public officials can identify measures that will retard the rate of spread, and reduce the potential intensity, of uncontrolled fires that threaten to destroy resources, life, or property, and to require that those measures be taken.

Government Code Section 51189.

No later than January 31, 2020, the State Fire Marshal, in consultation with the director and the Director of Housing and Community Development, shall, pursuant to Section 18930 of the Health and Safety Code, recommend updated building standards that provide for comprehensive site and structure fire risk reduction to protect structures from fires spreading from adjacent structures or vegetation and to protect vegetation from fires spreading from adjacent structures, based on information learned from the 2017 wildfire season.

Public Education Code 17074.50.

(a) On and after July 1, 2002, all new construction projects submitted to the Division of the State Architect pursuant to this chapter, including, but not

limited to, hardship applications, that require the approval of the Department of General Services shall include an automatic fire detection, alarm, and sprinkler system as set forth in Section 17074.52 and approved by the State Fire Marshal.

Public Resources Code 4201 through 4204

The purpose of this article is to provide for the classification of lands within state responsibility areas in accordance with the severity of fire hazard present for the purpose of identifying measures to be taken to retard the rate of spreading and to reduce the potential intensity of uncontrolled fires that threaten to destroy resources, life, or property.

Summary of Existing Regulations

The SFM currently adopts, by reference, the 2024 International Wildland–Urban Interface (WUI) Code, with SFM amendments as the 2025 California Wildland–Urban Interface Code that safeguard life and property from the intrusion of fire and prevent structure fires from spreading to wildland fuels. The provisions establish minimum requirements for the prevention of fire and for the protection of life and property against fire and in any building or structure used or intended for use as defined in each of the Health and Safety Code references shown above.

Summary of Effect

The general purpose of this proposed action is principally intended to adopt/amend/repeal specific provisions in the 2025 California Wildland–Urban Interface Code (California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 7) based upon updated information or recent actions of the SFM.

This proposed action:

- Repeal certain amendments to the 2025 California Wildland–Urban Interface Code that are no longer necessary or justified pursuant to Health and Safety Code 18930(a)(7).
- Adopt and implement additional necessary amendments to the 2025 California Wildland–Urban Interface Code as they pertain to California laws.
- Codify non–substantive editorial and formatting amendments to the 2025 California Wildland–Urban Interface Code.

Proposed changes include:

- Cleaned up application and purpose.
- Removed the exception for buildings built before 2008 and for additions and remodels.
- Proposed definition of Home Hardening.
- Add a definition of “Glazed Door”.
- Clean up the definition of Wildland–Urban Interface Area.
- Clean up Ignition resistant section 503 for better understanding of the listing standards.

- Exterior Wall and exterior covering– closed gaps and loopholes.
- Added criteria for vent to be tested in both directions.
- Added NFPA 1140 as a reference standard.

Comparable Federal Statute or Regulations

The SFM has determined that there are no comparable federal regulations or statutes addressing the fire and life safety requirements as presented in this notice.

Policy Statement Overview

The specific purpose of this rulemaking effort by the SFM is to comply with Health and Safety Code section 18929.1, which requires all proposed regulations to adhere to this section regarding the 18–month adoption cycle specifically.

The actions described above are reasonably necessary to carry out the purpose for which it is proposed. The rationale for these actions is to establish minimum requirements for safeguarding life and property from the intrusion of fire and preventing structure fires from spreading to wildland fuels.

The SFM further proposes to offer new amendments where necessary to ensure that the regulations of the California Wildland–Urban Interface Code establish and or maintain minimum requirements for the prevention of fire and panic for the protection of life and property against fire and panic in any building or structure used or intended for use as defined in each of the Health and Safety Code references shown above. These proposals are aligned with Health and Safety Code Section 18942 (2)(C).

Evaluation of Consistency

The proposed regulations are consistent with existing state regulations.

OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY
STATUTE APPLICABLE TO THE AGENCY
OR TO ANY SPECIFIC REGULATION OR
CLASS OF REGULATIONS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(4).

The SFM has determined that there are no other prescribed statutes, specific regulations, or classes of regulations applicable to the amendments and building standards related to the 2025 California Wildland–Urban Interface Code.

MANDATE ON LOCAL AGENCIES OR
SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(5).

SFM has determined that the proposed regulatory action would not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts.

ESTIMATE OF COST OR SAVINGS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(6).

An estimate, prepared in accordance with instructions adopted by the Department of Finance, of costs or savings to any state agency, local agency, or school district.

- A. Cost or Savings to any state agency: **NO.**
- B. Cost to any local agency required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: **NO.**
- C. Cost to any school district required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: **NO.**
- D. Other nondiscretionary costs or savings imposed on local agencies: **NO.**
- E. Cost or savings in federal funding to the state: **NO.**

Estimate: 0.

INITIAL DETERMINATION OF NO SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESSES

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(8).

If the agency makes an initial determination that the adoption/amendment/repeal of this regulation will not have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states, it shall make a declaration to that effect.

SFM has made an initial determination that the adoption/amendment/repeal of this regulation will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact on businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

Declaration of Evidence

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(8).

In making the declaration, the agency shall provide in the record of facts, evidence, documents, testimony, or other evidence that the agency relied upon to support its initial determination of no effect.

The SFM affirms that this rulemaking action complies specifically with the mandates of HSC Sections 13143, 18928, 18949.2(b), 18949(c), and the mandates of the statutory authority of the SFM.

SFM reviewed and vetted the proposed amendments through an established California Wildland–Urban Interface (CWUI) workgroup composed of subject matter experts and relevant stakeholders. These workgroups evaluated the proposed regulatory amendments, discussed their scope and application, and provided technical input and recommendations. The agency replied to the workgroup discussions, meeting materials, written comments, and consensus feedback

as part of the record of facts, evidence, documents, testimony, and other evidence supporting its determination. SFM did not receive any comments or indications that there would be a statewide adverse economic impact on businesses. SFM encourages anyone to submit comments supporting or opposing this statement.

The CAL FIRE — Office of the State Fire Marshal’s CWUI work group was established to support Cal FIRE’s mission and strategic plan, which serve and safeguard the people and protect California’s resources. The purpose of the work group is to evaluate and recommend improvements to building codes, standards, materials, and communication strategies that reduce wildfire risk in WUI communities while ensuring regulatory changes remain practical, cost-effective, and science based. These proposals comply with AB130 restrictions on changes adopted during the intervening period, as they align with Health and Safety Code Section 18942(2)(C).

WORK GROUP GOALS:

1. To improve the safety and survivability of structures and communities in the WUI area.
2. To promote statewide consistency and clarity in WUI regulations and communications.
3. To ensure that regulatory changes are cost-effective, attainable, and based on sound science.
4. To foster innovation by allowing new, proven materials and technologies to be readily available in California.
5. Create a shared understanding and common messaging around WUI risk, mitigation strategies, and regulatory requirements.

WORK GROUP OBJECTIVES:

1. **Enhancements of Code and Standards**
 - a. Evaluate current CWUI code and standards for effectiveness and clarity.
 - b. Propose revisions that enhance fire resistance without creating undue burden.
 - c. Encourage alignment with emerging best practices and lessons learned from a recent wildfire.
 - d. Collaborate with stakeholders to align regulations with emerging technology.
2. **Cost of Compliance**
 - a. Analyze the economic impact of existing and proposed regulations on homeowners, builders, and local jurisdictions.
 - b. Identify areas where costs can be reduced without compromising safety.

- c. Identify financial impacts on the construction, renovation, and maintenance of structures in the WUI.
- 3. Cost-Effective Enhancements without Overregulation**
 - a. Develop recommendations that balance risk reduction with feasibility.
 - b. Avoid duplicative or unnecessarily complex requirements that discourage compliance.
 - c. Promote streamlined permitting and review processes when appropriate.
- 4. Innovation and Material Availability**
 - a. Create a clear pathway for the evaluation and approval of new construction materials and systems
 - b. Ensure that approved products are cost-effective and broadly available within California.
 - c. Support pilot projects and partnerships that test new technologies in real-world wildfire conditions.
- 5. Consistent Messaging**
 - a. Ensure that clear, evidence-based justification supports all recommendations and code change proposals.

WORK GROUP MEMBERSHIP

Members of the work group shall be open to interested parties as but not limited to state and local fire agencies, building officials, planners, industry experts, academic researchers, material manufacturers, insurance representatives, and community stakeholders.

WORK GROUP MEETINGS

- Schedule:
 - The work group shall meet “first Wednesday of the month.”
- Location:
 - Meetings shall be regularly scheduled virtually.
 - Meetings will not be canceled without cause.
- Sub-Groups:
 - May be formed to address specific technical topics.
 - Recommendations will be presented to the core work group for discussion and voting.

COST IMPACT ON REPRESENTATIVE PRIVATE PERSON OR BUSINESS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(9). Describe all cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

The SFM has evaluated the amendments to determine cost impacts that a representative private person or business would incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed amendments. The proposed amendments result in minimal cost impacts that will primarily be associated with design choices and building material selections necessary to meet the updated WUI requirements. These costs are expected to be limited in scope and apply only to new construction, alterations, or development activities already subject to WUI regulations.

The associated cost would be absorbed as part of normal construction, design, and permitting processes and would not constitute a significant burden.

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECT OF REGULATIONS UPON JOBS AND BUSINESS EXPANSION, ELIMINATION OR CREATION

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(10). The office of the State Fire Marshal has assessed whether and to what extent this proposal will affect the following:

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

These regulations will not affect the creation or cause the elimination of jobs within the State of California.

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

These regulations will not affect the creation of new businesses or the elimination of existing businesses within the State of California.

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

There is not sufficient data to quantify if there will be an expansion of business, however, the regulations that provide a higher level of fire-resistant construction and site planning vegetation are well received by the insurance industry.

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

These regulations will update and improve minimum building standards, which will provide increased protection of public health and safety, worker safety and the environment.

FINDING OF NECESSITY FOR THE PUBLIC’S HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(11).

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N/A.

**ESTIMATED COST OF COMPLIANCE
OF STANDARDS THAT WOULD
IMPACT HOUSING**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(12).
Assessment of Potential Impacts on Housing

The proposed code changes, driven by HSC 13108.5, would implement new development, maintenance, and use standards that qualifying residential and commercial buildings must comply with. These standards will affect, among other things, site design, building construction, property and building maintenance, and development review processes.

The proposed changes are likely to have both positive and negative impacts on housing costs through the regulation of the activities mentioned above. The impacts will vary in magnitude and the populations affected, with some impacts easier to quantify than others.

Factors Likely to Increase the Housing Cost

The proposed code changes may have minimal cost for new residential development and for altering and modifying existing residential buildings. The most significant contributing factor to increased housing costs is the latest proposed standards regulating building construction in Wildland–Urban Interface areas designated as Local Responsibility Areas (LRA) in the “High” Fire Hazard Severity Zone (FHSZ).

Key construction activities regulated by the code include requirements that qualifying development use more costly construction materials and methods, such as ignition–resistant materials and methods for walls, windows, doors, roofs, gutters, vents, decks, and underfloor enclosures. Proposed standards regulate both site and building design, as well as the ongoing maintenance of landscaping. It is estimated that these requirements will have the most significant impact on single–family homes, potentially increasing new construction housing costs by three to twenty–one percent for impacted homes, depending on the degree to which builders must modify their construction materials and methods to comply with the code. While the estimated increase in housing costs could be significant in rare cases, it is anticipated that the provisions of this code, which require modification to specific building systems, will have limited applicability throughout the State. Cost increases would be closer in magnitude to the lower end of the spectrum (~3–6%) for impacted homes.

Additionally, it is estimated that the proposed code changes may entail minimal construction costs for altering and modifying impacted single–family residential homes, on the same order of magnitude.

New standards will not require the addition of or augmentation to existing development review and inspection processes. Building plans for remodels and additions are part of local building and fire existing practices for review and inspections.

Table 5–1 (below) is from the 2018 Research Paper by Headwaters Economics entitled: “Building a Wildfire–Resistant Home: Codes and Costs”.

[Building a Wildfire–Resistant Home: Codes and Costs — Headwaters Economics](#)

This 2018 study looked at three existing standards:

- California Building Code Chapter 7A — Materials and Construction Methods for Exterior Wildfire Exposure.
- International Code Council’s International Wildland Urban Interface Code (IWUIC).
- National Fire Protection Association’s Standard for Reducing Structure Ignition Hazards from Wildland Fire (Standard 1144).

Table 5–1: Cost and Proportional Difference of Components in New Construction for Typical and Wildfire–Resistant Scenarios

ROOF	TYPICAL	WILD-FIRE-RESISTANT	TYPICAL DIFFERENCE
Roofing	\$ 14,870	\$ 16,380	\$ 1,510
Vents	\$ 930	\$ 1,560	\$ 630
Soffit & Fascia	\$ 5080	\$ 6,970	\$ 1,890
Gutters	\$ 930	\$ 2,760	\$ 1,830
Subtotal	\$ 21,810	\$ 27,670	\$ 5,860

EXTE-RIOR SIDING	TYPICAL	WILD-FIRE-RESISTANT	DIFFERENCE
Siding	\$ 29,930	\$ 12,360	(\$ -17,570)
Sheathing	\$ 3,810	\$ 4,180	\$ 370
Doors	\$ 6,170	\$ 8,120	\$ 1,950
Windows	\$ 8,470	\$ 11,530	\$ 3,060
Subtotal	\$ 48,380	\$ 36,190	(\$ 12,190)

DECK	TYPICAL	WILD-FIRE-RESISTANT	DIFFERENCE
Decking Surface	\$ 8,230	\$ 9,430	\$ 1,200
Framing	\$ 930	\$ 1,230	\$ 370

DECK	TYPICAL	WILD-FIRE-RESISTANT	DIFFERENCE
Fascia	\$ 570	\$ 920	\$ 350
Subtotal	\$ 9,730	\$ 11,580	\$ 1,850

ALL COMPONENTS	TYPICAL	WILD-FIRE-RESISTANT	DIFFERENCE
TOTAL	\$ 79,920	\$ 75,440	(\$ -4,480)

The Executive Summary Table is from the 2025 Research Paper by Headwaters Economics entitled: “Construction Costs for Wildfire-Resistant Homes.”

<https://headwaterseconomics.org/natural-hazards/wildfire/construction-costs-for-wildfire-resistant-homes/>

This 2025 study looked at the following standards:

1. California’s Building Code Chapter 7A (CWUC Part 7).
2. Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS) Wildfire Prepared Home (WFPH).
3. IBHS’s enhanced WFPH Plus.

Executive Summary Table: Cost and Proportional Difference of Components in New Construction for Typical and Wildfire-Resistant Scenarios

Assembly	Component	Traditional	CWUC Part 7	IBHS WFPH Base	IBHS WFPH Plus
Roof	Subtotal:	\$25,321	\$26,311	\$26,311	\$26,311
Eaves	Subtotal:	\$1,900	\$4,284	\$3,681	\$5,253
Exterior Walls	Subtotal:	\$11,461	\$13,569	\$13,578	\$13,591
Windows/Doors	Subtotal:	\$8,431	\$11,391	\$8,431	\$12,241
Deck	Subtotal:	\$1,968	\$1,968	\$1,968	\$1,968
Zone 0	Subtotal:	\$1,106	\$3,742	\$3,742	\$3,742
Total (+18% Inflation):		\$59,223	\$72,293	\$68,099	\$74,465
Comparison to Traditional		\$-	\$13,070	\$8,876	\$15,242
Comparison to CWUC Part 7		\$-	\$-	(\$4,194)	\$2,172

California Building Industry Association (CBIA) commentary provided:

- Certain general assumptions regarding construction design must be made when comparing construction costs, such as those listed in the Headwaters analysis. Construction costs vary significantly in the field, depending on the location, design, and materials used, as well as whether it’s a single custom home or a production-style housing development involving hundreds of homes.
- For example, in many production-style housing developments, builders commonly use stucco (fiber-cement) siding as the covering material for the exterior walls. As highlighted in Headwaters analysis, stucco provides a much higher level of fire-resistance and costs less than cedar planks or masonry products.
- Regarding the roof, these wildfire-resistant roof materials have longer lifespans and reduced maintenance costs than typical, non fire-resistant materials. Given the high cost of

replacing a roof after 20–30 years, this is yet another economic benefit provided by using fire-resistant materials.

Factors Likely to Decrease Housing Cost

The proposed code changes may decrease housing costs for homeowners of new single-family residential development by decreasing insurance premium costs for homes that comply with the California Wildland-Urban Interface Code. There is anecdotal evidence supporting this, but we were unable to find sufficient data to quantify the magnitude of the potential savings.

The California Wildland-Urban Interface Code (CWUI) provides standards established by industry experts to mitigate the risk of property damage. While both property damage and personal injury have real and significant financial costs, it is challenging to quantify the extent to which adopting the code reduces these risks and their associated costs. The CWUI compliance costs are significantly lower than the increased insurance rates associated with a dwelling not constructed with these fire-resistant features.

The cost of homeowner insurance will continue rising this year, [according to a new report by Insurify](#), with California seeing the second–biggest rate hike in the country after Louisiana (hurricane recovery).

Researchers estimate that homeowner insurance premiums in California will increase by 21 percent throughout 2025, resulting in a projected average annual premium of \$2,930, compared to the \$2,424 paid by California homeowners in 2024.

However, this higher level of fire–resistant construction is being well–received by insurance companies, which offer lower monthly premiums.

Insurance companies still doing business in California offer reductions in monthly premium payment rates between 10% and 18% for Home–Harding compliance.

For a homeowner who has an annual insurance premium payment of \$3,000:

$\$3,000 \times 18\% = \540 in annual savings.

List of Insurance Carriers that have left the state, are not accepting new policies, or are cancelling existing policies:

- **Allstate:** paused sale of new policies.
- **American National:** stopped writing home insurance policies in California.
- **AmGUARD:** Stopped writing home insurance policies in California.
- **Chubb:** Significantly scaling back operations in CA.
- **Farmers:** Home insurance subsidiary has left the state; there is some information that new policies may be written based on California Department of Insurance.
- **Nationwide:** Stopped renewing policies in CA.
- **State Farm:** Dropped 72,000 policies in CA.

Additional articles that provide data related to the insurance crisis:

<https://getsafeandsound.com/blog/average-fire-insurance-cost-california/>
[California’s Home Insurance Crisis: Rising Risks, Soaring Costs and Limited Options | Kiplinger](#)
[California home insurance crisis: How wildfires are driving rate increases](#)
[Thousands of Los Angeles homeowners were dropped by their insurers before the Palisades Fire — CBS News](#)
[Wildfire mitigation discounts: How to qualify and save | Insurance.com](#)
https://www.sfchronicle.com/california/article/home-insurance-farmers-21201615.php?utm_source

[In Major Move to Expand Growth, Farmers Insurance® to Remove Cap on Writing New Homeowners Insurance Policies in California and Submits New Rating Plan](#)

The adoption of the proposed changes in the code is expected to result in a minimal increase in housing costs for certain homes in California. These costs will have the most significant impact on single–family new construction built in designated Fire Hazard Severity Zones. They will vary depending on the degree to which a builder or homeowner must modify building construction materials and methods to comply with the code. Any potential savings, except for decreased homeowners’ insurance, are theoretical and will be realized at some point in the future for specific homes or households that avoid property damage or personal injury as a result of complying with this code. However, irrespective of any potentially negative fiscal impacts, a core tenet of national, state, and local affordable housing policy is that affordable housing is safe and sanitary.

The SFM, in consultation with the Housing and Community Development Department (HCD), acknowledges and supports the value of the proposed regulations, considering them central to its mission, as well as promoting housing affordability.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(13).

SFM has determined that the SFM has considered no reasonable alternative or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the SFM 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. In addition, no reasonable alternative considered by the SFM or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the SFM would be more cost–effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provisions of law.

AVAILABILITY OF RULEMAKING DOCUMENTS

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(16) and 11346.5(a)(20).

All of the information upon which the proposed regulations are based is contained in the rulemaking file, which is available for public review by contacting the person named below. This notice, the express terms, and initial statement of reasons can be accessed from the CBSC website: dgs.ca.gov/BSC.

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(19).

Interested parties 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 at the CBSC website: <https://www.dgs.ca.gov/en/BSC>.

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(21).

SFM shall provide, upon request, a description of proposed changes included in the proposed action, in the manner provided by Section 11346.6, to accommodate a person with a visual or other disability for which effective communication is required under state or federal law. The statement shall note that providing an accessible description of proposed changes may require extending the period of public comment for the proposed action.

**CBSC CONTACT PERSON
FOR PROCEDURAL AND
ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONS**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(14).

General questions regarding procedural and administrative issues should be addressed to:

Kevin Day, Deputy Executive Director
California Building Standards Commission
2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130
Sacramento, CA 95833
Telephone: (916) 263–0916

**PROPOSING STATE AGENCY
CONTACT PERSON FOR SUBSTANTIVE
OR TECHNICAL QUESTIONS ON
THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO
BUILDING STANDARDS**

Specific questions regarding the substantive or technical aspects of the proposed changes to the building standards should be addressed to:

Primary Contact:

Crystal Sujeski, Division Chief
CALFIRE/Office of the State Fire Marshal
Code Development and Analysis Division
916–568–2916
Crystal.Sujeski@fire.ca.gov

Back up Contact:

Jena Garcia, Deputy State Fire Marshal III
Specialist
CALFIRE/Office of the State Fire Marshal
Code Development and Analysis Division
916–531–7650
Jena.Garcia@fire.ca.gov

GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST

SCHOOL FINANCE AUTHORITY

**NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF
WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD**

On March 13, 2025, the California School Finance Authority published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking concerning the Charter School Facility Grant Program. (Notice Register 2026, Number 10–Z, March 13, 2026.)

The original written comment period deadline for these actions was April 27, 2025. The Authority is now extending the written comment deadline to May 4, 2025.

Please submit all written comments to:

Katrina Johantgen
Executive Director
California School Finance Authority
KJohantgen@treasurer.ca.gov
915 Capitol Mall, Suite 220–W
Sacramento, CA 95814
Telephone: (916) 651–7710

If you have any questions, please use the contact information provided above as well.

**DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE**

**CESA CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION
REQUEST FOR BIG CHICO CREEK IRON
CANYON FISH PASSAGE PROJECT
2080–2026–005–02(R) BUTTE COUNTY**

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) received a notice on March 16, 2026 that California Trout 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 removing fish passage barriers and improving upstream passage conditions for adult Chinook salmon, steelhead, and Pacific lamprey. Proposed activities will include, but are not limited to, removing existing concrete structures, regrading the channel with reduced slope, and constructing hydraulic controls using existing boulder. The proposed project will occur on Big Chico Creek within Bidwell Park, near the City of Chico, Butte County, California.

The National Marine Fisheries Service issued a federal programmatic biological opinion (PBO) (Service Ref. Number WCR-2017-8532) in a memorandum to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Restoration Center (NOAA RC), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on August 31, 2018, which considered the effects of the eligible restoration projects on multiple federally listed species. On March 12, 2026, California Trout applied to NOAA RC for inclusion of the proposed project under the PBO for state threatened and federally threatened spring-run Chinook salmon Central Valley Evolutionarily Significant Unit (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*.) On March 12, 2026, NOAA RC determined that the project fits within the scope of the PBO.

Pursuant to California Fish and Game Code section 2080.1, California Trout is requesting a determination that the Incidental Take Statement (ITS) and its associated PBO are consistent with CESA for purposes of the proposed project. If CDFW determines the ITS and associated PBO are consistent with CESA for the proposed project, California Trout 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

FISH AND GAME CODE SECTION 1653
CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION
REQUEST FOR PHASE 2 ROCKWADS
PROJECT (TRACKING NUMBER:
1653-2026-182-001-R1) SHASTA COUNTY

California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) received a Request to Approve on March 17, 2026, that the Sacramento Valley Ecological Restoration Foundation (SVERF) proposes to carry out a habitat restoration or enhancement project pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1653. The proposed project involves adding 25 rockwad structures for in-stream deep-water rearing habitat for juvenile salmonids. The proposed project will be carried out on the mainstem of the Sacramento River, upstream of the Posse Grounds Boat Ramp, Redding, Shasta County, California.

On February 3, 2026, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received a Notice of Intent (NOI) to comply with the terms of, and obtain coverage under, the General 401 Water Quality Certification Order for Small Habitat Restoration Projects (General 401 Order) for the Phase

2 Rockwads Project. The Regional Water Board determined that the Project, as described in the NOI, was categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review (section 15333 — Small Habitat Restoration Projects) and met the eligibility requirements for coverage under the General 401 Order. The Regional Water Board issued a Notice of Applicability (WDID Number 5A45CR00689) for coverage under the General 401 Order on March 5, 2026

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL

NOTICE OF PROPOSED HSA AND
CERCLA ADMINISTRATIVE DE MINIMIS
SETTLEMENT FOR THE BKK
CLASS I LANDFILL

30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:
APRIL 3, 2026 THROUGH MAY 4, 2026

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED: The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (“DTSC”) invites public comment on a Proposed Administrative Consent Order and Settlement Agreement De Minimis Contributors (“Proposed Order and Agreement”), Docket Number HSA-FY25/26-067. In accordance with applicable law, DTSC hereby provides notice of a proposed de minimis settlement concerning the BKK Class I Landfill in West Covina, California (the “Site”).

DTSC proposes to enter into this order and *de minimis* settlement pursuant to the Carpenter-Presley-Tanner Hazardous Substance Account Act, Health and Safety Code sections 78650, 78870, 79650, 79670, and 79920, and Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (“CERCLA”) sections 107 and 113 (42 U.S.C. §§ 9607, 9613). This settlement is intended to resolve liabilities of the 78 settling parties identified below

(individually, “*De Minimis* Settling Party,” and collectively, “*De Minimis* Settling Parties”) for past and future response costs incurred at the Site. The Proposed Order and Agreement serves as an administrative order and settlement with DTSC, and a private party settlement with the BKK Working Group (“BWG”), a group comprised of potentially responsible parties that have incurred response costs related to the Site. The *De Minimis* Settling Parties will receive a Site-wide covenant not to sue from DTSC and the BWG, as well as contribution protection for the specific matters addressed in the settlement, pursuant to section 79920 of the California Health and Safety Code, and section 113(f)(2) of CERCLA (42 U.S.C. § 9613(f)(2)).

The *De Minimis* Settling Parties collectively sent a combined total of 19,207.45 tons of waste to the Site, which represents 0.37 percent of the approximately 5.18 million tons of manifested waste disposed of at the Site. This settlement requires the *De Minimis* Settling Parties to collectively pay a combined total of \$8,977,754.19. Ten percent of the settlement amount will be paid to DTSC as reimbursement for past response costs relating to the Site. After certain costs related to the Proposed Order and Agreement are reimbursed to DTSC and the BWG, as specified in the Second Disbursement Amendment to the Third Partial Consent Decree (*see Cal. Dep’t of Toxic Substances Control v. Am. Honda Motor Co. Inc.*, Number 2:15–CV–00729–DDP–AJW (C.D. Cal., Feb. 2, 2015)), the remaining settlement amount will be distributed to the Third-Party PRP Settlement Escrow Account, which will fund future response actions at the Site.

The identities of the *De Minimis* Settling Parties that have elected to settle their liability with DTSC and the BWG under Proposed Order and Agreement, Docket Number HSA–FY25/26–067 are as follows:

1. **Mel Bernie, Inc. dba 1928 Jewelry Co. Accessor Plating Division;**
2. **All Metals Processing of Orange County, LLC, successor to All Metals Processing Company Inc.;**
3. **Anthony, Inc. and Anglass Industries;**
4. **Scripto Tokai for its subsidiary Anja Engineering Corp.;**
5. **Arcadia Products, LLC, successor to Architectural Anodizing Inc.;**
6. **Asco Sintering Co.;**
7. **United Rentals, Inc.; United Rentals (North America), Inc.; and Baker Tanks;**
8. **Barry Avenue Plating Co., Inc.;**
9. **Cal Lift Inc.;**
10. **Construction Specialties Inc.;**
11. **Cooper & Brain, Inc.;**
12. **Birgitte Simonian; Eemus Mfg. Corp.;**
13. **Electromatic, Inc.;**
14. **Camfil USA, Inc., as successor to The Farr Company;**
15. **Saputo Cheese USA, Inc.;**
16. **H. B. Fuller Company;**
17. **HASA, INC., a corporation;**
18. **Hixson Metal Finishing;**
19. **Howell Drilling;**
20. **Hyatt Die Cast & Engineering Corp.;**
21. **Industrial Wire Corporation; Tree Island Wire (USA);**
22. **Irish Construction;**
23. **Liberty Vegetable Oil;**
24. **UniFirst Corporation (As Successor by merger to Modern Coverall–Uniform Supply, Inc., for Modern Coverall Co.);**
25. **Rick Gallade, Gallade Chemical Inc.; and Gallade Chemical Inc. for Orange County Chemical;**
26. **Leviton Manufacturing Co., Inc.;**
27. **Penetone Corporation;**
28. **Aerosols Danville, Inc. dba Voyant Beauty fka Peterson Puritan Inc.;**
29. **Resco Products, Inc.;**
30. **Redman Equipment & Mfg. Co.;**
31. **Roberts Consolidated Industries, Inc.;**
32. **Rogers Corporation;**
33. **Schroeder Tool and Die Corporation;**
34. **Huhtamaki, Inc. fka Sealright Co., Inc.;**
35. **Shoring Engineers;**
36. **Simpson Paper Company;**
37. **Sonoco Products Company;**
38. **Statek Corporation;**
39. **The Summit Lighthouse, Inc.;**
40. **TTX Company;**
41. **Teradyne, Inc.;**
42. **Tiodize Co. Inc.;**
43. **UOP Inc.; UOP LLC; Universal Oil Products Company;**
44. **V. & M. Plating Company;**
45. **Virco Mfg. Corporation;**
46. **Alpha Therapeutic Corporation;**
47. **Ormco Corporation as successor to American Drinco;**
48. **Apple JV Holding Corp, formerly known as Appleton Electric Company;**
49. **Barsotti’s, Inc.;**

50. Benjamin Moore & Co.;
51. CAI Barrington, Inc. (formerly known as Recon/Optical, Inc.) for waste from the Pacific Optical facility included on the MSR for Bourns, Inc.;
52. Bourns, Inc. for all waste on its MSR except for waste from the Pacific Optical facility that is covered by Exhibit D being signed by Bourns, Inc.’s wholly-owned subsidiary CAI Barrington, Inc. (formerly known as Recon/Optical, Inc.);
53. Cabot Corp.;
54. Flint CPS Inks Holdings LLC, as successor to Cal Ink;
55. Cummins Inc. as Successor to Diesel Recon Co.;
56. Avery Dennison Corp. as successor to Fasson Corp.;
57. Macy’s Retail Holdings, LLC, as successor in interest to Federated Department Stores;
58. Flint CPS Inks Holdings LLC, as successor to Flint Ink Corporation;
59. Bimbo Bakeries USA, Inc. as successor to Four S. Bakery;
60. Whirlpool Corporation as Successor to Gafers & Sattler;
61. HRL Laboratories, LLC as successor to Hughes Research Laboratories;
62. Schneider Electric SE as successor to Lambda Electronics, Inc.;
63. Genlyte Thomas Group, LLC;
64. Petro–Diamond Terminal Company, formerly known as Long Beach Terminal Company;
65. Macy’s Retail Holdings, LLC, as successor in interest to Bullock’s, Inc.;
66. Matson Navigation Company, Inc. (including Matson Terminals);
67. Owens Corning;
68. Level 3 Holdings, Inc., successor to Peter Kiewit Sons Co. (“Kiewit”);
69. CDM Constructors Inc. as Successor to Petroleum Contractors;
70. SGL Technic LLC as Successor to Polycarbon, Inc.;
71. Providence Health System — Southern California;
72. Panasonic Corporation of North America as successor to Sanyo E&E Corp.;
73. McCormick & Co., Inc. as Successor to SETCO;
74. Avery Dennison Corp. as successor to Soabar Co.;

75. United Parcel Service, Inc. (Ohio); United Parcel Service, Inc. (Delaware); United Parcel Service; U.P.S.; United Parcel;
76. Universal Studios LLC;
77. Vulcan Materials Company;
78. Plastic Materials Inc.

HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE: You can review the Proposed Order and Agreement and submit your comments, if any, to DTSC.

WHERE TO FIND THE PROPOSED ORDER AND AGREEMENT: The Proposed Order and Agreement can be found for review at the following locations:

- (1) On the following DTSC website: <https://dtsc.ca.gov/third-party-initiative-cost-recovery>.
- (2) At the West Covina Library: 1601 W. West Covina Parkway, West Covina, CA 91790. The telephone number for the West Covina Library is (626) 962–3541.
- (3) In EnviroStor, which can be accessed at https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=19490005 (additional Site documents also can be found in EnviroStor).

WHERE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Comments should be in writing and should be submitted to BKK Third Party Initiative, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826 or BKKPRPsupport@dtsc.ca.gov. All comments should include “BKK Proposed Order and Agreement Docket Number HSA–FY25/26–067” in the subject line of the email or letter.

DTSC will accept written comments relating to the Proposed Order and Agreement between **April 03, 2025 and May 04, 2026**. DTSC will consider all comments postmarked or received during this period and may modify or withdraw the Proposed Order and Agreement with respect to any *De Minimis* Settling Party if any comment discloses facts or considerations indicating that the Proposed Order and Agreement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate as to that *De Minimis* Settling Party.

Hearing impaired individuals may use the California Relay Service at 711 or 800–735–2929 TTY/VCO/HCO to voice.

FOR ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SITE: Please contact the following DTSC staff:

BKK Third Party Initiative
 8800 Cal Center Drive
 Sacramento, CA 95826
 (833) 343–0053
BKKPRPsupport@dtsc.ca.gov

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In order to receive public notices for future proposed *de minimis* settlements via email, please visit <https://dtsc.ca.gov/dtsc-e-lists> and subscribe to the E-List titled, “BKK Class I Landfill PRP Public Notices.”

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND BUSINESS MEETING OF THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS BOARD

Pursuant to Government Code section 11346.4 and the provisions of Labor Code Sections 142.1, 142.2, 142.3, 142.4, and 144.6, the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (“Board”) of the State of California has set the time and place for a Public Meeting and Business Meeting:

QR Code for Access:



On **April 16, 2026**, at 10:00 a.m.

Department of General Services
Justice Joseph A. Rattigan Building
50 D Street, 2nd Floor, Suite 220
Santa Rosa, California 95404

as well as via the following:

- Videoconference at <https://tkoworks.zoom.us/j/87501250331>
- Teleconference at (669) 444-9171 (Webinar ID 875 0125 0331)

- Live video stream and audio stream (English and Spanish) at: <https://videobookcase.com/california/oshsb/>

At the Public Meeting, the Board will make time available to receive comments or proposals from interested persons on any item concerning occupational safety and health.

At the Business Meeting, the Board will conduct its monthly business.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION NOTICE: Disability accommodation is available upon request. Any person with a disability requiring an accommodation, auxiliary aid or service, or a modification of policies or procedures to ensure effective communication and access to the public hearings/meetings of the Board should contact the Disability Accommodation Coordinator at (916) 274-5721 or the state-wide Disability Accommodation Coordinator at 1 (866) 326-1616 (toll free). The state-wide Coordinator can also be reached through the California Relay Service, by dialing 711 or 1 (800) 735-2929 (TTY) or 1 (800) 855-3000 (TTY-Spanish).

Accommodations can include modifications of policies or procedures or provision of auxiliary aids or services. Accommodations include, but are not limited to, an Assistive Listening System (ALS), a Computer-Aided Transcription System or Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART), a sign-language interpreter, documents in Braille, large print or on computer disk, and audio cassette recording. Accommodation requests should be made as soon as possible. Requests for an ALS or CART should be made no later than five (5) days before the hearing.

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS SCHEDULED IN 2026

The Office of Administrative Law (OAL) has scheduled two public information sessions this year. The sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, May 12th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and Tuesday, October 13th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

These two-hour public information sessions provide the basic principles of regulations and the Administrative Procedure Act (APA). Taught by OAL attorneys, students will learn about OAL and its role, how to participate in the rulemaking process, when an agency needs to adopt regulations, how regulations are adopted, and the underground regulation petition process. These special information sessions are specifically focused on assisting the public in understanding the APA and only members of the public are invited.

Registration information is available on OAL's website at the following link: <https://oal.ca.gov/training/>.

**SUMMARY OF
REGULATORY ACTIONS**

**REGULATIONS FILED WITH THE
SECRETARY OF STATE**

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

Department of Food and Agriculture
File # 2026-0213-01
Prohibited Noxious Weed Seed

In this certificate of compliance, the Department of Food and Agriculture makes permanent its emergency regulation to add *Orobanche (Phelipanche) aegyptiaca* (Egyptian broomrape) to the list of prohibited noxious weed seed, which is a term defined in Section 52257 of the Food and Agricultural Code.

Title 03
Amend: 3854
Filed 03/25/2026
Effective 03/24/2026
Agency Contact: Rachel Avila (916) 698-2947

Department of Managed Health Care
File # 2026-0204-01
Timely Access to Non-Emergency Health Care Services

This file and print action by the Department of Managed Health Care ("Department") amends regulations concerning the availability and timely access to health care services. This action is exempt from the Administrative Procedure Act ("APA") pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 1367.03(f)(5).

Title 28
Amend: 1300.51, 1300.67.1.3, 1300.67.2
Filed 03/18/2026
Effective 03/18/2026
Agency Contact: Leah Gray (916) 327-8031

Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission
File # 2026-0213-04
Conflict-of-Interest Code

This is a Conflict-of-Interest code that has been approved by the Fair Political Commission and is being

submitted for filing with the Secretary of State and printing only.

Title 02
Amend: 59530
Filed 03/19/2026
Effective 04/18/2026
Agency Contact: Luke Ginger (213) 576-6736

Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
File # 2026-0212-01
Non-Substantive Changes — VIO Administrative Determinant

This section 100 action pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 1, section 100, by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitations, revises cross-references regarding the "VIO" Administrative Determinant.

Title 15
Amend: 3375.2
Filed 03/25/2026
Agency Contact: Alison Colavita (279) 223-2314

Board of Psychology
File # 2026-0212-05
Standards of Practice for Telehealth Services

In this rulemaking action, the Board of Psychology clarifies that these regulations apply to all psychological services provided by individuals under its jurisdiction, whether delivered in person or via telehealth.

Title 16
Amend: 1396.8
Filed 03/24/2026
Effective 07/01/2026
Agency Contact:
Jacklyn Mancilla (916) 574-8938

Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education
File # 2026-0213-02
Unapproved Activity

This rulemaking action by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education adopts factors to consider when imposing an administrative fine for operating an institution without proper approval to operate, pursuant to Education Code section 94944.

Title 05
Amend: 75020, 75030
Filed 03/23/2026
Effective 07/01/2026
Agency Contact:
Parker Strohmeyer (279) 666-5844

Department of Toxic Substances Control

File # 2026-0206-03

Clarifying Compliance Options for Importers

This action by the Department of Toxic Substances Control amends Safer Consumer Products regulations to further specify compliance standards for importers.

Title 22

Amend: 69501.1, 69501.2, 69501.5

Filed 03/23/2026

Effective 03/23/2026

Agency Contact: Clara Silva (916) 324-0912

Department of Veterans Affairs

File # 2026-0205-03

Definitions of Levels of Care

This regular rulemaking by the Department of Veterans Affairs revises the regulatory definitions for levels of care that require licensing that are offered at one or more locations of the California Veterans Home to reflect the definitions used by federal and state licensing agencies and removes types of care no longer offered and incorporates related nonsubstantive conforming changes.

Title 12

Amend: 501.2, 505.8, 505.12

Filed 03/20/2026

Effective 03/20/2026

Agency Contact: Phil McAllister (916) 202-9846

Department of Veterans Affairs

File # 2026-0210-03

Home Loans Program Updates

This Department of Veterans Affairs rulemaking action standardizes department and program terminology, adds domestic partnership language, and removes references to defunct district offices.

Title 12

Amend: 100, 300, 300.1, 300.6, 302, 302.1, 302.2,

302.3, 303, 304, 305.1, 305.2, 309, 309.1, 309.2,

309.3, 309.4, 309.5, 309.6, 310, 310.1, 310.2, 322,

341, 342, 343, 343.1, 344, 344.1, 344.2, 344.3,

344.5, 345, 345.1, 345.2, 345.4, 345.5, 345.6, 345.7,

360, 370, 372

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