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PROPOSED ACTION ON REGULATIONS

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TITLE 2. STATE ALLOCATION BOARD

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE LEROY F. GREENE SCHOOL FACILITIES ACT OF 1998

- 1859.18 AND 1859.18.1.

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING FORM

- Form SAB 50–MP, *Five-Year School Facilities Master Plan Checklist*, (New 01/26), which is incorporated by reference and referenced in Regulation Section 1859.2.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING REGULATION SECTION

- 1859.2.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING FORMS:

- Form SAB 50–04, *Application For Funding*, (Rev. ~~01/26~~ 02/26), which is incorporated by reference and referenced in Regulation Section 1859.2.
- Form SAB 50–09, *Application for Charter School Preliminary Apportionment*, (Rev. ~~12/25~~ 01/26), which is incorporated by reference and referenced in Regulation Section 1859.2.
- Form SAB 50–10, *Application for Career Technical Education Facilities Funding*, (Rev. ~~10/14~~ 01/26), which is incorporated by reference and referenced in Regulation Section 1859.2.
- Form SAB 195, *Application for Natural Disaster Assistance*, (New ~~08/25~~ Rev. 01/26), which is incorporated by reference and referenced in Regulation Section 1859.2.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Allocation Board (SAB) proposes to adopt and amend

the above-referenced regulation sections, including the associated forms, contained in Title 2, California Code of Regulations (CCR). A public hearing is not scheduled. A public hearing will be held if any interested person, or his or her duly authorized representative, submits a written request for a public hearing to the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period. Following the public hearing, if one is requested, or following the written comment period if no public hearing is requested, OPSC, at its own motion or at the instance of any interested person, may adopt the proposals substantially as set forth above without further notice.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE CITATIONS

The SAB is proposing to amend the above-referenced regulation sections under the authority provided by Sections 17070.35, 17075.20 and 17078.64 of the Education Code. The proposal interprets and make specific reference Sections 8974, 17009.5, 17017.6, 17017.7, 17021, 17047, 17050, 17051, 17070.15, 17070.51(a), 17070.54, 17070.59, 17070.71, 17070.75, 17070.77, 17071.10, 17071.25, 17071.30, 17071.33, 17071.35, 17071.40, 17071.75, 17071.76, 17072.10, 17072.12, 17072.18, 17072.30, 17072.33, 17073.16, 17073.25, 17074.10, 17074.16, 17074.30, 17075.10, 17075.15, 17077.30, 17077.35, 17077.40, 17077.42, 17077.45, 17078.52, 17078.56, 17078.72(k), 17079, 17079.10, 17280, 56026 and 101012(a)(8), Education Code; Section 53311, Government Code; and Sections 1771.3 in effect on January 1, 2012 through June 19, 2014 and 1771.5, Labor Code.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY OVERVIEW STATEMENT

The Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998 established, through Senate Bill 50, Chapter 407, Statutes of 1998, the School Facility Program (SFP). The SFP provides a per-pupil grant amount to qualifying school districts for purposes of constructing school facilities and modernizing existing school facilities. The SAB adopted regulations to implement the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998, which were approved by the Office of Administrative Law and filed with the Secretary of State on October 8, 1999.

On November 5, 2024, a majority of California’s voters approved the Kindergarten through Grade 12 Schools and Local Community College Public Education Facilities Modernization, Repair, and Safety Bond Act of 2024 (Proposition 2). In addition to providing \$8.5 billion in bond authority for public Transitional Kindergarten through grade 12 school facilities,

there are many provisions contained in Proposition 2 that require interpretation and inclusion in the existing School Facility Program (SFP) Regulations. Voter approval of Proposition 2 made provisions of Assembly Bill (AB) 247 (Muratsuchi, Chapter 81, Statutes of 2024) operative.

This bill added Education Code Section 17070.54 and requires that as a condition of participating in the SFP, school districts must submit to OPSC a five-year school facilities master plan, or an updated five-year school facilities master plan, approved by the governing board of the school district. School district also means a county office of education based on Education Code Section 17070.15(q). In part, Proposition 2 requires:

- School districts include specified minimum elements as part of the five-year school facilities master plan, including an inventory of existing facilities, sites, and property.
- OPSC, in consultation with the California Department of Education (CDE), to develop guidelines that school districts may utilize to guide the development of the master plan.
- The State Controller's Office to include instructions in the K–12 audit guide to verify that all required components are included in participating school districts' master plans.
- School districts to update their school facilities master plans to reflect any changes in enrollment, capacity, or other areas, as appropriate for purposes of participating in the SFP.

At its meeting on January 28, 2026, the SAB adopted proposed regulatory amendments, on an emergency basis, that implement the five-year school facilities master plan provision of AB 247 and Proposition 2 in the SFP. The January 2026 item sets forth the timing of when to submit the school facilities master plan to OPSC based on the submittal date and project type, such as new requests for New Construction and Modernization applications for design and/or site funding; Facility Hardship Program and Seismic Mitigation Program applications (health and safety projects); Career Technical Education Facilities Program applications; Charter School Facilities Program applications; and Natural Disaster Assistance applications (health and safety projects).

It is important to note that applications for all SAB-administered programs are subject to the five-year school facilities master plan requirement that are submitted by school districts and county offices of education. It is also necessary to point out that school districts already prepare school facilities master plans; comprehensive overviews of a school district's facilities, including but not limited to, current

and future student housing needs, and existing facilities, to name a few.

Education Code Section 17070.54 sets forth specific criteria that must be included in the master plans for submittal to OPSC. However, Proposition 2 and AB 247 are silent as to when the five-year school facilities master plans must be submitted, which is why OPSC developed different submittal timelines by program and application type based on when the proposed regulations would be approved by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) and become effective. Facility Hardship and Seismic Mitigation Program projects, along with three Natural Disaster Assistance projects have already been processed to the State Allocation Board, received unfunded approvals, and received Apportionments in April 2026. These regulations were approved by OAL on an emergency basis with an effective date of May 4, 2026 [OAL File #2026–0424–01E].

Attached to this Notice are the proposed regulations and five associated forms. The proposed regulations can also be reviewed on OPSC's website at: [Laws, Regulations for School Construction Projects](#). Copies of the proposed regulations and the five associated forms will be mailed to any person requesting this information by using OPSC's contact information set forth below in this Notice. The proposed regulations amend the SFP Regulations under the California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Chapter 3, Subchapter 4, Group 1, State Allocation Board, Subgroup 5.5, Regulations relating to the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998.

Background and Problem Being Resolved

At its December 3, 2024 meeting, the SAB adopted policies for SFP applications received on or after October 31, 2024. The December 2024 policy item outlined the timing of when to submit the school facilities master plan to OPSC based on the submittal date and project type, such as Facility Hardship and Seismic Mitigation Program applications, and New Construction and Modernization funding applications (including projects already SAB-approved for separate design/site). Early guidance from the SAB was necessary to inform school districts who submitted applications on or after October 31, 2024, and/or who are currently planning to submit applications for funding. Stakeholder input and feedback has been critical to inform regulation development and implementation. Although the submittal of the five-year school facilities master plan is required to participate in the SFP, Proposition 2 does not specify when the required master plan must be submitted to OPSC.

A series of stakeholder meetings were held on February 13, April 10, August 28, and November 6, 2025. Once stakeholders had the opportunity to provide input and feedback on the five-year school facilities

master plan topic, OPSC presented proposed regulatory changes to the SAB for consideration as formal regulations and then those regulations were submitted to OAL and subsequently approved. There still remains Proposition 2 provisions to be incorporated into the SFP Regulations and as these topics are vetted with stakeholders, formal regulations will be presented to the SAB for consideration and then submitted to OAL for review.

The problem being resolved is not just implementing the statutory authority for school districts to submit five-year school facilities master plans but implementing when master plans must be submitted with funding applications for the different programs. Each program and project type has unique circumstances surrounding when applications can be submitted to OPSC versus when they may be processed by OPSC to the SAB for approval. Accordingly, the regulations account for these unique circumstances by adjusting the timing of when the master plan should be submitted by to allow school districts to plan and prepare for submittal. The proposed regulations address applications received by OPSC on and after October 31, 2024, and set forth requirements and conditions of the five-year school facilities master plan, as well as specificity concerning the information that must be included in the master plan. This is in alignment with Education Code Section 17070.54.

OPSC performed a search on whether the proposed regulatory amendments were consistent and compatible with existing State laws and regulations and did not identify any inconsistent or incompatible existing State laws or regulations. The proposed regulatory amendments are consistent with and implement a provision of statutory changes enacted with the passage of Proposition 2. Proceeding with the implementation of the proposed regulations ensures that school districts will provide the school facilities master plan if they want to participate in the SFP and have the state be a partner in their projects. This provides a positive impact on the state's economy, as well as the creation of an unknown number of jobs in the school construction industry. Once school districts request the release of state funds, manufacturing and construction-related industries such as architecture, engineering, trades and municipalities may expand based on the demand on these industries. The proposed regulations maintain equity, consistency, and the integrity of the SFP.

Anticipated Benefits of the Proposed Regulations

There are benefits associated with the proposed regulations. The State of California will benefit as the master plans are a comprehensive overview of each school district's facilities, including but not limited to, current and future student housing needs and existing facilities, to name a few. The master plans promote

transparency and tie into the State's infrastructure investment. The regulations also help ensure school districts are making conscientious decisions when pursuing state funding.

In addition, the proposed regulations may have a positive impact on the state's economy, as well as the creation of an unknown number of jobs in the school construction industry, by facilitating funding for school construction. Once school districts request the release of state funds, manufacturing and construction-related industries such as architecture, engineering, trades and municipalities may expand based on the demand on these industries.

Summary of the Proposed Regulations

A summary of the proposed regulations is as follows:

Existing Regulation Section 1859.2 represents a set of defined words and terms used exclusively for these regulations. The proposed amendments update the revision dates for the Forms SAB 50–04, SAB 50–09, SAB 50–10, and SAB 195. It also defines the new Form SAB 50–MP and the term “Master Plan,” that align with Education Code Section 17070.54.

Proposed adoption of Regulation Section 1859.18 sets forth how long a master plan is considered valid based on when the local governing board of a school district approved the master plan, relative to the required time frame for submittal of the master plan for the associated funding application. A school district may submit additional funding applications without resubmitting the valid master plan. However, there are conditions of when a master plan must be updated by a school district within five years from the original master plan's approval by the school board when changes in enrollment, capacity, or other areas have materially affected components, which is in alignment with Education Code Section 17070.54(f). This section also sets forth the required components of a complete master plan and provides clarifying details to ensure consistent compliance with the statutory components.

Proposed adoption of Regulation Section 1859.18.1 establishes the required time frames by which school districts submit a complete master plan. The master plan requirement applies to applications submitted to OPSC on and after October 31, 2024. However, time was needed to develop these proposed regulations that the SAB approved a framework of submittal dates for completed master plans on December 3, 2024, along with a process for submittal of governing board resolutions acknowledging the master plan requirement. The school board resolution must also acknowledge the Apportionment may be rescinded for failure to submit the completed and valid master plan timely. This section implements the SAB's previously approved framework and expands it to other SFP programs. There is a non-substantive change in subsec-

tion (e)(2); correcting (f)(1) to (e)(2) since there is no subsection (f) in this section.

Existing Form SAB 50–04, *Application for Funding*, (Rev. ~~01/26~~ 02/26), (incorporated by reference) is submitted by school districts to apply for State funding for new construction and modernization projects. The proposed amendments add a certification on page 12 that incorporates the requirements of the five–year school facilities master plan, such as the date the governing board approved the master plan and the date it was submitted to OPSC. School districts will need to check a box as to whether the master plan has not been materially altered, has been materially altered, or the application is subject to an alternative master plan submittal timeline required in Regulation Section 1859.18.1. In addition, the revision date for this Form has been changed from 01/26 to 02/26 and includes the newly OAL–approved changes. This is due to an intervening regulation becoming effective on June 15, 2026 [OAL File #2026–0605–01E].

Existing Form SAB 50–09, *Application for Charter School Preliminary Apportionment*, (Rev. ~~12/25~~ 01/26), (incorporated by reference) is the form for charter school entities to apply for preliminary apportionments for qualifying projects. The proposed amendments add a certification on page 6 that incorporates the requirements of the five–year school facilities master plan, such as the date the governing board approved the master plan and the date it was submitted to OPSC. School districts will need to check a box as to whether the master plan has not been materially altered, has been materially altered, or the application is subject to an alternative master plan submittal timeline required in Regulation Section 1859.18.1.

Existing Form SAB 50–10, *Application for Career Technical Education Facilities Funding*, (Rev. ~~10/14~~ 01/26), (incorporated by reference) is submitted by school districts/Local Educational Agencies to apply for funding under the Career Technical Education Facilities Program. The proposed amendments add a certification on page 4 that incorporates the requirements of the five–year school facilities master plan, such as the date the governing board approved the master plan and the date it was submitted to OPSC. School districts will need to check a box as to whether the master plan has not been materially altered, has been materially altered, or the application is subject to an alternative master plan submittal timeline required in Regulation Section 1859.18.1.

Existing Form SAB 195, *Application for Natural Disaster Assistance*, (New ~~08/25~~ Rev. 01/26), (incorporated by reference), is submitted by school districts to apply for funding for either interim housing assistance following a natural disaster, or other assistance following a natural disaster, pursuant to Education Code Section 17075.20. This form provides sections

wherein a school district may provide a narrative for each respective interim housing or other assistance request. The proposed amendments add a certification on page 9 that incorporates the requirements of the five–year school facilities master plan, such as the date the governing board approved the master plan and the date it was submitted to OPSC. School districts will need to check a box as to whether the master plan has not been materially altered, has been materially altered, or the application is subject to an alternative master plan submittal timeline required in Regulation Section 1859.18.1.

Proposed adoption of Form SAB 50–MP, *Five–Year Master Plan Checklist*, (New 01/26), (incorporated by reference), was created to assist school districts and OPSC in verifying that all required components are included in the submitted master plan. OPSC acknowledges that school districts have created their master plans in various formats. School districts are able to submit their master plans as a PDF document, or as an external website link with Uniform Resource Locators (URL). There are fields to enter page numbers if the school district submits the master plan in PDF format, or URL information if the master plan is web–based. OPSC proposes that school districts be required to complete and submit this form along with the completed master plan.

Statutory Authority and Implementation

Education Code Section 17070.35(a) In addition to all other powers and duties as are granted to the board by this chapter, other statutes, or the California Constitution, the board shall do all of the following: (1) Adopt rules and regulations, pursuant to the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, for the administration of this chapter.

Government Code Section 15503. Whenever the board is required to make allocations or apportionments under this part, it shall prescribe rules and regulations for the administration of, and not inconsistent with, the act making the appropriation of funds to be allocated or apportioned. The board shall require the procedure, forms, and the submission of any information it may deem necessary or appropriate. Unless otherwise provided in the appropriation act, the board may require that applications for allocations or apportionments be submitted to it for approval.

Determination of Inconsistency or Incompatibility with Existing State Regulations

At its December 3, 2024 meeting, the SAB adopted policies for SFP applications received on or after October 31, 2024. The December 2024 policy item outlined the timing of when to submit the school facilities master plan to OPSC based on the submittal date and project type, such as Facility Hardship and Seis-

mic Mitigation Program applications, and New Construction and Modernization funding applications (including projects already SAB–approved for separate design/site). Early guidance from the SAB was necessary to inform school districts who submitted applications on or after October 31, 2024, and/or who are currently planning to submit applications for funding. Although the submittal of the five–year school facilities master plan is required to participate in the SFP, Proposition 2 does not specify when the required master plan must be submitted to OPSC.

Each program and project type has unique circumstances surrounding when applications can be submitted to OPSC versus when they may be processed by OPSC to the SAB for approval. Accordingly, the regulations account for these unique circumstances by adjusting the timing of when the master plan should be submitted by to allow school districts to plan and prepare for submittal. The proposed regulations address applications received by OPSC on and after October 31, 2024, and set forth requirements and conditions of the five–year school facilities master plan, as well as specificity concerning the information that must be included in the master plan. This is in alignment with Education Code Section 17070.54.

After conducting a review, the SAB has concluded that these are the only regulations on this subject, and therefore, the proposed regulations are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing State laws and regulations. The proposed regulations are within the SAB’s authority to enact regulations for the SFP under Education Code Section 17070.35 and Government Code Section 15503.

Documents Incorporated by Reference

- *Form SAB 50–04*, (Rev. ~~01/26~~ 02/26), referenced in Regulation Section 1859.2 and is incorporated by reference.
- *Form SAB 50–09*, (Rev. ~~12/25~~ 01/26), referenced in Regulation Section 1859.2 and is incorporated by reference.
- *Form SAB 50–10*, (Rev. ~~10/14~~ 01/26), referenced in Regulation Section 1859.2 and is incorporated by reference.
- *Form SAB 50–MP*, (New 01/26), referenced in Regulation Section 1859.2 and is incorporated by reference.
- *Form SAB 195*, (~~New 08/25~~ Revised 01/26), referenced in Regulation Section 1859.2 and is incorporated by reference.

IMPACT ON LOCAL AGENCIES OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

The Executive Officer of the SAB has determined that the proposed regulations do not impose a mandate

or a mandate requiring reimbursement by the State pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code. It will not require local agencies, school districts or charter schools to incur additional costs in order to comply with the proposed regulations.

DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE PROPOSED REGULATORY ACTION

The Executive Officer of the SAB has made the following initial determinations relative to the required statutory categories:

- The SAB has made an initial determination that there will be no significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.
- The SAB is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.
- There will be no non–discretionary costs or savings to local agencies.
- The proposed regulations create no costs to any local agency or school district requiring reimbursement pursuant to Section 17500 et seq., or beyond those required by law, except for the required district contribution toward each project as stipulated in statute.
- There will be no costs or savings in federal funding to the State.
- The proposed regulations create no costs or savings to any State agency beyond those required by law.
- The SAB has made an initial determination that there will be no impact on housing costs.

RESULTS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

Impact to Businesses and Jobs in California

The proposed regulations promote transparency because school districts and the school district community have been collaborating on the proposed regulations through a series of stakeholder meetings held on February 13, April 10, August 28, and November 6, 2025. Once stakeholders had the opportunity to provide input and feedback on the five–year school facilities master plan topic, OPSC presented proposed regulatory changes to the SAB for consideration as formal regulations and then those regulations were submitted to OAL and subsequently approved. There still remains Proposition 2 provisions to be incorporated into the SFP Regulations and as these topics are vetted

with stakeholders, formal regulations will be presented to the SAB for consideration and then submitted to OAL for review.

In addition, the proposed regulations will not negatively impact the creation of jobs, the creation of new businesses, and the expansion of businesses in California. It is not anticipated that the proposed regulations will result in the elimination of existing businesses or jobs within California. Additionally, the proposed regulations expand the SFP while maintaining program integrity and equity amongst school district projects.

Benefits to Public Health and Welfare, Worker's Safety, and the State's Environment

- The proposed regulations promote transparency because school districts and the school district community have been collaborating on the proposed regulations through a series of stakeholder meetings.
- There are continued benefits to the health and welfare of California residents and worker safety. School districts, charter schools, and local educational agencies utilize construction and trades employees to work on school construction projects and although this proposed regulation does not directly impact worker's safety, existing law provides for the availability of a skilled labor force and encourages improved health and safety of construction and trades employees through proper apprenticeship and training. Further, public health and safety is enhanced because a properly paid and trained workforce will build school construction projects that are higher quality, structurally code-compliant and safer for use by pupils, staff, and other occupants on the site.
- There is no impact to the State's environment from the proposed regulations.

The SAB finds the proposed regulations fully consistent with the stated purposes and benefits.

EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

It has been determined that the proposed regulations will not have a negative impact on small businesses in the ways identified in subsections (a)(1)–(4) of Section 4, Title 1, CCR. The proposed regulations only apply to school districts, local education agencies, and charter schools for purposes of funding school facility projects. Manufacturing and construction-related industries such as architecture, engineering, trades and municipalities may expand based on the demand on these industries. This may include new [small] businesses, or the expansion of [small] businesses, which have a positive impact on the state's economy and may also create an unknown number of jobs.

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS, DOCUMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Any interested person may present statements, arguments or contentions, in writing, submitted via U.S. mail, email or fax, relevant to the proposed regulatory action. Written comments submitted via U.S. mail, email or fax must be received at OPSC no later than August 17, 2026 end of day. The express terms of the proposed regulations as well as the Initial Statement of Reasons are available to the public.

Written comments, submitted via U.S. mail, email or fax, regarding the proposed regulatory action, requests for a copy of the proposed regulatory action or the Initial Statement of Reasons, and questions concerning the substance of the proposed regulatory action should be addressed to:

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707 Third Street, 3rd Floor
West Sacramento, CA 95605
Email Address: lisa.jones@dgs.ca.gov
Fax Number: (916) 375–6721

AGENCY CONTACT PERSONS

General or substantive questions regarding this Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action may be directed to Ms. Lisa Jones at (279) 946–8459. If Ms. Jones is unavailable, these questions may be directed to the backup contact person, Mr. Michael Watanabe, Deputy Executive Officer, at (279) 946–8463.

ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS

Please note that, following the public comment period, the SAB may adopt the regulation substantially as proposed in this notice or with modifications, which are sufficiently related to the originally proposed text and notice of proposed regulatory activity. If modifications are made, the modified text with the changes clearly indicated will be made available to the public for at least 15 days prior to the date on which the SAB adopts the regulations.

The modified regulation(s) will be made available and provided to: all persons who testified at and who submitted written comments at the public hearing, all persons who submitted written comments during the public comment period, and all persons who requested notification from the agency of the availability of such changes. Requests for copies of any modified regulations should be addressed to the agency's regulation coordinator identified above. The SAB will accept

written comments on the modified regulations during the 15-day period.

SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES WILL REQUIRE A NEW NOTICE

If, after receiving comments, the SAB intends to adopt the regulation with modifications not sufficiently related to the original text, the modified text will not be adopted without complying anew with the notice requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act.

RULEMAKING FILE

Pursuant to Government Code Section 11347.3, the SAB is maintaining a rulemaking file for the proposed regulatory action. The file currently contains:

1. A copy of the text of the regulations for which the adoption is proposed in ~~strikeout~~/underline.
2. A copy of this Notice.
3. A copy of the Initial Statement of Reasons for the proposed adoption.
4. The factual information upon which the SAB is relying in proposing the adoption.

As data and other factual information, studies, reports or written comments are received they will be added to the rulemaking file. The file is available for public inspection at OPSC during normal working hours. Items 1 through 3 are also available on OPSC's Internet Web site at: [Laws, Regulations for School Construction Projects](#) then scroll down to School Facility Program, Pending Regulatory Changes, February 25, 2026 Non-Emergency Regulations, and click on the links entitled 45-day Public Notice, Initial Statement of Reasons, Proposed Regulation Text, Forms SAB 50-01 through 50-04 and Forms SAB 50-09 and 195.

ALTERNATIVES

In accordance with Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(13), the SAB must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to its attention would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed, would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law. There were no alternatives considered. The SAB is charged with ensuring that the provisions of Proposition 2 are implemented in the SFP in a timely manner.

AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Upon its completion, the Final Statement of Reasons will be available, and copies may be requested from the agency's regulation coordinator named in this notice or may be accessed on the website listed above.

TITLE 5. STUDENT AID COMMISSION

REPORTING OF PROGRAM DATA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) proposes to amend the proposed regulations described below after considering all comments, objections, or recommendations regarding the proposed action.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing regarding this proposal is currently not scheduled. However, any interested person or duly authorized representative may request, no later than 15 days before the close of the written comment period that a public hearing be scheduled.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD AND SUBMITTAL OF COMMENTS

Notice is also given that any interested person, or their authorized representative, may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action to:

California Student Aid Commission
Attention: Synequeen Alasa-as, Legal Services
P.O. Box 419026
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile (FAX) at (916) 464-6411 or by email to Rulemaking@csac.ca.gov. The public comment period for this regulatory action will **begin on Friday, July 3, 2026**. Comments must be **submitted by Monday, August 17, 2026**, to be considered.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Pursuant to the authority vested by Sections 69433.7 of the Education Code, the proposed regulations implement, interpret and make specific Section 69433.2 of the Education Code. The Commission is proposing to amend regulations within Division 4 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations to implement the Reporting of Program Data.

Education Code Section 69433.7 provides that: "*The commission shall adopt regulations neces-*

sary to implement this chapter [CHAPTER 1.7. Ortiz–Pacheco–Poochigian–Vasconcellos Cal Grant Program [69430–69475]]. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the commission may adopt emergency regulations pursuant to Section 11346.1 of the Government Code in order to ensure that the program enacted by this chapter may function in its first academic year.

**INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY
STATEMENT OVERVIEW**

In collaboration with institutions of higher education segments that provide data to the commission, Commission staff are seeking approval for amendment to the regulations of Reporting of Program Data.

On March 24, 2011, Senate Bill (SB) 70 was chaptered into California law amending Education Code sections 69433.2 effective beginning the 2011–12 academic year. This requirement was modified by Assembly Bill (AB) 123 on June 27, 2025.

As amended by AB 123, institutions, or system-wide central office of the public postsecondary educational institution acting on behalf of the participating institution, shall annually report to the Commission no later than March 31st enrollment, persistence and graduation data for all full-time undergraduate students, with limited exceptions, for the academic year ending the preceding July 30th. The annual dataset shall be submitted electronically to the Commission via WebGrants or, alternatively, through the Cradle-to-Career Data System. Enrollment, persistence, and graduation data shall be reported by each of the following student characteristics: gender, ethnicity, Pell Grant status, first generation status, transfer status, adult learner status, student parent status, foster youth status, and eligibility used of state financial aid received, including Cal Grant A, Cal Grant B, Cal Grant C, Cal Grant Access Awards, and Middle Class Scholarship, to the extent data is available.

Commission staff sought feedback on the proposed amendments to the regulations from the following entities:

- California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office.
- California State University (CSU) Office of the Chancellor.
- University of California (UC) Office of the President.
- Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities.

As amended, Education Code section 69433.7 expressly authorizes the Commission to amend regulations for the Reporting of Program Data.

The proposed amended regulations were developed to implement Cal Grant participating institutions’ statutorily mandated Reporting of Program Data to the Commission and to satisfy these recent amendments to the Education Code. The Commission carried out a search of existing regulations and has determined that the proposed amended regulations are not inconsistent or incompatible with any existing state regulations.

Objectives and Benefits of the Proposed Regulation

The Reporting of Program Data benefits the state, and citizens of California, by improving the Commission and the higher education segments partnership in receiving timely student data to analyze enrollment, graduation and persistence in higher education. This will improve the state’s understanding of student graduation outcomes and address student equity gaps across California. The proposed amended regulations will in particular benefit the state’s higher education institutions by clarifying how program and data collection should be processed and administered.

Evaluation of Inconsistency or Incompatibility with Existing State Regulations

After conducting a review of any related regulations in this area, the Commission has determined that no other regulations exist concerning the Reporting of Program Data. Therefore, the proposed regulations are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing state regulations.

**DISCLOSURES REGARDING
THE PROPOSED ACTION**

The Commission has made the following initial determinations:

The Commission has determined that the proposed amended regulations do not impose any additional costs or savings to any State agency, any cost to any local agency or school district that is required to be reimbursed under Government Code section 17500 et seq., any other non-discretionary cost or savings to any local agency, or any cost or savings in federal funding to the State.

The Commission has initially determined that the proposed regulations will not have a significant, state-wide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states, as participation in Reporting of Program Data is limited to participating Cal Grant Institutions. The proposed amended regulations will improve the Commission and the participating Cal Grant Institutions partnership in receiving timely student data to analyze enrollment, graduation and persistence in higher education. This will improve the state’s understanding of student graduation outcomes and address student equity gaps across

California. The proposed amended regulations will in particular benefit the state’s higher education institutions by clarifying how program and data collection should be processed and administered.

Fiscal Impact Estimates:

With respect to potential costs or savings to State agencies, the California Student Aid Commission may incur minor absorbable costs relative to preparing the proposed amended regulations.

Mandate on Local Agencies and School Districts: None.

Housing Cost: None.

Cost Impact on Representative Private Person or Business:

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

Other Business Impacts:

The proposal does not affect small businesses as defined by California Government Code section 11342.610 because the regulations apply to college financial administrators and is currently only offered to UC and CSU and select community colleges.

Results of the Economic Impact Analysis:

Impact on Jobs/New Businesses:

The Commission has concluded that this proposal will not:

- a) create jobs within California;
- b) eliminate jobs within California;
- c) create new businesses within California;
- d) eliminate existing businesses within California; and,
- e) expand businesses currently doing business in the State of California
- f) benefits to the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety, and the state’s environment: as stated above under **Objectives and Benefits of the Proposed Regulation**. The regulations are not expected to affect worker safety or the state’s environment.

FEDERAL MANDATE

There are no comparable provisions of federal law related to this proposal. The regulation would only apply in California and specifically to implement the Reporting of Program Data. The regulations would neither affect nor conflict with any federal regulations or federal education programs.

FEDERAL MANDATE

The proposed amended regulation would only apply within California and specifically to public officials of the Commission. The provisions of the proposed amended regulations would neither affect nor conflict with any federal regulations, or federal education and programs.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

The Commission must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered, or that has otherwise been identified and brought to its attention, would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed, would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law. The Commission invites interested parties to submit statements or arguments with respect to alternatives to the proposed regulatory action during the written comment period or at the public hearing.

CONTACT PERSONS

Inquiries concerning the proposed amended regulations and written comments may be directed to:

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 California Student Aid Commission
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 Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
 Telephone: (916) 464–6411
 Fax: (916) 464–6411 Facsimile
 Email: salasa-as@csac.ca.gov

The back-up contact person for these inquiries is:

Anna Manuel
 California Student Aid Commission
 11120 International Drive, Suite 100
 Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
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 Fax: (916) 464–8135 Facsimile
 Email: rulemaking@csac.ca.gov

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

The Commission will have the entire rulemaking file available for inspection and copying throughout the rulemaking process at its office listed at the address above. As of the date this notice is published, the

rulemaking file consists of this notice, the proposed text of regulations, the initial statement of reasons, an economic and fiscal analysis, and other reference information upon which the proposed rulemaking is based. Copies may be obtained by making a written request to Synequeen Alasa-as.

These documents may also be viewed and downloaded from the Commission's Web site at <https://www.csac.ca.gov/proposed-regulations-rulemaking-documents>.

**AVAILABILITY OF CHANGED
OR MODIFIED TEXT**

After considering all timely and relevant comments received, the Commission may adopt the proposed regulations substantially as described in this notice. If the Commission makes modifications which are sufficiently related to the originally proposed text, it will make the modified text, with changes clearly indicated, available to the public for at least 15 days before the Commission adopts the regulations as revised. Please send requests for copies of any modified regulations to the attention of Synequeen Alasa-as at the above address. The Commission 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 making a written request to Synequeen Alasa-as at the above address.

WEBSITE ACCESS

Materials regarding this proposal can be found at <https://www.csac.ca.gov/proposed-regulations-rulemaking-documents>.

**TITLE 10. DEPARTMENT
OF INSURANCE**

**INSURANCE FRAUD GRANT
STANDARDIZATION AND
MODERNIZATION**

JULY 3, 2026 REG-2025-00031

SUBJECT OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Notice is given that California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara proposes to amend sections

in Articles 3 (commencing with section 2698.50), 4 (commencing with section 2698.60), 5 (commencing with section 2698.70), and 8 (commencing with section 2698.95), of Subchapter 9 of Chapter 5 of Title 10 of the California Code of Regulations, pursuant to the authority granted by Insurance Code sections 1872.8, 1872.83, 1872.85, and 1874.8. The date and time for the public hearing, as well as applicable contact information, are set forth in this Notice of Proposed Action and Notice of Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing Date and Virtual Attendance

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

Date: August 17, 2026.

Time: 10:30 a.m. The virtual hearing shall continue until all in attendance wishing to provide comments have commented, or 12:00 p.m., whichever is earlier.

Location: Link to Register for the Web-based Virtual Format: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MZIIGhskT62Rgg-vMIRXbQ.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

ACCESS TO PUBLIC HEARING

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

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 7920.000, et seq.), your written and oral comments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone number, email, etc.) become part of the public record and may be released to the public upon request. The telephonic call-in line that is available to access the public hearing is accessible to persons with hearing impairment. Persons with sight or hearing impairments are requested to notify CDIRegulations@insurance.ca.gov to review available accommodations, if necessary.

**PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN
COMMENTS; CONTACT PERSONS**

All persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed regulations during the public comment period. The last day of the public comment pe-

riod will be August 17, 2026. Please direct all written comments to the following contact person:

Nathaniel Spencer–Mork, Assistant Chief Counsel
 c/o Office of the Special Counsel
 California Department of Insurance
 300 Capitol Mall, Suite 1600
 Sacramento, CA 95814
 Phone: (415) 538–4464
 Email: CDIRegulations@insurance.ca.gov

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

Amanda Bastidas
 c/o Office of the Special Counsel
 California Department of Insurance
 300 Capitol Mall, Suite 1600
 Sacramento, CA 95814
 Phone: (916) 492–3424
 Email: CDIRegulations@insurance.ca.gov

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

DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS

All written materials must be received by the Insurance Commissioner, addressed to the contact person at the address listed above, by the end of August 17, 2026. Any written materials received after that time may not be considered.

COMMENTS TRANSMITTED BY E–MAIL

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

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

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

The proposed regulations are promulgated pursuant to the authority granted by Insurance Code section 1872.8, 1872.83, 1872.85, and 1874.8. The proposed regulations will implement, interpret, and make specific the provisions of Insurance Code sections 1872.8, 1872.83, 1872.85, and 1874.8.

**INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY
 STATEMENT OVERVIEW**

Summary of Existing Law

Provisions of the Insurance Frauds Prevention Act (Insurance Code Division 1, Part 2, Chapter 12, commencing with section 1871) establish four grant programs by which participating district attorneys are granted funds to enhance investigation and prosecution of certain forms of insurance fraud — specifically, automobile insurance fraud, workers’ compensation fraud, organized automobile insurance fraud, and disability insurance fraud.

Insurance Code section 1872.8(a) establishes, in relevant part, the grant program by which the Commissioner makes grants to participating district attorneys “in order to fund increased investigation and prosecution of fraudulent automobile insurance claims and economic automobile theft.” Insurance Code section 1872.8(b)(1) provides that the Commissioner “shall award funds according to population” but “may alter this distribution formula as necessary to achieve the most effective distribution of funds.” Section 1872.8(b)(1) also sets forth general standards for the grant program.

Insurance Code section 1872.83(d) establishes, in relevant part, the grant program by which the Commissioner and the Fraud Assessment Commission (“FAC”) make grants to participating district attorneys “for purposes of the investigation and prosecution of workers’ compensation fraud cases and cases relating to the willful failure to secure the payment of workers’ compensation.”

Insurance Code section 1872.85(b) establishes, in relevant part, the grant program by which the Commissioner makes grants to participating district attorneys to “enhance the prosecution of disability insurance fraud.” Insurance Code section 1872.85(c) sets forth general reporting and audit provisions for this grant program.

Insurance Code section 1874.8(b)–(d) establishes, in relevant part, the grant program by which the Commissioner makes grants to participating district attorneys “for a coordinated program targeted at the successful prosecution and elimination of organized automobile fraud activity.” Insurance Code section 1874.8(d) sets forth general application and performance review provisions for this grant program.

Effect of Proposed Action

The proposed regulations will standardize and modernize existing regulations implementing and making specific the four district attorney fraud grant programs.

The proposed regulations aim to standardize the management of grant programs administered by the Department to fund enhanced investigation and prosecution of various forms of insurance fraud by District

Attorneys. Many of the proposed revisions make language and procedures more consistent across the four programs, while others update provisions that are no longer relevant to the administration of the programs.

The proposed regulations also update certain standards by which the Department and Commissioner objectively evaluate and more effectively distribute funds to participating District Attorneys that competitively apply for such funds.

Existing regulations permit district attorneys to carry over funds from one fiscal year to the next, to fund ongoing investigations. The Department has determined that this provision conflicts with the annual Budget Act, and proposes to eliminate the carryover provision from each program.

The Commissioner has determined that the existing funding formula for the automobile fraud grant program does not lead to the most effective distribution of funds. Accordingly, the Department proposes to amend the funding formula for that program.

The automobile, workers' compensation, and disability programs currently operate on a yearly grant application cycle, while the organized automobile program uses a three-year grant cycle. In order to reduce the burden of preparing and reviewing annual applications and grants on district attorneys and the Department, the Department proposes to move the automobile and disability programs to three-year grant cycles. This change will also provide more funding certainty to participating district attorneys.

Over time, the Department has provided guidance to district attorneys regarding costs that are or are not allowable under the grant programs. Certain of the proposed amendments codify that guidance.

Provisions regarding periodic reporting by participating district attorneys, and reviews and audits to be performed by the Commissioner and Department, are amended for greater accountability and more efficient oversight.

Comparable Federal Law

After evaluation of current federal regulations and statutes, the Department has determined that there are no existing comparable federal regulations or statutes.

Policy Statement Overview

Broad Objectives

The Department is charged with administering grant programs that fund enhanced investigation and prosecution of workers' compensation, automobile, organized automobile, and health disability insurance fraud by California District Attorneys. Funding for these grants is primarily secured from annual assessments to employers and insurance policyholders. By statute, District Attorneys must competitively submit applications to the Department to participate in each program. Department staff, with ultimate approval by

the Commissioner, review the applications and determine the grant awards for each applicant. In the case of the workers' compensation program, the California Fraud Assessment Commission also reviews the awards. In recent years, the Department has made total annual grant distributions in the range of \$75–80 million to participating District Attorneys.

Over the past few years, the Department has identified instances of grant administration inconsistency and county performance noncompliance across the four grant programs arising in the ordinary course of administering the programs. In addition, the programs include statutory mandates for the Commissioner to distribute funds in an "effective" manner to District Attorneys who can demonstrate outcomes that meet core strategic goals and objectives. The Department and Commissioner have determined that the regulatory amendments proposed here will advance that goal. The Department and Commissioner have also observed that timely disbursement of funds, as well as stable and predictable funding levels, will advance the goals of the grant programs, and have determined that certain amendments proposed here will advance those goals.

Benefits Anticipated

The proposed regulation is anticipated to increase standardization across the insurance fraud grant application programs related to different insurance products. This is expected to lead to increases in clarity, accountability, and efficiency. Specifically, anticipated benefits include the following:

- Increasing clarity and consistency for participating district attorneys by updating common definitions and language and standardizing the administration of the four grant programs.
- Protect consumers from fraud by guarding consumers premium dollars by increasing the effectiveness of anti-fraud investigation and prosecution.
- Promoting openness and transparency in government by clarifying standards the Department uses to conduct audits, review grantee performance, and issue warning letters.
- Incentivizing governmental efficiency and ensuring that grant funds are being used more effectively for fraud prevention, by altering the distribution of funds for the automobile insurance fraud grant program to better reflect county-level fraud prevention efforts.
- Increasing accountability by requiring more frequent audits, and the implementation of corrective action plans to address issues in performance.
- Providing additional clarity by eliminating regulatory provisions relating to the carryover of

funding to subsequent program years that are inconsistent with the Annual Budget Act.

- Increasing oversight and transparency in government by having the Department conduct compliance audits to determine whether grant funds are expended for the purposes of the program, and certified public accountants determine whether the financial statements are fairly presented in all material aspects.
- Providing greater funding certainty and reducing the administrative burden for district attorneys by having applications cover three years instead of one for the automobile and the disability and healthcare fraud grant programs.

Consistency or Compatibility with Existing State Regulations

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

NOT MANDATED BY FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATIONS

These regulations are not mandated by federal law. There are no comparable federal regulations.

OTHER STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

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

LOCAL MANDATE

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

FISCAL IMPACT

Fiscal Impact on Other State and Local Government Agencies

In section 2698.54(b)(2) the proposed regulations require the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, or the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations’ designee, to attend an orientation course on ethics statutes and regulations that govern the official conduct of state officials at least once during each consecutive period of two calendar years. This is expected to require up to 1.5 hours of time for an individual who is an Assistant Chief Counsel, or similar level, at a cost of approximately \$400 to the Department of Industrial Relations every two years, or \$200 annually, if this individual is not already compliant.

The regulations require district attorneys to create semiannual reports. These reports will include information similar to the County Plan and help the Department to ensure compliance while moving to the three–year grant application period. The Department is expected to receive 49 semiannual reports each year. This is expected to result in an annual cost to district attorneys of \$222,100. The semiannual reports are expected to be compiled by attorneys and paralegals, or individuals with similar skills and wages.

District attorneys are expected to benefit from having to apply for grant awards every three years instead of every year for the Automobile Insurance Fraud and Disability and Healthcare Fraud Grant programs. This change should also help district attorneys with future planning by providing greater certainty in future grant funding. This change is expected to ease the administrative burden and save district attorneys’ offices time and money. The Department currently receives 41 applications each year. As in the Department’s estimated fiscal impact, the regulations are expected to result in 9 fewer applications in fiscal year 1, 32 fewer applications in fiscal year 2, and 41 fewer applications in fiscal year 3. This is expected to save local governments in California \$160,100, \$569,200, and \$729,200, in each of the next three fiscal years, respectively.

The regulation is not expected to change the total amount of money allocated for the automobile insurance fraud grant program at the statewide level. However, the change of the automobile allocation formula is likely to have an impact on the grant awards paid to district attorneys.

The added clarity in the regulations specifying that unspent funds cannot be carried over and must be returned to the Department should lessen, or eliminate, the need for most district attorneys to return funds. District attorneys are now incentivized to spend the fraud grant award in the current fiscal year. Previously, nearly \$5 million in fraud grant award funds were not spent in the current year but were maintained by the counties for future fraud–related expenditures. Now, more funds are expected to be spent in the current year. Unspent funds, still designated for fraud grant awards, will be returned to the Department for future redistribution. If a district attorney still has ongoing investigations, they can request funds in their new budget plan. This should lead to a more efficient and stable distribution of funds. Overall, the Department expects more than a 90 percent drop in carryover funds. This regulatory change is not expected to lead to a significant statewide economic impact, as a shift in the timing of some spending by a few months and the redistribution of carryover funds for the same purpose is not likely to have an impact at the statewide level.

The proposed regulations are not expected to lead to a statewide increase or decrease in grant award money paid to local district attorneys. While the frequency of audits and length of the period covered is expected to change, the annualized expected cost for district attorneys is expected to remain unchanged. For example, the average annual cost of answering audit questions covering a period of two years would be the same as answering audit questions covering a period of three years.

There is no cost to any local agency or school district for which Part 7 commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code would require reimbursement. There are no other nondiscretionary costs or savings to local agencies, nor do the regulations impose a cost or savings in federal funding to the state.

Fiscal Impact on the Department

The proposed regulations are expected to result in fiscal impacts on the Department. Specifically, the regulations require the Department to audit grantee programs every two years, instead of every three years. The Department has conducted an average of 16 audits per year over the last three years. Each audit currently takes an average of 360 hours. Going forward, the Department expects the number of annual audits to increase by 8 per year, requiring an additional 2,880 staff hours, at an increased fiscal cost of \$251,000 per fiscal year. Additionally, the Department is expected to incur increased costs due to the time required to review the new semiannual reports required by the regulations. Each review is estimated to take 8 hours. The Department expects that the requirement to review 49 semiannual reports will require a total of 392 staff hours annually, at an increased cost of \$29,000 per fiscal year.

The regulations are expected to result in fiscal savings to the Department because of the new provisions which allow Automobile and Disability and Healthcare Fraud Grant applications to be filed every three years, instead of every year. This is expected to result in 9 fewer applications in fiscal year 1, 32 fewer applications in fiscal year 2, and 41 fewer applications in fiscal year 3. This is expected to save the Department \$16,000, \$59,000, and \$75,000, in each of the first three fiscal years, respectively.

No other fiscal impacts on federal, state, or local governments are anticipated. No changes in federal funding to the state are anticipated.

HOUSING COSTS

The proposed regulations are not anticipated to impact housing costs.

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

The proposed regulation is not expected to impact businesses or individuals and there are no compliance requirements on businesses, only state and local government entities are expected to be impacted.

The Department has made an initial determination that the adoption of the proposed regulations may have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. The Department has considered proposed alternatives that would lessen any adverse economic impact on business and invites you to submit proposals. Submissions may include the following considerations:

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

STATEMENT OF RESULTS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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

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

- A. The proposed regulations are not expected to impact job gains within the State of California.
- B. The proposed regulations are not expected to impact job losses within the State of California.
- C. The proposed regulations are not anticipated to result in the creation of new businesses or in the expansion of existing businesses in California.
- D. The proposed regulations are not anticipated to result in the elimination of existing businesses in California.

- E. The proposed regulations are not expected to have an impact on the ability of businesses located in California to expand.
- F. The proposed regulations are expected to benefit Californians by adding clarity, transparency, and accountability to the insurance fraud grant program.

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

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

Worker Safety and Environmental Effects

Compliance with the proposed regulation does not change the job responsibilities of employees in the affected industries in a way that impacts their safety. Thus, the proposed regulations are not expected to either increase or decrease worker safety. The Department also expects that there will be no effect on the state’s environment.

Health and Welfare Effects

The proposed regulations are expected to benefit Californians by adding transparency, clarity, and accountability to the insurance fraud grant program.

**POTENTIAL COST IMPACTS
ON REPRESENTATIVE
PERSON OR BUSINESSES**

There are no other cost impacts known to the Department that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

BUSINESS REPORT

The proposed regulations include some reporting requirements, but these requirements do not apply to businesses. These regulations are only expected to impact state and local government entities.

IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

The proposed regulations are only expected to impact state and local government entities. Therefore, the regulations are not expected to have an adverse impact on small businesses.

ALTERNATIVES INFORMATION

The Department must determine that no reasonable alternative considered by the Department, or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the Department, would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which this action is proposed;

would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action; or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

AVAILABILITY STATEMENTS

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

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

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

AUTOMATIC MAILING

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

FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

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

INTERNET ACCESS

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

TITLE 14. DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

INVASIVE MUSSELS

In accordance with Fish and Game Code sections 2301, 2302, and 2303 the Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) proposes to amend sections 650, 672, 672.1, 672.2, Invasive Mussels, to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations. The proposed amendments expand the scope of the existing regulations to encompass all invasive mussel species, thereby ensuring consistency with the Fish and Game Code (FGC) as amended by Assembly Bill 149. The proposed amendments also include management measures for watercraft removed from invasive mussel infested waters and establish a departmental list of conveyance service providers that adhere to the Department’s standard for inspection and decontamination. Additional minor changes are proposed for clarity and consistency. The proposed changes are necessary to incorporate components of prevention and containment to limit the spread of invasive mussels in California and to other states.

The proposed regulation described below may be adopted after considering all comments, objections, and recommendations regarding the proposed action.

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS GIVEN that any person interested may present statements, orally or in writing, relevant to this action at a hearing to be held virtually via webinar/teleconference on August 18, 2026. Instructions for participation in the webinar/teleconference hearing will be posted at <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Notices/Regulations/Invasive-Mussels> at least seven days in advance of the meeting.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Written comments may be submitted at any time before or on August 18, 2026, by mail or email to the contact as follows:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Regulations Unit
Attention: Daphne Nandino, Regulatory Scientist
P.O. Box 944209

Sacramento, CA 94244–2090
Email: Regulations@wildlife.ca.gov

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Section 650

Authority: Sections 702, 1002, 1002.5, 1003, 1050, 2860 and 4810, Fish and Game Code.

Reference: Sections 14, 22, 33, 45, 51, 54, 56, 79, 80, 86, 88, 89.5, 703.3, 710.5, 711.7, 713, 1001, 1002, 1006, 1008, 1017, 1050, 1050.1, 1050.3, 1050.5, 1052, 1054, 1054.2, 1603, 1700, 1755, 1764, 1801, 1802, 1907, 2000, 2000.5, 2002, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2021, 2080, 2081, 2301, 2302, 2303, 2353, 2582, 2583, 2835, 3007, 3503, 3503.5, 3511, 3960.4, 4004, 4150, 4155, 4700, 4810, 5050, 5515, 8598.3 and 12000, Fish and Game Code; Section 597, Penal Code; and Sections 36602 and 36710, Public Resources Code.

Section 672

Authority: Sections 702 and 2301, Fish and Game Code.

Reference: Section 2301, 2302, and 2303, Fish and Game Code.

Section 672.1

Authority: Section 702, 2301 and 2302, Fish and Game Code.

Reference: Section 2301, 2302 and 2303, Fish and Game Code.

Section 672.2

Authority: Section 702, 2301 and 2302, Fish and Game Code.

Reference: Section 2301 and 2302, Fish and Game Code.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

Unless otherwise specified, all section and subsection references in this document are to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), “Department” refers to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

This proposal amends sections 650, 672, 672.1, and 672.2 to expand the scope of the existing regulations to encompass all invasive mussel species, thereby ensuring consistency with the revised Fish and Game Code (FGC) established by Assembly Bill 149 (AB 149). The proposed amendments incorporate components of prevention and containment to limit the spread of invasive mussels in California and to other states. Additionally, the proposal amends forms DFW 1014, 1015, 1016 and creates a new form DFW 1013.

The Department established an Invasive Species Program in 2000 to provide technical coordination

and leadership on invasive species management in the Delta under CALFED.

The discovery of quagga mussel in 2007 and zebra mussel in 2008 expanded the program statewide and added dedicated staff across the state to implement the Department's new authorities (FGC, §§ 2301 and 2301, CCR, title 14, §§ 672, 672.1, and 672.2) to work with water managers, coordinate with other departments, and lead outreach and education to the public with the collective goal to prevent the spread of dreissenid mussels.

Golden mussel was first detected in the Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta in October 2024. Since its discovery, golden mussel has spread through water conveyance systems to southern California. Golden mussel can tolerate a wider range of environmental conditions than dreissenid mussels (quagga and zebra mussels) including less calcium, higher salinity, and warmer water temperatures. Nearly all waters of California are conducive for golden mussel establishment.

Golden mussel and dreissenid mussels are referred to collectively as invasive mussels. Invasive mussels have significant negative impacts on the environment, economy, and water infrastructure.

Effective upon the Governor's signature on September 17, 2025, AB 149 amended FGC sections 2301 and 2302, and created FGC section 2303. FGC sections 2301, 2302, and 2303 focus on reducing the impacts of invasive mussels on California's environment, economy, and infrastructure. The bill expands the scope of the provisions related to "dreissenid" mussels to "invasive" mussels, defining "invasive mussels" as any nonnative detrimental mussel species capable of spreading in freshwater, as specified in FGC section 2118.

The proposed regulation changes are necessary to align regulations with current state law both in terminology and scope. The mission of the Department includes protecting natural resources for their use and enjoyment by the public, and these FGC sections specify the authority of the Department in carrying out that mission relative to invasive mussels, as well as water managers' and the public's responsibilities. These regulations support the statewide effort to contain all species of invasive mussels and prevent their overland spread, and subsequent negative impacts, to minimize further impacts to uninfested waters and water supply systems of the state.

Proposed Amendments

The proposed regulations would:

- Rename Section 672 from "Possession, Importation, and Transportation of Dreissenid Mussels" to "Invasive Mussel Definitions and General Provisions".

- Replace all occurrences of "dreissenid" to "invasive" to align with the amended FGC code. The proposed regulations also add definition of "invasive mussels".
- Require conveyance owners or operators to inspect the conveyance and drain all water after leaving a waterbody.
- Add a cancellation process for invasive mussel permits.
- Increase the maximum timeline for the Department to review and provide comments on submitted control plans to 180 calendar days from 60 business days and allow the Department 180 calendar days for review and to provide comments on the submitted control plan.
- Require control plans that were previously approved by the Department prior to December 31, 2025, to be revised to include all species of invasive mussels by September 30, 2027.
- Add "systematic" to describe the monitoring for a control plan. Systematically monitoring populations of invasive mussels is key to understanding their infestation within a waterbody and documenting any population changes.
- Add maintenance and operation for control plan activities that do not require a separate permit from the Department and further specify for possession, collection, transport, analysis, or research conducted within the water supply system.
- Establish the requirement that a waterbody must have no invasive mussel detections for five years through systematic monitoring conducted under an approved control plan in order to be removed from the list of mussel infested waters maintained by the Department.
- State that the systematic monitoring schedule will be defined by the Department, in consultation with the water manager.
- Change the prevention plan requirement from "waterbody" to "reservoir".
- Add "other parties" to those that may be delegated conveyance quarantine authority and "portions of the authority" for delegation by the Department.
- Require that state agencies or parties issuing quarantines notify the Department immediately upon issuance of a quarantine by transmitting the quarantine notice via email to the Department.
- Require conveyances that have been in invasive mussel-infested water for more than four consecutive nights to be inspected by the Department upon removal.
- Require conveyance owners or operators to schedule an inspection with the Department a minimum of seven days in advance of the in-

spection and provide contact information for the Invasive Species Program. An exception is provided for conveyances that are stored onsite, not transported overland elsewhere, and relaunched at the same site. A conveyance does not present a risk of introduction to uninfested waters if it is removed from the water, not transported elsewhere, and relaunched at the same ramp.

- Outline the requirements for a business to be added and kept on a Department maintained list of businesses that inspect and/or decontaminate conveyances to the standard set by the Department, which is for conveyances to have no invasive mussels present. Businesses being on this list is voluntary. The Department is not responsible for any costs of a business being listed. Additionally, businesses are responsible for training employees and meeting the Department standard of having no invasive mussels present on conveyances. Accepted methods are outlined and implementation of these methods will be detailed in the required Department training. Businesses must report any detections of invasive mussels to the Department immediately. The proposed regulation gives businesses the option to remove themselves from the list and outlines the requirements for a business to be added to the list, for a business to remain on the list, and for the Department to remove a business from the list.
- Amend form DFW 1014 and rename it to “Invasive Mussel Permit Application”, change “dreissenid” to “invasive” to align with current FGC, and change the date on the form to 09/01/26.
- Amend form DFW 1015 to change “dreissenid” to “invasive” to align with current FGC and change the date on the form to 09/01/2026.
- Amend DFW 1016 to change the date on the form to 09/01/26 for consistency with related forms DFW 1014 and DFW 1015.
- Add new form DFW 1013 to provide businesses a form to request to be added, removed, or submit changed information for the Department business list.

Finally, other minor changes are proposed for clarity and consistency.

Benefit of the Regulations

This proposal aims to apply to all invasive mussel species making regulations consistent with the amended FGC. The proposed regulation changes not only update the regulations to reflect today’s reality but also include a component of proactivity to be inclusive of new invasive mussel threats that may not be present in California, or the United States, currently.

The proposal includes management of watercraft removed from invasive mussel infested waters. Man-

aging watercraft will contain invasive mussels from spreading thereby preventing irreparable impacts to natural resources, increased maintenance costs in perpetuity to manage biofouling of infrastructure, and protection of public safety via water security, flood protection, and hydropower generation.

Additionally, the proposal includes a new Department list of conveyance service providers that inspect and/or decontaminate conveyances to the Department’s standard. Being on the list is voluntary and businesses do not need to be on the list to provide conveyance inspections or decontaminations to the public. This allows the Department to direct quarantined conveyance owners or operators to the list of private businesses or non-profits that offer decontamination services that meet the Department’s standard. This will help ensure owners or operators receive adequate decontamination services and may lead to reduced quarantine time. Waterbody managers may also accept the services provided by those listed which will increase recreational boating opportunity for the public and reduce workload for individual waterbody managers implementing inspection or decontamination services.

Consistency and Compatibility with Existing Regulations:

The Legislature has delegated authority to the Department to adopt regulations regarding prohibitions and management of invasive mussels (FGC, § 2301). The Department has reviewed existing regulations in Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR) and finds that the proposed regulations are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing State regulations. Department staff have searched the CCR and have found that no other regulations set forth the requirements in the Department’s proposed regulation. The Department has searched the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and, pursuant to California Government Code section 11346.2(b)(6), has determined that the proposed regulations avoid unnecessary duplication and do not conflict with federal regulations contained in the CFR.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

- Invasive Mussel Permit Application Form (DFW 1014, REV 09/01/26).
- Quarantine Notice Form (DFW 1015, REV 09/01/26).
- Administrative Penalty Form (DFW 1016, REV 09/01/26).
- Department Business List Request Form (DFW 1013, NEW 09/01/26).

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON

- State of California. 2025. Golden Mussel Response Framework. April 14, 2025. Available at: <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=231231&inline>.

DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE PROPOSED ACTION

Impact of the Regulatory Action/ Results of the Economic Impact Assessment

The potential for significant statewide adverse economic impacts that might result from the proposed regulatory action has been assessed, and the following initial determinations relative to the required statutory categories have been made:

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

The Department does not anticipate any adverse economic impacts to businesses that would affect their ability to compete with businesses from other states as a result of these regulations to manage invasive mussels. The proposed regulations do not impose costs that would create an adverse economic impact.

Upon the effective date of AB 149, on September 17, 2025, any person, or federal, state, or local agency, district, or authority that owns or manages a reservoir, as defined, where recreational, boating, or fishing activities are permitted, except as specified, is required to develop and implement a program designed to prevent the introduction of invasive mussels. “Invasive mussel”, per AB 149, is any nonnative detrimental mussel species that is capable of spreading in freshwater.

The bill also requires any agencies that operate water supply system(s) to work with the Department to prevent, control, or eradicate invasive mussels within the system. While these provisions may induce economic and fiscal costs to entities or agencies that operate waterways, they are considered to be impacts caused by the legislation and not a direct result of the regulation. Additionally, the cost of compliance for these operators is similar to the costs of operators in other states that have similar invasive aquatic species management programs, including Oregon and Washington.

(b) Impact on the Creation or Elimination of Jobs Within the State, the Creation of New Businesses or the Elimination of Existing Businesses, or the Expansion of Businesses in California; Benefits of the Regulation to the Health and Welfare of California Residents, Worker Safety, and the State’s Environment.

The Department anticipates positive economic impacts to the creation of jobs within the state, the creation of businesses within the state, or the expansion of businesses within the state as a result of these regulations to manage invasive mussels. The proposed regulations do not impose costs that would create an adverse economic impact that would affect jobs in the affected sector, the boating industry.

The Department’s list of businesses that volunteer to implement the Department’s standard for conveyance inspection and decontamination may incentivize the creation or expansion of businesses or jobs in this industry in California. However, businesses do not need to be on the Department list in order to provide conveyance inspection or decontamination services to the public. Since being on the list is voluntary, the Department does not anticipate any adverse economic impacts or imposed costs that would affect jobs in the boating industry.

While the proposed regulations provide no benefits to the health and welfare of California residents or to the safety of the state’s workers, they do provide benefits to the state’s environment. The proposed regulatory updates reflect today’s reality and include a component of proactivity to be inclusive of new invasive mussel threats that may not be present in California, or the United States, currently.

(c) Cost Impacts on a Representative Private Person or Business.

The Department anticipates some cost impacts to a representative private person or business as a result of these regulations. The proposed regulations impose costs that would create an adverse economic impact that would affect an individual or business, as the proposed regulations include a requirement to self-inspect conveyances when removed from the water and a requirement to schedule a Department inspection for conveyances that have been in infested waters for more than four consecutive nights.

The Department estimates that the value of the recreation time lost as the following:

- Reporting requirement: estimated 1 hour per report, 500 reports × 1 hour × \$3.79/hour = \$1,895/ year.
- Self-inspections: 15 minutes per watercraft, ~ 13 million launches × 0.25 hours × \$3.79/hour = \$12,317,500/ year.
- Quarantine: 200 boats (watercraft that are moored for over 4 consecutive nights) × 23 days for average quarantine × \$90.97/day (200 boats initially, 100 annually for the two years after) = \$418,462 for first year and \$209,231 per year after.
- The value of recreational days is \$90.97 (or \$3.79/hour), which is adjusted for inflation from US For-

estry Service’s value of \$69 in 2018 (*Understanding the value of recreation | US Forest Service*).

AB 149 would create cost impacts through the creation of invasive mussel infestation prevention fees due in the 2026 calendar year. The fees will be administered by the California Department of Motor Vehicles and California States Parks, Division of Boating and Waterways, and are subject to adjustment for inflation for each subsequent year. Thus, this fee creation is an impact caused by the legislation and not a direct result of proposed regulation.

(d) Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State.

It is expected that the proposed regulations will have the following fiscal impact on the Department’s budget:

- 9 full-time Lieutenant Specialists for \$162,689/year to conduct inspections for the Department. These are new and the Department does not have funding in the current budget appropriated for them and would need to have funds allocated to fill them. Total fiscal impact is \$1,464,201 annually.
- Program costs for 2 Environmental Scientists at 50% of annual time (\$114,957 for combined time) and 6 Environmental Scientists at 25% of annual time (\$172,435.50 for combined time) at \$114,957/year for B classifications. These positions already exist and the time requirements can be absorbed into the Department’s existing budget via Prop 4 funding for the next three years.

Combined, the total annual fiscal impact is approximately \$1,636,636.50, with \$1,464,201 requiring new funding.

(e) Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies.

AB 149 requires any agencies that operate water supply system(s) to work with the Department to prevent, control, or eradicate invasive mussels within the system. While these provisions may induce economic and fiscal costs to entities or agencies that operate waterways, they are impacts caused by the legislation and not a direct result of the proposed regulation.

(f) Programs Mandated on Local Agencies or School Districts.

There are no programs mandated on local agencies or school districts with this proposed regulation. With the passage of AB 149, the mandate of the Department for reviewing plans to prevent and manage infestations of invasive mussels (not just dreissenid mussels) represents a mandate requiring compliance by entities or agencies that operate waterways; however, these impacts are caused by the legislation and not a direct result of the proposed regulation.

(g) Costs Imposed on Any Local Agency or School District that is Required to be Reimbursed Under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4, Government Code.

None. While AB 149 contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs would be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted therein. For purposes of this Department regulation, such determinations of mandates are considered to be impacts caused by the legislation and not a direct result of the proposed regulation.

(h) Effect on Housing Costs.

None.

(i) Effect on Small Business.

The proposed regulations may affect small business.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

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

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

AVAILABILITY OF RULEMAKING DOCUMENTS AND CONTACT PERSONS

Copies of the Notice of Proposed Action, the Initial Statement of Reasons, and the text of the regulation in underline and strikeout format can be accessed through the Department website at <https://wildlife.ca.gov/notices/regulations/>.

The proposed text (the “express terms”) of the regulations, as well as all related documents upon which the proposal is based (rulemaking file), are on file and available for public review at 715 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 (17th floor). The rulemaking file will be available electronically upon request by contacting the Department at Regulations@wildlife.ca.gov. Inquiries concerning the regulatory process or requests for documents should be directed to:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Daphne Nandino, Regulations Unit
P.O. Box 944209

Sacramento, CA 94244–2090
Telephone: (916) 902–9276
Email: regulations@wildlife.ca.gov

Inquiries concerning the subject matter or substance of the proposed action should be directed to:

Thomas Jensen, Senior Environmental Scientist
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As of the date this notice is published, the rulemaking file consists of:

1. STD Form 400.
2. Notice of Proposed Action.
3. Initial Statement of Reasons.
4. Proposed Text of the Regulation: Amend Sections 650, 672, 672.1, 672.2, Title 14, CCR.
5. Amended Forms: DFW 1014, DFW 1015, and DFW 1016.
6. New Form: DFW 1013.
7. Economic and Fiscal Impact Assessment (Form STD 399) and addendum.
8. Documents or Reports Supporting the Proposed Regulation Change.

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

The rulemaking file is available online at: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Notices/Regulations/Invasive-Mussels>.

AVAILABILITY OF CHANGED
OR MODIFIED TEXT

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

AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL
STATEMENT OF REASONS

Upon its completion, copies of the Final Statement of Reasons may be obtained by checking the website at the link provided above, or the Regulations Unit at the address above.

**TITLE 19. OFFICE OF ENERGY
INFRASTRUCTURE SAFETY
UNDERGROUND FACILITIES
SAFE EXCAVATION BOARD**

OPERATOR AREA OF NOTIFICATION

The Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety’s Underground Facilities Safe Excavation Board (Underground Safety Board, or USB) proposes to adopt and amend the regulations described below after considering all comments, objections, and recommendations regarding the proposed action.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing on this proposed regulatory action has not been scheduled. However, a hearing will be held if a written request for a public hearing from any interested person, or their authorized representative, is received no later than 15 days before the close of the written comment period.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Any interested person, or their authorized representative, may submit written comments relevant to the proposed rulemaking action. **The written comment period begins July 3, 2026, and closes August 17, 2026. To ensure your comment will be considered, it must be received by August 17, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.** Comments received during the written comment period will be considered and responded to as part of the rulemaking file and are subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act (Gov. Code Section 7920.000, et seq.).

Written comments should be directed to:

Email:

digboard@energysafety.ca.gov

Please reference “OAON Regulations” in the subject line.

US Mail postmarked no later than August 17, 2026, to:

Underground Safety Board
Attention: Jaime Hastings
715 P Street, 15th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Authority: Section 4216.22, Government Code.

Reference: Sections 4216, 4216.1, 4216.2, 4216.3 and 4216.16, Government Code.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

Summary of Existing Laws and Regulations and Effect of the Proposed Action:

811 is a national call-before-you-dig phone number in the United States that connects users to local utility location services. In California, those calls are directed to one of two regional notification centers (RNCs). All operators (any person, corporation, partnership, business trust, public agency, or other entity that owns, operates, or maintains a subsurface installation), except for the California Department of Transportation, must be a member of an RNC. The California Underground Facilities Safe Excavation Board (the Board) works with stakeholders on safety standards and implements regulations related to this system. The Board also enforces the law and makes enforcement recommendations to other agencies. California Government Code section 4216 through 4216.24 covers the California regional notification system.

When someone (an excavator) wants to excavate, they notify the RNC and the RNC informs the local operators. The operators have a legal duty to perform certain actions within a specified time. Those actions should result in the excavator receiving information related to the location of the operator facilities so the excavator can avoid striking them. These proposed regulations provide a statewide uniform term “area of notification” to define the area where an operator is required to receive locate request transmissions and formally set the requirements for the RNCs and their operator members. Operators are required to provide their area of notification information to the RNCs and keep it updated. The RNCs are required to maintain that information as a “record.” In addition, when a member removes an area from their area of notification, the member must provide the RNC with the reason for the removal. The choices for the member are limited to the most common causes with a catch-all “other” option where members can provide details on the basis for the removal. And finally, the RNC must provide the Board with member statement of changes so the Board can investigate facility responsibility

when operator identity is needed to investigate and enforce the Dig Safe Act.

Anticipated Benefits of the Proposed Regulations

The proposed regulations are designed to formalize some aspects of the RNC system and gather timely information regarding the identity of operators. It is anticipated that these proposed regulations will facilitate accurate information for use within the regional notification system and support the Board’s mandate to investigate possible violations and enforce the Dig Safe Act which should ultimately help protect the health and welfare of California residents and excavation workers.

Evaluation of Inconsistency/Incompatibility with Existing State Regulations

The only existing state regulations concerning the regional notification system are in division 4, title 19 of the California Code of Regulations. After careful evaluation, the Board has determined that the proposed changes are not inconsistent or incompatible with existing regulations — other than those being amended in this action.

DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE PROPOSED ACTION

The Board has made the following initial determinations:

1. Mandate on local agencies or school districts: None.
2. Cost or savings to any state agency: None.
3. Cost to any local agency or school district which must be reimbursed in accordance with Government Code sections 17500 through 17630: None.
4. Other nondiscretionary cost or savings imposed on local agencies: None.
5. Cost or savings in federal funding to the state: None.
6. Significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states: This proposal will not have a significant adverse economic impact on business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.
7. Significant effect on housing costs: None.
8. Cost impacts on a representative private person or business: This rulemaking formally sets requirements related to areas of notification for RNCs and their members in California. The Board is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed regulations. RNCs may choose to automate the

notification process, and this may require them to incur expenses related thereto.

Results of the Economic Impact Analysis/Assessment

The Board concludes that it is unlikely that the proposal will (1) eliminate any jobs, (2) create any jobs, (3) create any new businesses, (4) eliminate any existing businesses, or (5) result in the expansion of businesses currently doing business within the state. The proposed regulations will likely benefit the welfare of California residents by incorporating accountability for changes that involve the transfer of responsibilities for underground facilities. These actions will support the Board in enforcing the Dig Safe Act which would ultimately help protect the health and welfare of California residents and this will likely help increase worker safety. The proposed regulations are not anticipated to result in direct benefits to the state's environment.

Small Business Determination

Although the proposed regulations will affect some small businesses, it is not anticipated that it will be economic in nature. The regulations impose an obligation for an operator to provide a notice as to the reason the operator is taking an action that removes a portion of their area of notification. It is not anticipated that any business will need to incur additional costs related to that notification. The regulations impose a separate duty of notification on the RNCs, who may incur costs if they automate their processes. However, the RNCs are non-profit entities (one is a public benefit corporation and the other is a mutual benefit corporation) and thus are not considered "small businesses" under Government code section 11342.610(b)(6).

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

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

CONTACT PERSON

Inquiries concerning the proposed rulemaking action may be directed to:

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

The Board will make the entire rulemaking file, including all information upon which this rulemaking action is based, 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 the Notice of Proposed Action, the proposed text of the regulations, the Initial Statement of Reasons, and the STD. 399. Please direct requests to inspect or copy the rulemaking file to the contact person listed above.

AVAILABILITY OF CHANGED
OR MODIFIED TEXT

After considering all timely and relevant comments received, the Board may adopt the proposed regulations substantially as described in this notice. If the Board makes substantive modifications that are sufficiently related to the originally proposed text, it will make the modified text (with the changes clearly indicated) available to the public for at least 15 days before adopting the regulations as revised. Please direct requests for copies of any modified text to the contact person listed above or check the website listed below and download a copy directly. If substantive modifications are made, the Board will accept written comments on the modified regulations for 15 days after the date on which the modifications are made available.

AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL
STATEMENT OF REASONS

Upon its completion, the Board will make copies of the Final Statement of Reasons available. Please direct requests for a copy of the Final Statement of Reasons to the contact person listed above or check the website listed below and download a copy directly.

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 illustrated, as well as the Final Statement of Reasons, when completed, and modified text, if any, may be accessed via the internet at: <https://energysafety.ca.gov/what-we-do/underground-safety-board/rulemaking/>.

GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST

**DEPARTMENT OF
PESTICIDE REGULATION**

PESTICIDE-TREATED SEEDS
DPR REGULATION NUMBER 26-001

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND
EXTENSION OF WRITTEN
COMMENT PERIOD REGARDING
PROPOSED REGULATIONS

The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) published a Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action concerning Pesticide-Treated Seeds in the *California Regulatory Notice Register* on May 15, 2026, Register 2026, Number 20–Z, pages 680–684.

PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearing was scheduled at the time of the publication of the Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action. However, DPR has since received a request for one. A public hearing has been scheduled at the time and place stated below to receive oral or written comments relevant to the proposed action.¹

DATE: Monday, July 6, 2026

TIME: 9:30–11:30 a.m.

PLACE: Zoom (Virtual)

Webinar ID: 833 1776 4843

Direct link to join the meeting from a web browser or Zoom client:

<<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83317764843>>

One tap to join from a mobile phone:

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¹ If you have special accommodation or language needs, please provide notice at least 10 business days before the public meeting by contacting the person named below. TTY/TDD speech-to-speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

Or call from a landline: +1 669 900 9128 — and enter the Webinar ID (above) when prompted

A DPR representative will preside over the virtual hearing. Persons joining the hearing through the web browser or Zoom client who wish to make comments orally during the hearing may raise their hand using the Zoom functions and make oral comments when called upon. Persons calling into the Zoom meeting who wish to make a comment orally during the hearing may raise their hand by dialing *9 on their phone's dial pad. This will indicate to DPR representatives that the person on the phone has raised their hand. Generally, persons will be heard in the order in which they raised their hand. Participants will also be given instructions on how to provide oral comments once they have accessed the hearing. If persons experience technical difficulties during the hearing, persons may electronically submit written comments through SmartComment online comment portal at <<https://cdpr.commentinput.com?id=HYKegrj3J>>. DPR will also accept written comments that are submitted via U.S. mail and postmarked on the day of the hearing. If the number of persons in attendance warrants, the hearing officer may limit the time for each oral comment in order to allow everyone wishing to speak the opportunity to be heard.

The format of submitting a public comment — orally or in writing — does not impact DPR's consideration of, or weight given to, the comment.

The virtual hearing will also be accessible via public webcast for persons who would like to watch this hearing without participating. The public webcast can be accessed by visiting the following web address: <<https://video.calepa.ca.gov/#/>>.

LANGUAGE ACCESS

Spanish language interpretation will be provided at the hearing. To request interpretation in another language or sign language services, please email your request to languageaccess@cdpr.ca.gov or call 916-322-4553 by June 22, 2026. For requests received after June 22, 2026, DPR will make a best effort to accommodate the request.

**EXTENSION OF WRITTEN
COMMENT PERIOD**

DPR is hereby giving notice that it is extending the written comment period on this matter from June 29, 2026 to July 6, 2026.

Any interested person may present comments in writing about the proposed action to the agency contact person named below. Written comments must be received no later than July 6, 2026. Comments regarding this proposed action may also be trans-

mitted via SmartComment online comment portal <<https://cdpr.commentinput.com?id=HYKegrj3J>>.

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 7920.000 et seq.), your written and oral comments, attachments, and any associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone number, or email address) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request. You do not have to provide contact information when submitting a comment using the SmartComment portal.

AGENCY CONTACT

Written comments about the proposed regulatory action; requests for a copy of the Initial Statement of Reasons, and the proposed text of the regulation; and inquiries regarding the rulemaking file may be directed to:

Lauren Otani, Regulations Coordinator
 Department of Pesticide Regulation
 1001 I Street, P.O. Box 4015
 Sacramento, California 95812-4015
 916-445-5781

Note: In the event the contact person is unavailable, questions on the substance of the proposed regulatory action may be directed to the following back-up person at the same address as noted below:

Bryan George, Environmental Program Manager I
 Pesticide Evaluation Branch
 916-324-3890

This Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action, the Initial Statement of Reasons, and the proposed text of the regulation are also available on DPR’s Internet Home Page <<http://www.cdpr.ca.gov>>. Upon request, the documents can be made available in another language, or an alternate form as a disability-related accommodation.

FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

NOTICE OF FINAL CONSIDERATION OF PETITION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the provisions of Fish and Game Code Section 2078, that the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) has scheduled final consideration of the petition to list Morro manzanita (*Arctostaphylos morroensis*) as an endangered species for its August 12-13, 2026 meeting. It is expected that consideration of the petition will be heard Thursday, August 13, 2026 in Sacramento, California.

Consideration of the petition will be heard at the California Natural Resources Headquarters Building, Second Floor, 715 P Street, Sacramento, California. Members of the public can participate in person or via webinar/teleconference. Instructions for participation in the hearing will be posted at www.fgc.ca.gov in advance of the meeting or may be obtained by calling 916-653-4899.

The agenda of the August 12-13, 2026 meeting, and the agendas and video archive of previous meetings where actions were taken on Morro manzanita are available online at <http://www.fgc.ca.gov/meetings/>.

Pursuant to the provisions of Fish and Game Code, sections 2075 and 2075.5, the Commission will consider the petition and all other information in the record before the Commission to determine whether listing Morro manzanita as an endangered species is warranted.

The petition, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s evaluation report, and other information in the records before the Commission are posted on the Commission website at <https://fgc.ca.gov/CESA>.

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 **July 16, 2026**, at 10:00 a.m.
 City of San Clemente
 City Council Chambers
 910 Calle Negocio, 2nd Floor
 San Clemente, California 92673

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 SESSION SCHEDULED: OCTOBER 2026

The Office of Administrative Law (OAL) has scheduled a public information session for Tuesday, October 13th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This two-hour public information session covers the basic principles of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA). Taught by OAL attorneys, students will learn about OAL, how to participate in the rulemaking process, when an agency needs to adopt regulations, how regulations are adopted, and the underground regulation petition process. This special information session is 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 Justice
File # 2026-0507-01
Unflavored Tobacco List

In this certificate of compliance pursuant to Government Code section 11346.1(e), the Department of Justice adopts a process for applying to place products on the Unflavored Tobacco List, as well as to maintain and enforce that list.

Title 11
Adopt: 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957
Filed 06/19/2026
Effective 06/19/2026
Agency Contact:
Marlon Martinez (213) 269-6437

Department of Public Health
File # 2026-0611-02
Hospice Agencies

In this emergency rulemaking action, the California Department of Public Health promulgates regulations regarding oversight of hospice service providers.

Title 22
Adopt: 74800, 74804, 74808, 74812, 74816, 74820, 74824, 74828, 74832, 74836, 74840, 74844, 74848, 74852, 74856, 74860, 74864, 74868, 74872, 74876, 74880, 74884, 74888, 74892, 74896, 74900, 74904, 74908
Filed 06/22/2026
Effective 06/22/2026
Agency Contact:
Anita Shumaker (916) 440-7718

Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery
 File # 2026–0616–03
 Covered Electronic Waste Recycling Program
 Enforcement Regulation

This emergency action pursuant to Government Code section 11346.1 by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery amends regulations pertaining to enforcement of the Covered Electronic Waste Recycling Program. This action is deemed an emergency pursuant to Public Resources Code section 42475.2(b).

Title 14
 Amend: 18660.19, 18660.31, 18660.44, 18660.45, 18660.46
 Filed 06/24/2026
 Effective 06/24/2026
 Agency Contact: Kris Chisholm (916) 322–2404

California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority
 File # 2026–0616–01
 GoGreen Home Energy Financing Program

In this second emergency readoption action pursuant to Government Code section 11346.1(h), the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority amends the GoGreen Home Energy Financing Program to allow for financing to cover reconstruction of residential buildings destroyed by natural disasters and to require lenders to submit loans for enrollment within 180 days of completing projects. This is a deemed emergency pursuant to Public Resources Code section 26009.

Title 04
 Amend: 10091.5, 10091.9
 Filed 06/24/2026
 Effective 07/21/2026
 Agency Contact: Davey Ly (916) 653–3032

California School Finance Authority
 File # 2026–0609–01
 Charter School Revolving Loan Fund Program

In this emergency readoption action pursuant to Government Code section 11346.1(h), the California School Finance Authority is amending regulations regarding the Charter School Loan Fund Program. The primary purpose of this emergency readoption action is to implement, interpret, and make specific statutory changes resulting from the enactment of Senate Bill 631 (Chapter 776, Stats. 2025). Lastly, this is a deemed emergency pursuant to Education Code section 41365(h).

Title 04
 Amend: 10170.17, 10170.18, 10170.19, 10170.20, 10170.21, 10170.22, 10170.23
 Filed 06/19/2026
 Effective 07/01/2026
 Agency Contact: Ryan Storey (213) 620–6360

Department of Justice
 File # 2026–0615–01
 Department of Motor Vehicles Redesign of Driver’s Licenses/Identification Cards

In this emergency action pursuant to Government Code section 11346.1, the Department of Justice adopts alternative methods for firearms dealers and ammunition vendors to procure driver’s license or identification card information.

Title 11
 Adopt: 4045.2
 Amend: 4282, 4283, 4285
 Filed 06/23/2026
 Effective 06/23/2026
 Agency Contact: Marlon Martinez (213) 269–6437

California Department of Tax and Fee Administration
 File # 2026–0512–01
 Membership Fees

This section 100 action pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 1, section 100 by the Department of Tax and Fee Administration increases the “nominal amount” used to determine a retail seller’s tax liability for the collection of membership fees.

Title 18
 Amend: 1584
 Filed 06/24/2026
 Agency Contact: Kim DeArte (916) 309–5227

California Architects Board
 File # 2026–0601–05
 Delegation of Certain Functions

This regular rulemaking action by the California Architects Board (“Board”) amends provisions concerning the delegation of authority for specified duties involving the Board’s enforcement actions. Specifically, it confers the Board’s delegation to the assistant executive officer when the executive officer is absent, and to an interim or acting executive officer upon being selected by the Board.

Title 16
 Amend: 103
 Filed 06/24/2026
 Effective 10/01/2026
 Agency Contact: Timothy Rodda (279) 895–1246

Department of Social Services
File # 2026-0508-02
Adoptions Resource Family Approval

This Department of Social Services rulemaking action amends adoption procedures to align with various statutory changes over many years, including Resource Family Approval (RFA) definitions and assessments, Private Adoption Agency Reimbursement Program (PAARP) procedures, rescission of parental relinquishment standards, adoption case record requirements, and requirements to provide mental health information to adoptive parents.

Title 22, MPP
Adopt: 35067, 35186, 35178, 35189
Amend: 35000, 35001, 35047, 35053, 35065.1, 35087, 35169, 35179, 35180, 35181, 35183
Repeal: 35067, 35069, 35073, 35075, 35077
Filed 06/22/2026
Effective 10/01/2026
Agency Contact:
Kenneth Jennings (916) 216-5845

Department of Toxic Substances Control
File # 2026-0506-01
Adding Microplastics to the Candidate Chemicals List

This rulemaking action amends the Safer Consumer Products regulations to add “microplastics” to the Candidate Chemicals list.

Title 22
Amend: 69502.2
Filed 06/18/2026
Effective 10/01/2026
Agency Contact: Grant Hisao (916) 906-5037

Department of Justice
File # 2026-0514-01
Civil Fines for Firearms Dealers

This regular rulemaking action by the Department of Justice (“Department” or “DOJ”) establishes the process by which the Department can inspect Cali-

fornia firearm dealers, identify violations of state law and, if applicable, corrective actions to be taken to remediate the violations, and assess civil fines against firearm dealers with the fine amounts based on the severity of the violation and harm to the public.

Title 11
Adopt: 4016, 4017, 4018, 4019
Amend: 4017 [renumbered to 4010], 4018 [renumbered to 4011], 4019 [renumbered to 4012], 4021 [renumbered to 4013], 4022 [renumbered to 4014], 4023 [renumbered to 4015], 4024
Repeal: 4016
Filed 06/24/2026
Effective 10/01/2026
Agency Contact:
Marlon Martinez (213) 269-6437

**PRIOR REGULATORY
DECISIONS AND CCR
CHANGES FILED WITH THE
SECRETARY OF STATE**

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