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TITLE 14. BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

SILVICULTURE AMENDMENTS, 2026

NATURE OF PROCEEDING

Notice is hereby given that the California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) is *proposing* to take the action described in the Informative Digest.

PUBLIC HEARING

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Attendees may also participate via the online meeting platform or telephone conferencing. To participate via the online meeting platform please email PublicComments@bof.ca.gov by 4:30 p.m. on August 25, 2026 to request a link to the meeting. A link to the meeting will also be posted under the “Webinar Information” heading on the front page of the Board website, no later than 8:00 a.m. the morning of the hearing.

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AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE (PURSUANT TO GOV § 11346.5(A)(2) AND 1 CCR § 14)

Authority cited: Sections 4551, 4553, and 4561 Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 4512, 4551.5, 4561, 4561.2, 4582(d), 4582(h), 4582 and 4582.5, 4587 Public Resources Code.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW (PURSUANT TO GOV 11346.5(A)(3)(A)–(D))

Pursuant to the Z’berg–Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973, Public Resources Code § 4511, et seq. (Act) the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) is authorized to construct a system of forest practice regulations applicable to timber management on state and private timberlands.

PRC § 4551 requires the Board to “...adopt district forest practice rules... to ensure the continuous growing and harvesting of commercial forest tree species and to protect the soil, air, fish, wildlife, and water resources...” and PRC § 4553 requires the Board to continuously review the rules in consultation with other interests and make appropriate revisions.

Furthermore, PRC § 4551.5 requires that the regulations adopted by the Board “...apply to the conduct of timber operations and shall include, but shall not be limited to, measures for fire prevention and control, for soil erosion control, for site preparation that involves disturbance of soil or burning of vegetation fol-

lowing timber harvesting activities, for water quality and watershed control, for flood control, for stocking, for protection against timber operations that unnecessarily destroy young timber growth or timber productivity of the soil, for prevention and control of damage by forest insects, pests, and disease...”

Under PRC § 4528(d) “site classification” means the classification of productive potential of Timberland into one of five classes by Board regulation, consistent with normally accepted forestry practices. Site I denotes sites of highest productivity, Site II and Site III denote sites of intermediate productivity potential, and Site IV and V denote sites of lowest productivity potential. Specific classification is covered in 14 CCR § 1060, where site classification is determined by site index ranges, values based on the average height of dominant trees on a site that are 100 years old (or, for ponderosa pine, Jeffery pine, mixed conifer, and true fir forest types, for the average height of dominant trees at 100 and 300 years).

PRC § 4513 states “It is the intent of the Legislature to create and maintain an effective and comprehensive system of regulation and use of all Timberlands so as to ensure both of the following: (a) Where feasible, the productivity of Timberlands is restored, enhanced, and maintained; and (b) The goal of maximum sustained production of high-quality timber products is achieved while giving consideration to values relating to sequestration of carbon dioxide, recreation, watershed, wildlife, range and forage, fisheries, regional economic vitality, employment, and aesthetic enjoyment.”

In the 2023 Call for Regulatory Review, Robert Little, Registered Professional Forester (RPF) #2651, submitted a comment on the high stocking requirements for young commercial species of pine (sugar pine, ponderosa pine, Jeffrey pine, etc.) after a pre-commercial thin. He noted that many of the most productive sites — Site I lands — were subject to high tree mortality partially as a result of high stocking requirements and partly due to the higher temperatures and droughts that are the result of climate change. Research supports this statement; Zhang et al.’s 2019 study examined the effects of thinning of young ponderosa pine plantations to various densities in a multi-site, multi-decade study. The conclusion states “The detailed tracking records for these long-term ponderosa pine research plots demonstrated that lowering stand density enhanced remaining tree growth, reduced mortality, and increased stand resiliency to disturbance and climate change, reflected by the lower variability within the lower-density plots than in the higher-density plots.” These less-dense stands are also more resistant to fire; “For example, a recent wildfire in the spring of 2018 that burnt through one of the lower-density plots at Elliot Ranch did not kill a

single tree. This personal observation suggests that this particular lower-density plot may provide a more secure condition for carbon storage than the high-density plots.” Agee and Skinner’s seminal 2005 paper concurs, stating “Ponderosa pine grown under the Mediterranean climate is surely such a system where larger-diameter trees grown in lower densities are typically better able to survive a fire than smaller trees.” Battaglia and Shepperd, 2007, indicate that lower densities may resemble historic forests, “Pre-settlement ponderosa pine forests were irregularly spaced, uneven-aged stands with trees growing together in small even-aged groups and grassy meadows between the groups. Although some groups could be overstocked, estimations for tree density and basal area in pre-settlement ponderosa pine forests are low — approximately 99 to 148 trees/ha (40 to 60 trees/acre) with basal areas of 11.5 m²/ha (50 ft²/acre) — indicating the great size of the mature ponderosa pine trees.”

The 1992 Fountain Fire, 1992 Cleveland Fire, and 2013 Rim Fire represent over three hundred thousand acres that contain high-site pine-dominated stands growing on private lands. These stands were replanted post-fire and have grown rapidly and reestablished increased basal areas — the first intermediate treatment to thin tree density will occur in the next five to ten years. Mr. Little notes that maximum sustained production of timber is tied to maintaining a stand density index that maximizes timber growth while minimizing losses to mortality, and that under current climate and pest conditions, the minimum required stand density for young pine trees will need to be reduced to achieve maximum sustained production.

The risks identified by Mr. Little are reflected by the Forest Fire Prevention Exemption Monitoring Report (CAL FIRE 2022): in younger, even-aged stands, meeting optimal conditions for fuel reduction was limited by tree density. “Younger stands (“plantations”) may benefit from increased tree spacing to reduce horizontal continuity as the stand matures.” The report also notes “small, young, forest stands likely will always have less closure/cover when spaced at a level close to a more mature and ‘fire resilient’ stand, while currently acceptable (under the Forest Practice Rules (FPRs)) closure/cover values in these stands would result in denser, possibly fire-prone stands.”

In the 2025 Call for Regulatory Review, the Mendocino Redwood Company and Humboldt Redwood Company raised an issue concerning variable retention standards. Variable retention is a special prescription for timber harvest under 14 CCR 913.4(d) that allows for long-term retention of ecologically or culturally important landscape features: wildlife habitat such as mature oaks, snags, and logs; historic or cultural sites; or sites that pose potential ecological or safety haz-

ards including geologically unstable areas. When this prescription is used, a defined proportion of the landscape must be within the retained landscape features, dependent on the size of the harvest area. These retained landscape features must be present on 20-acre extents of the harvest area. The issue raised in the Call for Regulatory Review was that the CAL FIRE Forest Practice Review Team (the Department) required that these retention standards be met on a ‘floating’ (i.e. every possible) 20-acre area. The use of infinite versus finite sampling sizes resulted in required retention areas occupying a larger proportion of the landscape.

The problems that this proposed rulemaking aims to address concerns silviculture standards. First, requiring landowners to meet variable retention standards on every possible 20-acre maximum area results in an infinite sampling bias, requiring landowners to leave greater aggregate area retention than is required in the rules. However, the intention of variable retention is to retain structural elements throughout the harvest area; relying only on fixed measurement locations might result in uneven distribution of harvested areas.

The other issue concerns intermediate treatments in high-site pine. While seedlings may initially be planted at a high density to ensure survival of a plantation or stand through the highest-mortality period of a tree’s life, the stocking standards after the first thinning were calculated during an era with different levels of fire and pest hazard and may result in high mortality and increased fire hazard. The maintenance of a forest with maximum sustained production requires a longer — and more adaptable — outlook than was anticipated when the standards for intermediate treatments were first drafted.

The purpose of the proposed action is to update silvicultural standards: to provide fixed measurement plots for calculating retention requirements in variable retention prescriptions while also ensuring a maximum distance to a retained tree; and to decrease the required stocking levels for intermediate treatments in young pine stands on high-productivity lands to meet the challenges of a hotter, drier climate with novel tree pests.

The effect of the proposed action will be a rule change that provides appropriate deference to the RPF who is most familiar with the harvest area, including that area’s distribution of important structural elements and biological legacies, geomorphology, and responsible for planning of harvesting operations and post-harvest site preparation. There will be no change in the required retention standards, only a change in the required distribution of the retained areas. The rule change establishes a maximum spatially explicit distribution distance for aggregate retention areas, consistent with intent that retained pre-harvest stand structural elements be integrated

within the post-harvest stand to achieve various ecological, social, and geomorphologic objectives.

The proposed action will also allow for lower post-thinning tree density in young high-site pine stands to the standards for young mid-site pine stands.

The benefit of the proposed action is expected to lead to greater consistency in rule interpretation and implementation, reduce the number of the Department’s Timber Harvest Plan returns and first review questions, to provide clear enforceable standards, and clarify the RPF’s responsibility in designating aggregate retention areas. It will also allow for more resilient young pine stands in high-site parts of the state, allowing for the continued maximum sustained production of timber and protection of related values including watershed, wildlife, range and forage, fisheries, regional economic vitality, employment, and aesthetic enjoyment.

There is no comparable Federal regulation or statute.

Board staff conducted an evaluation on whether the proposed action is inconsistent or incompatible with existing State regulations pursuant to **GOV § 11346.5(a)(3)(D)**. State regulations related to the proposed action were, in fact, relied upon in the development of the proposed action to ensure the consistency and compatibility of the proposed action with existing State regulations.

Otherwise, Board staff evaluated the balance of existing State regulations related to measures concerning the requirements for timber operations within State regulations that met the same purpose as the proposed action. Based on this evaluation and effort, the Board has determined that the proposed regulations are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing State regulations. The proposed regulation is entirely consistent and compatible with existing Board rules.

Statute to which the proposed action was compared: Chapter 8, Part 2, Division 4, Public Resources Code.

Regulations to which the proposed action was compared: Article 4, Subchapters 1, 4, 5, 6, & 7 Chapter 4, Division 1.5, Title 14, California Code of Regulations.

MANDATED BY FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATIONS

The proposed action is not mandated by Federal law or regulations.

The proposed action neither conflicts with, nor duplicates, Federal regulations.

There are no comparable Federal regulations concerning timber production on private timberland. No existing Federal regulations meeting the same purpose as the proposed action were identified.

**OTHER STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS
(PURSUANT TO GOV § 11346.5(A)(4))**

There are no other matters as are prescribed by statute applicable to the specific State agency or to any specific regulation or class of regulations.

**LOCAL MANDATE
(PURSUANT TO GOV § 11346.5(A)(5)).**

The proposed action does not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts.

**FISCAL IMPACT
(PURSUANT TO GOV § 11346.5(A)(6))**

There is no cost to any local agency or school district that is required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code.

A local agency or school district has the authority to levy service charges, fees, or assessments sufficient to pay for the program or level of service mandated by the act, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code.

The proposed action will not result in the imposition of other non–discretionary costs or savings to local agencies.

The proposed action will not result in costs or savings in Federal funding to the State.

The proposed action will not result in costs to any State agency. The proposed action represents a continuation of existing forest practice regulations related to the conduct of timber operations and will not result in any direct or indirect costs or savings to any state agency.

**HOUSING COSTS
(PURSUANT TO GOV § 11346.5(A)(12))**

The proposed action will not significantly affect housing costs.

**SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE ADVERSE
ECONOMIC IMPACT DIRECTLY
AFFECTING BUSINESS, INCLUDING
ABILITY TO COMPETE
(PURSUANT TO GOV §§ 11346.3(A),
11346.5(A)(7) AND 11346.5(A)(8))**

The proposed action will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states (by making it costlier to produce goods or services in California).

**FACTS, EVIDENCE, DOCUMENTS,
TESTIMONY, OR OTHER EVIDENCE
RELIED UPON TO SUPPORT INITIAL
DETERMINATION IN THE NOTICE THAT
THE PROPOSED ACTION WILL NOT
HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE
ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESS
(PURSUANT TO GOV § 11346.2(B)(5) AND
GOV § 11346.5(A)(8))**

Contemplation by the Board of the economic impact of the provisions of the proposed action through the lens of the decades of contemplating forest practice in California that the Board brings to bear on regulatory development.

**STATEMENTS OF THE RESULTS OF THE
ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)**

The results of the economic impact assessment are provided below pursuant to **GOV § 11346.5(a)(10)** and prepared pursuant to **GOV § 11346.3(b)(1)(A)–(D)**. The proposed action:

- Will not create jobs within California (GOV § 11346.3(b)(1)(A));
- Will not eliminate jobs within California (GOV § 11346.3(b)(1)(A));
- Will not create new businesses (GOV § 11346.3(b)(1)(B));
- Will not eliminate existing businesses within California (GOV § 11346.3(b)(1)(B));
- Will not affect the expansion or contraction of businesses currently doing business within California (GOV § 11346.3(b)(1)(C));
- Will yield nonmonetary benefits (GOV § 11346.3(b)(1)(D)). The proposed action would result in increased clarity and efficacy in the Forest Practice Rules, and as a result, promote more efficient implementation and enforcement of the regulations. The proposed action will benefit the environment by creating more resilient pine stands in fire prone areas, minimizing high–severity wildfire impacts, yielding non–monetary benefits in accordance with GOV § 11346.3(b)(1)(D). There is no impact on the health and welfare of California residents or on worker safety.

**COST IMPACTS ON REPRESENTATIVE
PERSON OR BUSINESS (PURSUANT
TO GOV § 11346.5(A)(9))**

The agency is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would nec-

essarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action. No adverse impacts are to be expected.

BUSINESS REPORT
(PURSUANT TO GOV §§ 11346.5(A)(11) AND 11346.3(D))

The proposed action does not impose a business reporting requirement.

SMALL BUSINESS
(DEFINED IN GOV 11342.610)

The proposed regulation may affect small business, though small businesses, within the meaning of GOV § 11342.610, are not expected to be significantly affected by the proposed action.

Small business, pursuant to 1 CCR § 4(a):

- (1) Is legally required to comply with the regulation;
- (2) Is not legally required to enforce the regulation;
- (3) Does not derive a benefit from the enforcement of the regulation;
- (4) May incur a detriment from the enforcement of the regulation if they do not comply with the regulation.

ALTERNATIVES INFORMATION

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

CONTACT PERSON

Requests for copies of the proposed text of the regulations, the Initial Statement of Reasons, modified text of the regulations and any questions regarding the substance of the proposed action may be directed to:

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Attention: Jane Van Susteren
Regulations Coordinator
P.O. Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244–2460
Telephone: (916) 653–8007

The designated backup person in the event Ms. Van Susteren is not available is Andrew Lawhorn, of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. Mr. Lawhorn may be contacted at the above address or phone.

AVAILABILITY STATEMENTS
(PURSUANT TO GOV § 11346.5(A) (16), (18))

All of the following are available from the contact person:

1. Express terms of the proposed action using UNDERLINE to indicate an addition to the California Code of Regulations and ~~STRIKE=THROUGH~~ to indicate a deletion.
2. Initial Statement of Reasons, which includes a statement of the specific purpose of each adoption, amendment, or repeal, the problem the Board is addressing, and the rationale for the determination by the Board that each adoption, amendment, or repeal is reasonably necessary to carry out the purpose and address the problem for which it is proposed.
3. The information upon which the proposed action is based (pursuant to **GOV § 11346.5(b)**).
4. Changed or modified text. After holding the hearing and considering all timely and relevant comments received, the Board may adopt the proposed regulations substantially as described in this notice. If the Board makes modifications which are sufficiently related to the originally proposed text, it will make the modified text — with the changes clearly indicated — available to the public for at least 15 days before the Board adopts the regulations as revised. Notice of the comment period on changed regulations, and the full text as modified, will be sent to any person who testified at the hearings, submitted comments during the public comment period, including written and oral comments received at the public hearing, or requested notification of the availability of such changes from the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. The Board will accept written comments on the modified regulations for 15 days after the date on which they are made available.

FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

When the Final Statement of Reasons (FSOR) has been prepared, the FSOR will be available from the contact person on request.

INTERNET ACCESS

All of the material referenced in the Availability Statements is also available on the Board web site at: <https://bof.fire.ca.gov/regulations-and-policies/proposed-rule-packages>.

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POINTS OF LIGHT¹: MINOR RULE UPDATES FOR CLARITY AND CONSISTENCY 2025

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¹ Points of Light is a historical Board term for minor clean-up rulemakings, such as the one being proposed here, which updates references, clarifies the use of terms, and makes updates for new names.

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Reference: Sections 4511, 4512, 4512.5, 4513, 4521.3, 4523, 4524, 4525, 4525.3, 4525.5, 4525.7, 4526, 4526.5, 4527, 4527.5, 4528, 4551, 4551.5, 4561, 4562, 4562.5, 4562.7, 4582, 4582(f), 4583, 4583.2, 4584, 4591.1, 4593, 4593.3, 4597, 4597.1, 4597.2, 4628, 21000(g), 21001(f), 21002, 21060.5, 21080.5, 21083.2, 21083.2(b)(3) and 21084.1, Public Resources Code; CEQA Guidelines Appendix K (printed following Section 15387 of Title 14 Cal. Code of Regulations), *Laupheimer v. State* (1988) 200 Cal.App.3d 440; 246 Cal. Rptr. 82; and *Joy Road Area Forest and Watershed Association v. California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection*, Sonoma County Superior Court Number SCV 229850.

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tinuously review the rules in consultation with other interests and make appropriate revisions.

PRC § 4582(f) requires the disclosure of special provisions to protect unique areas within the area of Timber Operations. The proposed amendments to archaeological training requirements in 14 CCR § 929.4 ensure that personnel are adequately equipped to identify and protect these unique cultural resources.

PRC § 4593 and § 4597 necessitates standardized mapping and administrative requirements across various permit types, consistent with the Board's authority to regulate Nonindustrial Timber Management Plans (PRC § 4593 et seq.) and Working Forest Management Plans (PRC § 4597 et seq.)

PRC § 21080.5 puts forward the Board's rulemaking process as a certified regulatory program pursuant to PRC § 21080.5, and the proposed amendments have been developed to ensure continued compliance with the substantive requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

This rule package addresses several inconsistencies in the rules that do not meet the standards for a Section 100 rulemaking, but are limited enough in scope that they have minimal impact on other parts of the Rules.

The amendment to 14 CCR § 895.1 regarding wildlife terminology is necessary to resolve a significant conflict between Board regulations and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). Currently, the use the term "Species of Special Concern" in the Forest Practice Rules (Rules) is an undefined term that is equivalent to "Sensitive Species pursuant to 14 CCR § 895.1. Additionally, the term "Species of Special Concern" overlaps with a category managed by CDFW, which creates confusion for the regulated public and Department staff during the preparation and review of timber harvesting documents. The term "Species of Special Concern" is replaced with "Sensitive Species pursuant to 14 CCR § 895.1", but the protections of the Board's Sensitive Species are extended to those species of bird listed under state or federal Endangered Species Acts as well through the use of the existing term "Listed Species". This change provides a clear and consistent regulatory framework that avoids inter-agency terminology conflicts while maintaining robust protections for at-risk wildlife. In 2023, the American Ornithological Society divided the previous taxon of "Northern Goshawk" into Eurasian and North American species. The new taxon, the "American Goshawk", encompasses all birds within California previously included under the name "American Goshawk".

In alignment with PRC § 4582(f), which requires special provisions for the protection of unique areas, the establishment of an archaeological refresher course is necessary to provide an efficient administrative pathway for certification renewal. Existing rules

require a five-year certification cycle but do not provide a mechanism for potential drift between dates when the course is offered, potentially resulting in the expiration of ability to perform archaeological surveys and creating a necessity to repeat the full introductory training.

Finally, the standardization of mapping requirements for main ridge tops suitable for fire suppression across Timber Harvest Plans (THP), Non-industrial Timber Harvest Plans (NTMP), and Working Forest Management Plans (WFMP) permit types is necessary for unified fire safety planning. Pursuant to the Board's authority to regulate these long-term management plans under PRC § 4593 and § 4597, consistent mapping is required to ensure that CAL FIRE has access to the critical spatial data needed for suppression efforts regardless of the specific permit type governing the land. Similarly, clarifying that conversion exemptions are synonymous with "Plans" for operational purposes and is necessary to ensure that all land management activities meet a uniform standard of resource protection to allow for consistent enforcement by the Department. The Rules currently only require the mapping of these ridgelines if they would require the felling of snags during fire suppression efforts.

The problems are that the Rules currently use the term "Species of Special Concern," as a term equivalent to "Sensitive Species pursuant to 14 CCR § 895.1" which conflicts with a specific legal definition used by CDFW for a different category of at-risk species. This creates regulatory uncertainty for the regulated public. The definition of "Danger Tree" currently references a 1977 field guide that has been superseded by the 2021 California Power Line Fire Prevention Field Guide. There is currently no explicit provision for variation in the ability to take a refresher course during the year where five-year certifications expire. Requirements for mapping main ridge tops suitable for fire suppression for THP, NTMP, and WFMP are technically only required if fire suppression on that ridge will require the felling of snags.

The purpose of this rulemaking is to align Board definitions with current state and federal standards while updating outdated technical citations to reflect modern field guidelines. It seeks to provide clear administrative pathways for professional certification renewal and ensure clear mapping requirements across all types of harvesting permits. Additionally, the action aims to resolve specific terminological inconsistencies with the CDFW to provide a unified and predictable regulatory framework for the regulated public.

The effect of the proposed action will standardize wildlife protection terminology and reflect an updated species name. It modernizes safety protocols by updating the "Danger Tree" definition to current technical standards and defining which ridges should be

mapped for fire suppression efforts. Furthermore, it provides clarity on expiration timelines for archaeological training.

The benefit of the amended language will increase the clarity and consistency of the Rules, promote more efficient implementation, and ensure that the regulated public can continue to use effective tools for managing at-risk wildlife species.

Board staff conducted an evaluation on whether the proposed action is inconsistent or incompatible with existing State regulations pursuant to GOV § 11346.5(a)(3)(D). State regulations related to the proposed action were, in fact, relied upon in the development of the proposed action to ensure the consistency and compatibility of the proposed action with existing State regulations.

Otherwise, Board staff evaluated the balance of existing State regulations related to measures concerning the requirements for timber operations within State regulations that met the same purpose as the proposed action. Based on this evaluation and effort, the Board has determined that the proposed regulations are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing State regulations. The proposed regulation is entirely consistent and compatible with existing Board rules.

Statute to which the proposed action was compared: Chapter 8, Part 2, Division 4, Public Resources Code.

Regulations to which the proposed action was compared: Article 4, Subchapters 1, 4, 5, 6, & 7 Chapter 4, Division 1.5, Title 14, California Code of Regulations.

MANDATED BY FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATIONS

The proposed action is not mandated by federal law or regulations.

The proposed action neither conflicts with, nor duplicates Federal regulations.

There are no comparable Federal regulations concerning timber production on private timberland. No existing Federal regulations meeting the same purpose as the proposed action were identified.

OTHER STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS (PURSUANT TO GOV § 11346.5(A)(4))

There are no other matters as are prescribed by statute applicable to the specific State agency or to any specific regulation or class of regulations.

LOCAL MANDATE (PURSUANT TO GOV § 11346.5(A)(5)).

The proposed action does not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts.

FISCAL IMPACT (PURSUANT TO GOV § 11346.5(A)(6))

There is no cost to any local agency or school district that is required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code.

A local agency or school district has the authority to levy service charges, fees, or assessments sufficient to pay for the program or level of service mandated by the act, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code.

The proposed action will not result in the imposition of other non-discretionary costs or savings to local agencies.

The proposed action will not result in costs or savings in Federal funding to the State.

The proposed action will not result in costs to any State agency. The proposed action represents a continuation of existing forest practice regulations related to the conduct of timber operations and will not result in any direct or indirect costs or savings to any state agency.

HOUSING COSTS (PURSUANT TO GOV § 11346.5(A)(12))

The proposed action will not significantly affect housing costs.

SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT DIRECTLY AFFECTING BUSINESS, INCLUDING ABILITY TO COMPETE (PURSUANT TO GOV §§ 11346.3(A), 11346.5(A)(7) AND 11346.5(A)(8))

The proposed action will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states (by making it costlier to produce goods or services in California).

FACTS, EVIDENCE, DOCUMENTS, TESTIMONY, OR OTHER EVIDENCE RELIED UPON TO SUPPORT INITIAL DETERMINATION IN THE NOTICE THAT THE PROPOSED ACTION WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESS (PURSUANT TO GOV § 11346.2(B)(5) AND GOV § 11346.5(A)(8))

Contemplation by the Board of the economic impact of the provisions of the proposed action through the

lens of the decades of contemplating forest practice in California that the Board brings to bear on regulatory development.

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

The results of the economic impact assessment are provided below pursuant to **GOV § 11346.5(a)(10)** and prepared pursuant to **GOV § 11346.3(b)(1)(A)–(D)**. The proposed action:

- Will not create jobs within California (GOV § 11346.3(b)(1)(A));
- Will not eliminate jobs within California (GOV § 11346.3(b)(1)(A));
- Will not create new businesses (GOV § 11346.3(b)(1)(B));
- Will not eliminate existing businesses within California (GOV § 11346.3(b)(1)(B));
- Will not affect the expansion or contraction of businesses currently doing business within California (GOV § 11346.3(b)(1)(C));
- Will yield nonmonetary benefits (GOV § 11346.3(b)(1)(D)). The proposed action would result in increased clarity and efficacy in the Forest Practice Rules, and as a result, promote more efficient implementation, yielding non-monetary environmental benefits in accordance with GOV § 11346.3(b)(1)(D). There is no impact on the health and welfare of California residents or on worker safety.

COST IMPACTS ON REPRESENTATIVE PERSON OR BUSINESS (PURSUANT TO GOV § 11346.5(A)(9))

The agency is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action. No adverse impacts are to be expected.

BUSINESS REPORT (PURSUANT TO GOV §§ 11346.5(A)(11) AND 11346.3(D))

The proposed action does not impose a business reporting requirement.

SMALL BUSINESS (PURSUANT TO 1 CCR 4(A) AND (B))

The proposed regulation may affect small business, though small businesses, within the meaning of GOV § 11342.610, are not expected to be significantly affected by the proposed action.

Small business, pursuant to 1 CCR § 4(a):

- (1) Is legally required to comply with the regulation;
- (2) Is not legally required to enforce the regulation;
- (3) Does not derive a benefit from the enforcement of the regulation;
- (4) May incur a detriment from the enforcement of the regulation if they do not comply with the regulation.

ALTERNATIVES INFORMATION

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

CONTACT PERSON

Requests for copies of the proposed text of the regulations, the Initial Statement of Reasons, modified text of the regulations and any questions regarding the substance of the proposed action may be directed to:

Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
Attention: Jane Van Susteren
Regulations Coordinator
P.O. Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244–2460
Telephone: (916) 653–8007

The designated backup person in the event Ms. Van Susteren is not available is Mr. Andrew Lawhorn of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. Mr. Lawhorn may be contacted at the above address or by phone.

AVAILABILITY STATEMENTS (PURSUANT TO GOV § 11346.5(A)(16))

All of the following are available from the contact person:

1. Express terms of the proposed action using UNDERLINE to indicate an addition to the California Code of Regulations and ~~STRIKE-THROUGH~~ to indicate a deletion.
2. Initial Statement of Reasons, which includes a statement of the specific purpose of each adoption, amendment, or repeal, the problem the Board is addressing, and the rationale for the determination by the Board that each adoption, amendment, or repeal is reasonably necessary to

carry out the purpose and address the problem for which it is proposed.

3. The information upon which the proposed action is based (pursuant to **GOV § 11346.5(b)**).
4. Changed or modified text. After holding the hearing and considering all timely and relevant comments received, the Board may adopt the proposed regulations substantially as described in this notice. If the Board makes modifications which are sufficiently related to the originally proposed text, it will make the modified text — with the changes clearly indicated — available to the public for at least 15 days before the Board adopts the regulations as revised. Notice of the comment period on changed regulations, and the full text as modified, will be sent to any person who testified at the hearings, submitted comments during the public comment period, including written and oral comments received at the public hearing, or requested notification of the availability of such changes from the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. The Board will accept written comments on the modified regulations for 15 days after the date on which they are made available.

FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

When the Final Statement of Reasons (FSOR) has been prepared, the FSOR will be available from the contact person on request.

INTERNET ACCESS

All of the material referenced in the Availability Statements is also available on the Board web site at: <https://bof.fire.ca.gov/regulations-and-policies/proposed-rule-packages>.

TITLE 14. BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

NOTICING PROCESSES AND RULES SPECIFIC TO THE SOUTHERN SUBDISTRICT AND SANTA CRUZ COUNTY, 2026

NATURE OF PROCEEDING

Notice is hereby given that the California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) is proposing to take the action described in the Informative Digest.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Board will hold a public hearing on August 26, 2026, at a meeting commencing at 9:30 a.m., in the Natural Resources Building, Room 2-201, 715 P Street, Sacramento, CA. At the hearing, any person may present statements or arguments, orally or in writing, relevant to the proposed action. The Board requests, but does not require, that persons who make oral comments at the hearing also submit a written summary of their statements. Additionally, pursuant to Government Code (GOV) § 11125.1(b), writings that are public records pursuant to GOV § 11125.1(a) and that are distributed to members of the state body prior to or during a meeting, pertaining to any item to be considered during the meeting, shall be made available for public inspection at the meeting if prepared by the state body or a member of the state body, or after the meeting if prepared by some other person.

Attendees may also participate via the online meeting platform or telephone conferencing. To participate via the online meeting platform please email PublicComments@bof.ca.gov by 4:30 p.m. on August 25, 2026 to request a link to the meeting. A link to the meeting will also be posted under the “Webinar Information” heading on the front page of the Board website, no later than 8:00 a.m. the morning of the hearing.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Any person, or authorized representative, may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action to the Board. The written comments must be received by the Board via mail, facsimile, or hand delivery no later than 5:00 p.m. August 26, 2026.

Written comments may be delivered via email at the following address:

PublicComments@BOF.ca.gov

Written comments may be submitted via U.S. Mail to the following address:

Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
Attention: Jane Van Susteren
Regulations Coordinator
P.O. Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

Written comments can also be hand delivered to the contact person listed in this notice at the following address:

Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE
(PURSUANT TO GOV § 11346.5(A)(2) AND 1
CCR § 14)

Authority cited: Stats. 1989, Ch. 1290, Section 13 and Sections 4516.5, 4551, 4551.5, 4552, 4553, 4561.1 and 4562.5, 4581, 4582.3, 4593.4 and 21092 Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 4516.5, 4551, 4551.5, 4561, 4561.1, 4562.5 and 4562.7, 4581, 4582.3, 4593, 4593.4, 4597.2, 4597.3, 21080 and 210928 Public Resources Code.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY
STATEMENT OVERVIEW
(PURSUANT TO GOV 11346.5(A)(3)(A)–(D))

Pursuant to the Z’berg–Nejedly Forest Practice Act (Act) of 1973, Public Resources Code (PRC) § 4511, et seq. (Act) the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) is authorized to construct a system of forest practice regulations applicable to timber management on state and private timberlands.

PRC § 4551 requires the Board to “...adopt district forest practice rules... to ensure the continuous growing and harvesting of commercial forest tree species and to protect the soil, air, fish, wildlife, and water resources...” and PRC § 4553 requires the Board to continuously review the rules in consultation with other interests and make appropriate revisions.

PRC § 4551.5 requires that the rules and regulations adopted by the Board apply to the conduct of Timber Operations, which is defined within PRC § 4527(a)(1) as “the cutting or removal, or both, of timber or other solid wood forest products, including Christmas trees, from Timberlands for commercial purposes, together with all the incidental work, including, but not limited to, construction and maintenance of roads, fuelbreaks, firebreaks, stream crossings, landings, skid trails, and beds for the falling of trees, fire hazard abatement, and site preparation that involves disturbance of soil or burning of vegetation following timber harvesting activities, but excluding preparatory work such as treemarking, surveying, or roadflagging.” The term “commercial purposes”, as used within PRC § 4527 is defined by reference to an illustrative, non-exhaustive list of activities within PRC § 4527(a)(2) that include “(A) the cutting or removal of trees that are processed into logs, lumber, or other wood products and offered for sale, barter, exchange, or trade, or (B) the cutting or removal of trees or other forest products during the conversion of timberlands to land uses other than the growing of timber that are subject to Section 4621, including, but not limited to, residential or commercial developments, production of other agricultural crops,

recreational developments, ski developments, water development projects, and transportation projects.”

Additionally, the Act defines “Timberland” within PRC § 4526 as “land, other than land owned by the federal government and land designated by the board as experimental forest land, which is available for, and capable of, growing a crop of trees of a commercial species used to produce lumber and other forest products, including Christmas trees.” The Act recognizes that the “forest resources and timberlands of the state are among the most valuable of the natural resources of the state”, and that “it is the policy of this state to encourage prudent and responsible forest resource management...” (PRC § 4512).

Under PRC § 4516.5, “Individual counties may recommend that the board adopt additional Rules and regulations for the content of timber harvesting plans and the conduct of timber operations to take account of local needs.” The Board shall adopt Rules and regulations for the conduct of timber operations consistent with the recommendation if the Board finds the recommended Rules and regulations are both consistent with the intent and purposes of the Act and necessary to protect needs and conditions of the county recommending them. These Rules and regulations apply only to the conduct of timber operations within the recommending county and shall be enforced and implemented by the Department in the same manner as other Rules and regulations adopted by the Board.

During the 2024 Call for Regulatory Review, CAL FIRE Forest Practice (the Department) requested discussion of the use of the undefined term “Plan area” and potential confusion that arose from the use of that term. Department review and Board discussion indicated that most substantive impacts of this lack of clarity were specific to the noticing process.

The Board also received a letter from the Board of Supervisors for the County of Santa Cruz (County) during the 2024 call for regulatory review. The letter requested Board consideration of several issues and provided specific requests pursuant to PRC § 4516.5. The first request concerned updating the property owners as determined by a equalized assessment roll or title insurance company requirement to specify that only the equalized assessment roll would be accepted. The letter also included a request that publication of a Notice of Intent in a newspaper of general circulation under PRC § 21092(b)(3)(A) be permitted to occur “prior to” submission of the notice, instead of “concurrently with” submission of the notice to clarify questions concerning the definition of “concurrently”. In addition, it asked that the Special Harvesting Methods for Santa Cruz County (14 CCR §925.25(a)(3)) strike the limitations on harvesting 14-inch to 18-inch diameter trees and allow the use of existing special prescriptions for timber harvest plans. These

special prescriptions include options for creating fuel breaks or defensible space, and for restoring meadows, wet areas, aspen groves, and oak woodlands. The County noted that the request was intended to manage the high density of small-diameter trees in the region, limit wildfire hazard, and allow ecological restoration of ecosystems that are being overgrown due to a lack of proscribed fire or other ecosystem management.

The County also made suggestions for the rules for the Southern Subdistrict, a group of counties that includes Santa Cruz County. These suggestions include changes to the Special Harvesting Methods for the Southern Subdistrict under 14 CCR § 913.8 to allow the use of the same special prescriptions under 14 CCR § 913.4 for creating fuel breaks or defensible space, and for restoring meadows, wet areas, aspen groves, and oak woodlands.

Special Treatment Areas are defined under 14 CCR § 895.1 as specific locations which contain one or more of the following significant resource features which may be at risk during Timber Operations: areas that are within two hundred feet of the watercourse transition line of federal or state designated Wild and Scenic Rivers; areas that are within two hundred feet of national, state, regional, county or municipal park boundaries; areas that are key habitat areas of federal or state designated threatened, rare or endangered species; Coastal Commission Special Treatment Areas; and areas that are within two hundred feet of state designated Scenic Highways or within scenic corridors established pursuant to Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 260) of Chapter 2 of Division 1 and Section 154 of Chap. 1 of Div. 1 of the Streets and Highways Code. Under the requirements of 14 CCR § 913.4(a) a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) acting as the Plan submitter and a representative of the Director of the Department may, after on-the-ground consultation that includes all affected agencies and groups with relevant expertise, agree to a regeneration method or intermediate treatment compatible with the objectives for which the Special Treatment Area was established.

The problems are that the Southern Subdistrict and county-specific Rules do not incorporate more recent forest management methods, that other aspects of those Rules are not in alignment with current plan submission and review requirements, that newspaper notification requirements need clarity on publication dates and that there is insufficient clarity in the noticing processes about the definition for “Plan area”.

The purpose of the proposed action is to update the Southern Subdistrict rules, to respond to the requests of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, and to provide clarity on the footprint where the Notice of Intent rules apply.

The effect of the proposed action is to make additional land use planning options for ecological resto-

ration and fire resilience available within the Southern Subdistrict, incorporate the requests of the County into the Rules, and to provide clarity on where the Notice of Intent rules apply.

The benefits of the proposed action will include environmental benefits due to wider availability of ecological restoration prescriptions, as well as the maintenance of a comprehensive regulatory scheme which allows for the clear and consistent application and enforcement of the Rules.

Otherwise, Board staff evaluated the balance of existing State regulations related to measures concerning public notice of timber operations within State regulations that met the same purpose as the proposed action. Based on this evaluation and effort, the Board has determined that the proposed regulations are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing State regulations. The proposed regulation is entirely consistent and compatible with existing Board rules.

Statute to which the proposed action was compared: Chapter 8, Part 2, Division 4, Public Resources Code.

Regulations to which the proposed action was compared: Article 4, Subchapters 1, 4, 5, 6, & 7 Chapter 4, Division 1.5, Title 14, California Code of Regulations.

MANDATED BY FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATIONS

The proposed action is not mandated by Federal law or regulations.

The proposed action neither conflicts with, nor duplicates, Federal regulations.

There are no comparable Federal regulations concerning timber production on private timberland. No existing Federal regulations meeting the same purpose as the proposed action were identified.

OTHER STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS (PURSUANT TO GOV § 11346.5(A)(4))

There are no other matters as are prescribed by statute applicable to the specific State agency or to any specific regulation or class of regulations.

LOCAL MANDATE (PURSUANT TO GOV § 11346.5(A)(5))

The proposed action does not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts.

FISCAL IMPACT (PURSUANT TO GOV § 11346.5(A)(6))

There is no cost to any local agency or school district that is required to be reimbursed under Part 7

(commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code.

A local agency or school district has the authority to levy service charges, fees, or assessments sufficient to pay for the program or level of service mandated by the act, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code.

The proposed action will not result in the imposition of other non–discretionary costs or savings to local agencies.

The proposed action will not result in costs or savings in Federal funding to the State.

The proposed action will not result in costs to any State agency. The proposed action represents a continuation of existing forest practice regulations related to the conduct of timber operations and will not result in any direct or indirect costs or savings to any state agency.

HOUSING COSTS (PURSUANT TO GOV § 11346.5(A)(12))

The proposed action will not significantly affect housing costs.

SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT DIRECTLY AFFECTING BUSINESS, INCLUDING ABILITY TO COMPETE (PURSUANT TO GOV §§ 11346.3(A), 11346.5(A)(7) AND 11346.5(A)(8))

The proposed action will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states (by making it costlier to produce goods or services in California).

FACTS, EVIDENCE, DOCUMENTS, TESTIMONY, OR OTHER EVIDENCE RELIED UPON TO SUPPORT INITIAL DETERMINATION IN THE NOTICE THAT THE PROPOSED ACTION WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESS (PURSUANT TO GOV § 11346.2(B)(5) AND GOV § 11346.5(A)(8))

Contemplation by the Board of the economic impact of the provisions of the proposed action through the lens of the decades of contemplating forest practice in California that the Board brings to bear on regulatory development.

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

The results of the economic impact assessment are provided below pursuant to **GOV § 11346.5(a)(10)** and prepared pursuant to **GOV § 11346.3(b)(1)(A)–(D)**. The proposed action:

- Will not create jobs within California (GOV § 11346.3(b)(1)(A));
- Will not eliminate jobs within California (GOV § 11346.3(b)(1)(A));
- Will not create new businesses (GOV § 11346.3(b)(1)(B));
- Will not eliminate existing businesses within California (GOV § 11346.3(b)(1)(B));
- Will not affect the expansion or contraction of businesses currently doing business within California (GOV § 11346.3(b)(1)(C));
- Will yield nonmonetary benefits (GOV § 11346.3(b)(1)(D)). The proposed action will benefit the environment due to wider availability of ecological restoration prescriptions, and the maintenance of a comprehensive regulatory scheme which allows for the clear and consistent application and enforcement of the Rules, yielding non–monetary benefits in accordance with GOV § 11346.3(b)(1)(D). There is no impact on the health and welfare of California residents or on worker safety.

COST IMPACTS ON REPRESENTATIVE PERSON OR BUSINESS (PURSUANT TO GOV § 11346.5(A)(9))

The agency is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action. No adverse impacts are to be expected.

BUSINESS REPORT (PURSUANT TO GOV §§ 11346.5(A)(11) AND 11346.3(D))

The proposed action does not impose a business reporting requirement.

SMALL BUSINESS (DEFINED IN GOV 11342.610)

The proposed regulation may affect small business, though small businesses, within the meaning of GOV § 11342.610, are not expected to be significantly affected by the proposed action.

Small business, pursuant to 1 CCR § 4(a):

- (1) Is legally required to comply with the regulation;

- (2) Is not legally required to enforce the regulation;
- (3) Does not derive a benefit from the enforcement of the regulation;
- (4) May incur a detriment from the enforcement of the regulation if they do not comply with the regulation.

ALTERNATIVES INFORMATION

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

CONTACT PERSON

Requests for copies of the proposed text of the regulations, the Initial Statement of Reasons, modified text of the regulations and any questions regarding the substance of the proposed action may be directed to:

Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
Attention: Jane Van Susteren
Regulations Coordinator
P.O. Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244–2460
Telephone: (916) 653–8007

The designated backup person in the event Ms. Van Susteren is not available is Andrew Lawhorn, of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. Mr. Lawhorn may be contacted at the above address or phone.

AVAILABILITY STATEMENTS (PURSUANT TO GOV § 11346.5(A) (16), (18))

All of the following are available from the contact person:

1. Express terms of the proposed action using UNDERLINE to indicate an addition to the California Code of Regulations and ~~STRIKE-THROUGH~~ to indicate a deletion.
2. Initial Statement of Reasons, which includes a statement of the specific purpose of each adoption, amendment, or repeal, the problem the Board is addressing, and the rationale for the determination by the Board that each adoption, amendment, or repeal is reasonably necessary to carry out the purpose and address the problem for which it is proposed.

3. The information upon which the proposed action is based (pursuant to **GOV § 11346.5(b)**).
4. Changed or modified text. After holding the hearing and considering all timely and relevant comments received, the Board may adopt the proposed regulations substantially as described in this notice. If the Board makes modifications which are sufficiently related to the originally proposed text, it will make the modified text — with the changes clearly indicated — available to the public for at least 15 days before the Board adopts the regulations as revised. Notice of the comment period on changed regulations, and the full text as modified, will be sent to any person who testified at the hearings, submitted comments during the public comment period, including written and oral comments received at the public hearing, or requested notification of the availability of such changes from the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. The Board will accept written comments on the modified regulations for 15 days after the date on which they are made available.

FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

When the Final Statement of Reasons (FSOR) has been prepared, the FSOR will be available from the contact person on request.

INTERNET ACCESS

All of the material referenced in the Availability Statements is also available on the Board web site at: <https://bof.fire.ca.gov/regulations-and-policies/proposed-rule-packages>.

TITLE 15. CORRECTIONAL TRAINING AND REHABILITATION AUTHORITY

AMEND THE CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Correctional Training and Rehabilitation Authority, pursuant to the authority vested in it by section 87306 of the Government Code, proposes amendment to its conflict-of-interest code. A comment period has been established commencing on **July 10, 2026** and closing on **August 26, 2026**. All inquiries should be directed to the contact listed below.

The California Correctional Training and Rehabilitation Authority (CALCTRA) proposes to amend its conflict-of-interest code to include employee positions that involve the making or participation in the

making of decisions that may foreseeably have a material effect on any financial interest, as set forth in subdivision (a) of section 87302 of the Government Code. The amendment carries out the purposes of the law and no other alternative would do so and be less burdensome to affected persons.

Changes to the conflict-of-interest code includes adopting, amending, and repealing CALCTRA titles and positions; adopting new division names and reorganizing titles and positions; revising disclosure categories and other technical changes.

The proposed amendment and explanation of the reasons can be obtained from the agency's contact listed below.

Any interested person may submit written comments relating to the proposed amendment by submitting them no later than **August 26, 2026**, or at the conclusion of the public hearing, if requested, whichever comes later. At this time, no public hearing is scheduled. Hearings must be requested no later than **August 11, 2026**.

The California Correctional Training and Rehabilitation Authority has determined that the proposed amendments:

1. Impose no mandate on local agencies or school districts.
2. Impose no costs or savings on any state agency.
3. Impose no costs on any local agency or school district that are required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.
4. Will not result in any nondiscretionary costs or savings to local agencies.
5. Will not result in any costs or savings in federal funding to the state.
6. Will not have any potential cost impact on private persons, businesses or small businesses.

All inquiries concerning this proposed amendment and any communication required by this notice should be directed to:

Kelly Mortenson
Regulations Manager
Kelly.mortenson@calctra.ca.gov
(916) 413–1140

TITLE 16. BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING

NURSE PRACTITIONER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Registered Nursing (Board) is proposing to take the action described in the Informative Digest below, after

considering all comments, objections, and recommendations regarding the proposed action.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Board has not scheduled a public hearing on this proposed action. However, the Board will hold a hearing if it receives a written request for a public hearing from any interested person, or his or her authorized representative, no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period. A hearing may be requested by making such request in writing addressed to the individuals listed under "Contact Person" in this notice.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Written comments relevant to the action proposed, including those sent by mail, facsimile, or email to the addresses listed under "Contact Person" in this Notice, must be **received by the Board at its office no later than Tuesday August 25, 2026** or must be received by the Board at the hearing, should one be scheduled.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Pursuant to the authority vested by Section 2715 of the Business and Professions Code (BPC), and to implement, interpret, or make specific BPC sections 2837.101, 2837.103, 2837.104, and 2837.105 the Board is considering amending sections 1481, 1482, 1482.3, 1482.4 and 1487 of Article 8, Division 14 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

A nurse practitioner (NP) is a registered nurse (RN) that has additionally earned a postgraduate nursing degree, such as a Master's or Doctorate degree and obtained a certificate from the Board. They are bound by an ethical code of conduct, a complex network of overlapping regulations tied to their specific practice facility, and licensure and professional certification standards requiring these professionals to achieve and maintain a minimum level of competency promoting quality of care and patient safety.

In September 2020, Governor Newsom signed [Assembly Bill \(AB\) 890 \(Wood, Chapter 265, Statutes of 2020\)](#) into law which created two new categories of Nurse Practitioners (NPs) who could work within a defined scope of practice without standardized procedures. In this document, the Board refers to these new categories as 103 NPs (as outlined in BPC section 2837.103) and 104 NPs (as outlined in BPC section 2837.104).

The bill also defined the education, training, national certification, and medical staff governance requirements for these two NP categories. These provisions were codified in Board regulations under Title 16 California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 1481, 1482, 1482.3, 1482.4, and 1487.

In September 2024, Governor Newsom signed [Senate Bill \(SB\) 1451 \(Ashby, Chapter 481, Statutes of 2024\)](#) into law which was a policy omnibus bill that impacted a variety of different boards and bureaus under the Department of Consumer Affairs. This included updating key provisions of AB 890, such as 103 NP eligibility criteria and consumer notification requirements. Consequently, Board regulations need to also be updated to conform with statute. This regulatory package also includes several additional clean up amendments related to nurse practitioners.

The draft proposed text would make the following changes:

Amend 1481. Categories and Scope of Practice of Nurse Practitioners

- Specify that 103 and 104 NPs can be nationally certified in a population focus category whose exam was retired before January 1, 2017.
- Clarify that 104 NPs may perform the functions listed in BPC Section 2387.104(b) in addition to BPC Section 2387.104(c).

Amend 1482. Requirements for Certification as a Nurse Practitioner

- Remove reference to the nurse practitioner certification equivalency option (Method 3) due to statutory, regulatory and organizational updates, as well as national licensing standards.
- Clarify that nurse practitioners who are not certified as a 103 NP or 104 NP are still required to work under standardized procedures.

Amend 1482.3. Requirements for a Nurse Practitioner Certification Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 2837.103

- Remove the requirement for an applicant's transition to practice hours, national certification, and 103 NP certification to all be in the same category.
- Remove the requirement for the healthcare provider attesting to a 103 NP applicant's completion of transition to practice hours to specialize in the same category as the 103 NP applicant.
- Clarify that maintenance of an active national certification in a population focus category is required to continue working as a 103 NP.
- Clarify that the term 103 NP can be used to colloquially identify a nurse practitioner practicing pursuant to Section 2837.103 of the code.

Amend 1482.4. Requirements for a Nurse Practitioner Certification Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 2837.104

- Remove the requirement for a 104 NP applicant to re-submit national certification and transition to practice information.
- Add the requirement for a 104 NP applicant to submit proof of certification by the Board as a 103 NP.
- Clarify the documentation a 104 NP applicant needs to complete to apply the direct patient care hours they obtained as part of a Doctor of Nursing Practice program towards the requirement for them to work as a 103 NP for 4600 hours.
- Clarify that 104 NPs must maintain an active national certification in a population focus category that aligns with their 104 NP certification category.
- Clarify that the term 104 NP can be used to colloquially identify a nurse practitioner practicing pursuant to Section 2837.104 of the code.

Amend 1487. Notice to Consumers

- Clarify that the consumer notification provisions are only mandatory for 103 and 104 NPs.
- Remove the specification that a patient be notified verbally that an NP is not a physician and surgeon.
- Remove the requirement to use specific terminology when identifying oneself as a nurse practitioner to Spanish language speakers.
- Remove the requirement for 103 NPs and 104 NPs to advise their patients that they have the right to see a physician and surgeon on request and the circumstances under which they must be referred to see a physician and surgeon.

Anticipated Benefits of Proposal

The Board has determined that this regulatory proposal, which implements the provisions of SB 1451 will have the following benefits to the health and welfare of California residents:

- Remove potential barriers to certification as a 103 and 104 NP, helping allow more certified NPs to provide more patient care and work to the full extent to their education and training.
- Increase access to health care and work to close the provider gap, especially in rural and underserved areas.

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

Evaluation of Consistency and Compatibility with Existing State Regulations

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

lar regulations on these topics and has concluded that these regulations are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing state regulations.

DISCLOSURES REGARDING THIS PROPOSED ACTION

FISCAL IMPACT ESTIMATES

The Board has made the following initial determinations:

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

There is no fiscal impact to the state in the form of federal funding or any cost or savings to any state agency.

Any fiscal impacts are a result of current law.

Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies: None.

Cost to any Local Agency or School District for which Government Code Sections 17500–17630 Require Reimbursement: None.

Mandate Imposed on Local Agencies or School Districts: None.

Significant Effect on Housing Costs (and, if applicable, including any estimated costs of compliance or potential benefits of a building standard): None.

BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATES

The Board has made the initial determination that the proposed regulatory action would have no significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

This initial determination is based on the following facts: The proposed changes do not impose additional requirements or fees on California’s licensees or businesses. Rather, the proposed text simplifies the application requirements for NPs that want to pursue certification as a 103 and 104 NP.

The Board notes, any economic impacts to business are a result of SB 1451 and AB 890, and not the regulations.

Cost Impact on Representative Private Person or Business:

The Board is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action. The proposed changes do not impose additional requirements or fees on California’s licensees or businesses.

The Board notes, any economic impacts to individuals or business are a result of SB 1451 and AB 890, and not the regulations.

RESULTS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT/ANALYSIS

Impact on Jobs/Businesses

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

- Creation or elimination of jobs within the State of California.
- Creation of new businesses or elimination of existing businesses within the State of California.
- Expansion of businesses currently doing business within the state.

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

Benefits of Regulation

The Board has determined that this regulatory proposal, which implements the provisions of SB 1451 and AB 890 will have the following benefits to the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety, and the state’s environment:

- Remove potential barriers to certification as a 103 and 104 NP.
- Allow more NPs to work to the full extent to their education and training.
- Increase access to health care and work to close the provider gap, especially in rural and underserved areas.

Business Reporting Requirements:

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

Effect On Small Business:

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

The Board notes, any economic impacts to small businesses are a result of SB 1451 and AB 890, and not the regulations.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

In accordance with Government Code section 11346.5, subdivision (a)(13), the Board must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered to the regulation or that has otherwise been identified and

brought to its attention would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed; would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposal described in this Notice; or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

Any interested person may submit comments to the Board in writing relevant to the above determinations at **1747 N. Market Blvd, Suite 150 Sacramento, CA 95834** during the written comment period, or at the hearing if one is scheduled or requested.

AVAILABILITY OF STATEMENT OF REASONS AND RULEMAKING FILE

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

TEXT OF PROPOSAL

Copies of the exact language of the proposed regulations, and any document incorporated by reference, and of the initial statement of reasons, and all of the information upon which the proposal is based, may be obtained upon request from the Board, at **1747 N. Market Blvd, Suite 150 Sacramento, CA 95834**.

AVAILABILITY OF CHANGED OR MODIFIED TEXT

After considering all timely and relevant comments, the Board, upon its own motion or at the request of any interested party, may thereafter adopt the proposals substantially as described below or may modify such proposals if such modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. With the exception of technical or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified proposal, with the modifications clearly indicated, will be available for review and written comment for 15 days prior to its adoption from the persons designated in this Notice as the Contact Persons and will be mailed to those persons who submit written comments or oral testimony related to this proposal or who have requested notification of any changes to the proposal.

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

All the information upon which the proposed regulations are based is contained in the rulemaking file which is available for public inspection by contacting the person named below.

You may obtain a copy of the Final Statement of Reasons once it has been prepared by making a written request to the Contact Persons named below or by accessing the website listed below.

CONTACT PERSONS

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

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AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS ON THE INTERNET

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

TITLE 16. BUREAU OF AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR

AIRBAG SAFETY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Bureau of Automotive Repair (Bureau) is proposing to take the rulemaking action described in the Informative Digest below, after considering all comments, objections, and recommendations regarding the proposed action.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Bureau has not scheduled a public hearing on this proposed action. However, the Bureau will hold a hearing if it receives a written request for a public hearing from any interested person, or their authorized representative, no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period. A hearing may be requested by making such request in writing addressed to the individuals listed under “Contact Person” in this notice.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Written comments relevant to the action proposed, including those sent by mail, facsimile, or email to the addresses listed under “Contact Person” in this Notice, must be received by the Bureau at its office no later than **Monday, August 24, 2026**, or must be received by the Bureau at the hearing, should one be scheduled.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Pursuant to the authority vested by Business and Professions Code (BPC) sections 9882, 9884.19, and 9884.76 and Vehicle Code (VEH) section 27317, to implement, interpret, and make specific BPC sections 490 and 9884.7 and VEH section 27317, the Bureau proposes adopting the following changes to section 3367 of Title 16, Division 33, Chapter 1, Article 8 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

The Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), Bureau of Automotive Repair (Bureau or BAR) is the state agency charged with licensing automotive repair dealers (ARDs), Smog Check stations, STAR stations, brake and lamp stations, Vehicle Safety Systems Inspection Stations, and their respective inspectors, repair technicians, and adjusters. Pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 20.3 of Division 3 of the BPC (commencing with section 9880), the Bureau regulates automotive repair and has the authority to adopt, amend, and repeal necessary rules and regulations.

The Bureau regulates approximately 35,000 ARDs in the State of California. The Bureau ensures persons operating as ARDs are registered with the Bureau and comply with laws and regulations established to protect consumers in repair transactions. The mission of both DCA and the Bureau — and therefore the main purpose of any regulatory proposal — is consumer protection, which includes ensuring “all Californians are informed, empowered, and protected.” (DCA, About Us [as of May 2026].)

The Bureau proposes amending existing regulations specific to airbag safety. These regulation changes are necessary to protect the public and ensure ARDs comply with consumer protection laws and regulations.

The Bureau proposes amending section 3367 of Chapter 1 of Division 33 of Title 16 of the CCR to expand airbag safety regulations to help protect California consumers by ensuring ARDs

- Do not manufacture, import, install, reinstall, distribute, sell, or offer for sale any airbags that meet the criteria specified in the regulation section,
- Restore airbags to the original operating condition as designed by the original equipment manufacturer (OEM),
- Only purchase replacement airbag parts or components from the original manufacturer or an entity that meets the criteria specified in the regulation section, and,
- Retain receipts for all parts received or purchased, and maintain the receipts in accordance with existing record-keeping requirements.

Documents Incorporated by Reference

None.

ANTICIPATED BENEFITS OF THE PROPOSED REGULATION

The Bureau has determined this regulatory proposal will have the following benefits to the health and welfare of California residents: by implementing these regulatory changes, the Bureau will expand airbag safety regulations to ensure ARDs are prohibited from manufacturing, importing, installing, reinstalling, distributing, selling, or offering for sale substandard/unsafe airbags, as specified. ARDs must restore airbags to the original operating condition as designed by the OEM, buy replacement airbag parts only from suppliers that meet specified criteria, and keep receipts for all parts in compliance with record-keeping requirements.

This regulatory proposal will establish engineering safety standards that will help to ensure substandard/unsafe airbags are not installed in California automobiles.

The regulations do not have an impact on worker safety or the state’s environment because they set standards for airbags, as specified.

Evaluation of Consistency and Compatibility with Existing State Regulations

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

DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE
PROPOSED ACTION

FISCAL IMPACT ESTIMATES

Fiscal Impact on Public Agencies Including Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State: ARDs found to be out-of-compliance may be subject to disciplinary action. BAR may issue a citation and fine and estimates workload costs of \$450 and fine revenues of \$500 per violation.

The Bureau does not have a total fiscal impact estimate because the number of future non-compliant airbags being manufactured, imported, installed, reinstalled, distributed, sold, or offered for sale is unknown.

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

Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies: None.

Cost to Any Local Agency or School District for Which Government Code Sections 17500–17630 Require Reimbursement: None.

Mandate Imposed on Local Agencies or School Districts: None.

Significant Effect on Housing Costs: None.

BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATES

BAR made the initial determination that the proposed regulations will have no significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. This proposal is intended to help prevent substandard/unsafe airbag repair practices.

It is difficult to estimate the total cost impact resulting from the proposed regulations because the number of future non-compliant airbags being manufactured, imported, installed, reinstalled, distributed, sold, or offered for sale is unknown.

Additionally, the number or percentage of non-compliant airbags already installed in the state's fleet is also unknown, plus the cost of an OEM airbag or the component parts of an airbag system varies by vehicle make and model. As a result, BAR does not have a total economic cost estimate at this time.

However, sales cost data indicates OEM airbags of various popular automobiles, including automobiles from Toyota, Honda, Ford, and Tesla, range from \$500 to \$1,000 per unit (not including installation). BAR notes non-compliant airbags from these brands can be purchased on the internet at up to 50 percent lower costs.

BAR also notes that a non-compliant airbag failing to deploy properly and/or causing harm or death has no intrinsic value, and could result in significant healthcare costs, as well as unmeasurable pain and suffering to Californians.

Cost Impact on Representative Private Person or Business:

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

This proposal is intended to expand airbag safety regulations to ensure ARDs are prohibited from manufacturing, importing, installing, reinstalling, distributing, selling, or offering for sale substandard/unsafe airbags, as specified. ARDs must restore airbags to the original operating condition as designed by the OEM, buy replacement airbag parts only from suppliers that meet specified criteria, and keep receipts for all parts in compliance with record-keeping requirements.

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BAR also notes that a non-compliant airbag failing to deploy properly and/or causing harm or death has no intrinsic value, and could result in significant healthcare costs, as well as unmeasurable pain and suffering to Californians.

RESULTS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT
ASSESSMENT/ANALYSIS

The Bureau has determined this regulatory proposal will have the following benefits to the health and welfare of California residents: by implementing these regulatory changes, the Bureau will expand airbag safety regulations to ensure ARDs are prohibited from manufacturing, importing, installing, reinstalling, distributing, selling, or offering for sale airbags that

meet the criteria specified in the regulation. ARDs must restore airbags to the original operating condition as designed by the OEM, buy replacement airbag parts only from suppliers that meet specified criteria, and keep receipts for all parts in compliance with record-keeping requirements.

This regulatory proposal will establish engineering safety standards that will help to ensure substandard/unsafe airbags are not installed in California automobiles.

The regulations do not have an impact on worker safety or the state's environment because they set standards for airbags, as specified.

Impact on Jobs/Businesses:

BAR has determined that this regulatory proposal will not:

- (1) create jobs within California;
- (2) eliminate jobs within California;
- (3) create new businesses within California;
- (4) eliminate existing businesses within California; and,
- (5) expand businesses currently doing business in the State of California.

Benefits of Regulation:

The Bureau has determined this regulatory proposal will have the following benefits to the health and welfare of California residents: by implementing these regulatory changes, the Bureau will expand airbag safety regulations to ensure ARDs are prohibited from manufacturing, importing, installing, reinstalling, distributing, selling, or offering for sale substandard/unsafe airbags, as specified. ARDs must restore airbags to the original operating condition as designed by the OEM, buy replacement airbag parts only from suppliers that meet specified criteria, and keep receipts for all parts in compliance with record-keeping requirements.

This regulatory proposal will establish engineering safety standards that will help to ensure substandard/unsafe airbags (airbags that meet the criteria specified in the regulation) are not installed in California automobiles.

The regulations do not have an impact on worker safety or the state's environment because they set standards for airbags, as specified.

Business Reporting Requirements

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

EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS

The Bureau has determined that the proposed regulations will not adversely affect small businesses.

It is difficult to estimate the total cost impact resulting from the proposed regulations because the number

of future non-compliant airbags being manufactured, imported, installed, reinstalled, distributed, sold, or offered for sale is unknown.

Additionally, the number or percentage of non-compliant airbags already installed in the state's fleet is also unknown, plus the cost of an OEM airbag or the component parts of an airbag system varies by vehicle make and model. As a result, BAR does not have a total economic cost estimate at this time.

However, sales cost data indicates OEM airbags of various popular automobiles, including automobiles from Toyota, Honda, Ford, and Tesla, range from \$500 to \$1,000 per unit (not including installation). BAR notes non-compliant airbags from these brands can be purchased on the internet at up to 50 percent lower costs and ARD's will be able to comply with the record keeping requirements within normal business operations.

BAR also notes that a non-compliant airbag failing to deploy properly and/or causing harm or death has no intrinsic value, and could result in significant healthcare costs, as well as unmeasurable pain and suffering to Californians.

This proposal is intended to help prevent substandard/unsafe airbag repair practices.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

In accordance with Government Code section 11346.5(a)(13), BAR must determine that no reasonable alternative to this proposed regulatory action 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 proposal described in this Notice, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

Any interested person may submit comments, relevant to the above determinations, to the Bureau in writing at 10949 North Mather Boulevard, Rancho Cordova, California 95670 during the written comment period, or at the hearing if one is scheduled or requested.

AVAILABILITY OF STATEMENT OF REASONS AND RULEMAKING FILE

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

TEXT OF PROPOSAL

Copies of the exact language of the proposed regulations, any document incorporated by reference, the Initial Statement of Reasons, and all of the information upon which the proposal is based, may be obtained upon request from the Bureau of Automotive Repair, 10949 North Mather Boulevard, Rancho Cordova, California 95670.

AVAILABILITY OF CHANGED OR MODIFIED TEXT

After considering all timely and relevant comments, the Bureau, upon its own motion or at the request of any interested party, may thereafter adopt the proposals substantially as described below or may modify such proposals if such modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. With the exception of technical or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified proposal, with the modifications clearly indicated, will be available for review and written comment for 15 days prior to its adoption from the person designated in this Notice as the Contact Person and will be mailed to those persons who submit written comments or oral testimony related to this proposal or who have requested notification of any changes to the proposal.

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

All the information upon which the proposed regulations are based is contained in the rulemaking file, which is available for public inspection by contacting the person named below.

You may obtain a copy of the Final Statement of Reasons, once it has been prepared, by making a written request to the contact persons named below, or by accessing the website listed below.

CONTACT PERSONS

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AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS ON THE INTERNET

Copies of the Notice of Proposed Action, the Initial Statement of Reasons, and the text of the regulations with modifications noted, as well as the Final Statement of Reasons when completed, and modified text, if any, can be accessed through the Bureau's website at <https://www.bar.ca.gov/Regulatory-Actions>.

TITLE 16. ARCHITECTS BOARD

ARCHITECT IN TRAINING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Architects Board (Board) is proposing to take the action described in the Informative Digest below, after considering all comments, objections, and recommendations regarding the proposed action.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Board has not scheduled a public hearing on this proposed action. However, the Board will hold a hearing if it receives a written request for a public hearing from any interested person, or his or her authorized representative, no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period. A hearing may be requested by making such request in writing addressed to the individuals listed under "Contact Person" in this notice.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Written comments relevant to the action proposed, including those sent by mail, facsimile, or email to the addresses listed under "Contact Person" in this Notice, must be **received by the Board at its office no later than Monday August 24, 2026**, or must be received by the Board at the hearing, should one be scheduled.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Pursuant to the authority vested by sections 5500.2 and 5526 of the Business and Professions Code (BPC), and to implement, interpret, or make specific BPC sections 5500.2, 5526, 5587, and 5587.5, the Board is considering adopting section 109.05 of title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR). Pursuant to the authority vested by sections 5500.02 and 5526 of

the BPC, and to implement, interpret, or make specific BPC sections 5500.2 and 5604, the Board is considering amending section 144 of title 16 of the CCR.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

Assembly Bill (AB) 759 (Valencia, Chapter 380, Statutes of 2025) created BPC sections 5500.2, 5587, and 5587.5 which establish the Architect-in-Training (AIT) title and the Board's authority to implement it. The AIT title sections become effective on January 1, 2027, and expire on January 1, 2037. The Board is required to implement regulations to make specific the method to apply for, renew, inactivate, and reactivate the AIT as well as clarify how those using the AIT can update their licensee supervisor.

The Board's funding is classified as special funds, and as such the Board's revenues and expenditures are generated from regulating the profession. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 5526 and 5604, the Board has the statutory authority to collect fees to carry out its consumer protection mandate and support the functions of the Board. The fees of the Board are required to be sufficient to support the functions or operational needs of the Board. The State of California State Administrative Manual (SAM), section 9210, provides that it is state policy for departments to recover full costs whenever goods or services are provided to others. Section 9210 of the SAM specifies that full costs include "all costs attributable directly to the activity plus a fair share of indirect costs which can be ascribed reasonably to the good or service provided."

The Board's fees regulation, 16 CCR section 144, was created to specify the fees that the Board was allowed to charge pursuant to BPC 5604. Currently, the Board does not have a fee specified for the application to use the AIT title which was authorized by BPC 5500.2(g). This proposal is necessary to ensure the Board continues its consumer protection mandate and recovers costs for the services it provides.

Anticipated Benefits of Proposal

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

This proposal will implement the method by which candidates will be authorized to use the AIT title. This regulatory proposal will benefit the health and welfare of Californians by allowing candidates who have passed at least one examination toward licensure to use a title that clarifies, to the public, they are pursuing an architectural license.

Additionally, this proposal will establish a fee for the Board to recoup its expenses for the processing of an AIT application. The fee will help the Board

continue its mission of consumer protection by way of regulation of the profession of architecture while aligning with SAM section 9210.

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

Evaluation of Consistency and Compatibility with Existing State Regulations

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

DISCLOSURES REGARDING THIS PROPOSED ACTION

FISCAL IMPACT ESTIMATES

Fiscal Impact on Public Agencies Including Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State: The Board estimates 1,100 AIT applicants will apply annually in years 1–5 of implementation and decrease to 1,000 AIT applicants per year thereafter. The Board will incur workload costs and receive revenues as follows:

Workload Costs: The Board estimates workload costs of approximately \$131 per AIT application, which would result in total costs ranging from approximately \$141,000 to \$176,000 per year and up to \$1,595 million over a ten-year period.

Revenues: This proposal establishes a \$131 AIT application fee, which would result in annual revenues of approximately \$144,000 in years 1–5 and \$131,000 ongoing thereafter and up to \$1.375 million over a ten-year period.

The Board notes, because AB 759 authorizes the AIT title and compliance and because the proposed regulations are limited to the AIT application process (only), any future enforcement-related workload and costs would be a result of current law.

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

Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies: None.

Cost to any Local Agency or School District for which Government Code Sections 17500–17630 Require Reimbursement: None.

Mandate Imposed on Local Agencies or School Districts: None.

Significant Effect on Housing Costs: None.

BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATES

The Board has made the initial determination that the proposed regulatory action would have no signif-

ificant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

This initial determination is based on the fact that the regulations do not result in additional workload costs to businesses, therefore negative impacts are not anticipated. However, in the event an architecture firm or business employs an individual seeking the AIT designation and opts to pay the \$131 AIT application fee on behalf of the applicant, the Board indicates the impact would be minimal.

Cost Impact on Representative Private Person or Business

The Board indicates that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur minimal costs in reasonable compliance with the proposed action. Individuals opting to apply for the AIT designation or a business paying for the individual will pay a \$131 AIT application fee.

The Board estimates 1,100 AIT applicants will apply annually in years 1-5 of implementation and decrease to 1,000 AIT applicants per year thereafter. The Board estimates annual costs to individuals or businesses of approximately \$144,000 in years 1-5 and \$131,000 ongoing thereafter and up to \$1.375 million over a ten-year period.

RESULTS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT/ANALYSIS

Impact on Jobs/Businesses

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

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

Benefits of Regulation

The Board has determined that this regulatory proposal will have the following effects on the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety, and the state's environment:

- This regulatory proposal clarifies that an individual using the AIT title is actively pursuing an architectural license, which will benefit the health and welfare of California residents.
- This regulatory proposal does not affect worker safety because it does not involve worker safety.
- This regulatory proposal does not affect the state's environment because it does not involve the environment.

Business Reporting Requirements

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

Effect on Small Business

The Board does not maintain data to define if any of its licensees are a "small business" as defined in Government Code section 11342.610. However, in the event a small business architecture firm or other small business employs an individual opting for the AIT designation and pays the \$131 AIT application fee on behalf of the applicant, the Board indicates the impact would be minimal.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

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

Any interested person may submit written comments relevant to the above determinations at the Board's office at 2420 Del Paso Road, Suite 105, Sacramento, California 95834 during the written comment period, or at the hearing if one is scheduled or requested.

AVAILABILITY OF STATEMENT OF REASONS AND RULEMAKING FILE

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

TEXT OF PROPOSAL

Copies of the exact language of the proposed regulations, and any document incorporated by reference, and of the initial statement of reasons, and all of the information upon which the proposal is based, may be obtained upon request from the Board at 2420 Del Paso Road, Suite 105, Sacramento, California 95834.

AVAILABILITY OF CHANGED OR MODIFIED TEXT

After considering all timely and relevant comments, the Board, upon its own motion or at the request of any interested party, may thereafter adopt the proposals substantially as described below or may modify such proposals if such modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. With the exception of technical or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified proposal, with the modifications clearly indicated, will be available for review and written comment for 15 days prior to its adoption from the person designated in this Notice as the Contact Person and will be mailed to those persons who submit written comments or oral testimony related to this proposal or who have requested notification of any changes to the proposal.

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

All the information upon which the proposed regulations are based is contained in the rulemaking file which is available for public inspection by contacting the person named below.

You may obtain a copy of the Final Statement of Reasons once it has been prepared by making a written request to the Contact Person named below or by accessing the website listed below.

CONTACT PERSONS

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

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

The backup contact person is:

Name: Laura Zuniga
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Sacramento, CA 95834
Telephone Number: (916) 471–0760
Email Address: laura.zuniga@dca.ca.gov

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS ON THE INTERNET:

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

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

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

REGIONAL NOTIFICATION CENTER MEMBERSHIP TERMINATION

The Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety’s Underground Facilities Safe Excavation Board (Underground Safety Board) 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 10, 2026, and closes August 24, 2026. To ensure your comment will be considered, it must be received by August 24, 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 “Member Termination” in the subject line.

US Mail postmarked no later than August 24, 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, 4216.10, 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 (one who 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 the industry on safety standards and implements regulations related to the 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 call, or submit an electronic request to, the RNC and the RNC informs the local operators who have utilities underground in the area in which excavation will occur. 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. For the RNC system to function appropriately, it is imperative that the correct operator receive notice. These proposed regulations require an RNC to inform the Board, within 14 business days, when an operator ceases to be a member of that RNC. The notice must include 1) the most recent contact information for the former member, 2) if known, the identity of the new entity responsible for the affected underground facilities, and 3) the reason the former member gave to make a determination that it no longer needed to be a member of that RNC. The regulations also provide a means for the Board to recover fees when an operator ends membership after the Board has calculated its prorated fee, but before the fee is due. The new operator of affected facilities will now be charged the fee that had been attributed to the former owner. The regulations also revise the fee

section to show that this operator substitution process is an exception to the normal fee process.

Anticipated Benefits of the Proposed Regulations

The proposed regulations are designed to keep the RNC system updated with the operator's identity. These proposed regulations will facilitate accurate information for use within the regional notification system and support the Board's mandate to enforce the Dig Safe Law 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 state 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 Law 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

The proposed regulations will affect a small business if a small business becomes responsible for underground facilities. The regulations impose an obligation for an RNC to provide information to the Board related to a change in operator status. This information will be used by the Board to collect a prorated share of its fee from the new owner. The Board's fee is only charged to operators who receive more than 500 locate request transmissions in a year. The impact on all businesses, including small ones, will be commensurate with their volume of locate request transmissions. 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, subdivision (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:

Jaime Hastings
Underground Safety Board

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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

FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

NOTICE OF FINDINGS OF CANDIDACY
SOUTHERN RESIDENT KILLER WHALE
(*ORCINUS ORCA*)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2074.2 of the California Fish and Game Code, the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission), at its June 17-18, 2026 meeting, accepted for consideration the petition submitted to list southern resident killer whale (*Orcinus orca*) as an endangered species under the California Endangered Species Act.

Pursuant to subdivision (e)(2) of Section 2074.2 of the Fish and Game Code, the Commission determined that the amount of information contained in the petition, when considered in light of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife written evaluation report, the comments received, and the remainder of the administrative record, would lead a reasonable person to conclude there is a substantial possibility the requested listing could occur.

Based on its determination and acceptance of the petition, the Commission is also providing notice that southern resident killer whale is a candidate species as defined by Section 2068 of the Fish and Game Code.

Within one year of the date of publication of this notice of findings, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife shall submit a written report, pursuant to Section 2074.6 of the Fish and Game Code, indicating whether the petitioned actions are warranted. Copies of the petition and minutes of the June 17-18, 2026 Commission meeting are on file and available for public review on the Commission's website at fgc.ca.gov. If you would prefer to view the documents at the Commission's office, please make an appointment by sending an email to fgc@fgc.ca.gov or by calling (916) 653-4899.

Written comments or data related to the petitioned actions should be directed to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Marine Region, Attention: Senior Environmental Scientist Dylan Stompe, via email at OceanSalmon@wildlife.ca.gov with "Southern Resident Killer Whale" in the subject line. Alternatively, comments or data may be submitted by mail to P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090. Submitting information via email is preferred.

**RULEMAKING
PETITION DECISIONS**

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL
PROTECTION AND INNOVATION**

RULEMAKING PETITION DECISION

Petitioner

Keith Paul Bishop.

Department Contact Person

Please direct any inquiries regarding this action to Diana Pha, Regulations Coordinator, Department of Financial Protection and Innovation, 651 Bannon St., Ste. 300, Sacramento, CA 95811; Telephone: (279) 236-5285; Email: regulations@dfpi.ca.gov.

Availability of Petition

The petition to amend regulations is available upon request to the Department's contact person.

Authority

Corporations Code sections 25101 and 25610.

Provisions of California Code of Regulations Affected:

Title 10; Chapter 3; Subchapter 2; Article 2; Section 260.101.2: Certified National Securities Exchanges.

Summary of Petition and Department Decision:

Section 260.101.2.

Petitioner's Request:

- Include the Texas Stock Exchange LLC ("TXSE") in the list of certified national securities exchanges.
- Update the name of certified national securities exchange from "NYSE Amex" to "NYSE American LLC."
- Update the name of certified national securities exchange from "Tier 1 of the NASDAQ OMX PHLX" to "Tier 1 of the Nasdaq PHLX LLC."

Reason for Request:

The Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") has granted the application of the TXSE for registration as a national securities exchange; NYSE Amex and NASDAQ OMX PHLX have been legally re-

named to NYSE American LLC and Nasdaq PHLX LLC, respectively.

Department's Response:

The Department grants the Petition to:

- (1) Amend 10 CCR § 260.101.2 to include TXSE in the list of certified national securities exchanges.
- (2) Amend 10 CCR § 260.101.2 to change the name of currently recognized certified national securities exchanges from “NYSE Amex” to “NYSE American LLC” and from “Tier 1 of the NASDAQ OMX PHLX” to “Tier 1 of the Nasdaq PHLX LLC.”

Department's Reasons:

- (1) The SEC issued an order granting approval of TXSE's application for registration as a national securities exchange. (SEC Release Number 34–104146; File Number 10–249 (September 30, 2025)).
- (2) The legal name of NYSE Amex has changed to NYSE American LLC. (see SEC Release Number 34–80283; File Number SR–NYSEMKT–2–17–14 (March 21, 2017). The legal name of NASDAQ OMX PHLX has been changed to Nasdaq PHLX LLC. (see SEC Release Number 34–81938; File Number SR–Phlx–2017–83 (October 24, 2017)).

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL PROTECTION AND INNOVATION

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Availability of Petition

The petition to amend regulations is available upon request directed to the Department's contact person.

Authority

Corporations Code sections 25204 and 25610.

Provisions of California Code of Regulations Affected

Title 10. Investment.

Chapter 3. Commissioner of Financial Protection and Innovation.

Subchapter 2. Corporate Securities.

Article 8. Licensing of Broker–Dealers and Agents.

Summary of Petition and Department Decision

Section 260.204.6, Subdivision (a).

Petitioner's Request:

- (1) Update the reference to “California Finance Lenders Law” to the “California Financing Law”. The name of the law was changed in 2017. See Stats 2017, ch. 475, § 4.
- (2) Correct the reference to the Industrial Loan Law. This reference is incorrect because the referenced law, notwithstanding its formal title, regulates premium finance companies. These companies are limited to advancing money directly or indirectly to an insurer or producer at the request of an insured pursuant to the terms of a premium finance agreement. The correct reference would be to “industrial banks” licensed under Chapter 15, Division 1.1 of the Financial Code (commencing with § 1530). As a result of legislation enacted in 2000, the industrial loan companies, other than premium finance companies, were renamed “industrial banks.” Stats. 2000, ch. 1015.

Department's Response:

The Department grants the petition to:

- (1) Amend “California Finance Lenders Law” to “California Financing Law”.
- (2) Amend “industrial loan company doing business under the Industrial Loan Law (Division 7, commencing with Section 18000 of the Financial Code)” to “industrial bank licensed under Chapter 15, Division 1.1 of the Financial Code (commencing with Section 1530).”

Department's Reasons:

- (1) Fin. Code § 22000 et seq., was amended by Stats. 2017, Ch. 475, Sec. 4. (AB 1284) to be cited as “California Financing Law.”
- (2) Senate Bill 2148, which became effective on September 29, 2000, effectively split the category of “industrial loan companies” into “industrial banks” subject to the Banking Law and “premium finance agencies” governed by the Industrial Loan Law.

10 CCR § 260.240.6 states: “An exemption from the provisions of Section 25210 of the Code is hereby granted, as being necessary and appropriate in the public interest and for the protection of investors, to: (a) Any person... licensed as an industrial loan company... when engaged in transactions in a series of notes secured by interests in the same real property, or in undivided interests in a note secured by real property.” However, *only* an “industrial bank” would be able to engage in making loans that are secured by real property. An “industrial loan company,” defined by Financial Code section 18003 as a “premium finance agency,” could not make such a loan because they are only permitted to engage in the industrial loan business which consists of “premium financing” as de-

financed in Financial Code section 18563 and the issuing or selling of “investment certificates subject to the limitations set forth in Financial Code section 18596.”

Therefore, the Department agrees with the petitioner that the reference in 10 CCR § 260.240.6 to “industrial loan companies” should be to “industrial banks” and not to “industrial loan companies” which are now defined by Financial Code section 18003 as “premium finance agencies.”

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL PROTECTION AND INNOVATION

RULEMAKING PETITION DECISION

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Availability of Petition

The petition to amend regulations is available upon request to the Department’s contact person.

Authority

Corporations Code sections 25204 and 25610.

Provisions of California Code of Regulations Affected:

Title 10; Chapter 3; Subchapter 2; Article 2; Section 260.204.7.

Summary of Petition and Department Decision: Section 260.204.7

Petitioner’s Request: Update reference to California Education Code section 22205.2.

Reason for Request: California Education Code section 22205.2 was repealed.

Department’s Response: The Department grants the Petition to update the reference to California Education Code section 22205.2.

Department’s Reasons: California Education Code section 22205.2 was repealed. *See* Stats.1993, ch. 893, § 1, page 4867.

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Availability of Petition

The petition to amend regulations is available upon request to the Department’s contact person.

Authority

Corporations Code sections 25100.1, 25101 and 25610.

Provisions of California Code of Regulations Affected:

Title 10; Chapter 3; Subchapter 2; Article 2; Section 260.105.35, “Exchange–Traded Options on Stock Indices”

Summary of Petition and Department Decision:

Section 260.105.35.

Petitioner’s Request:

Repeal section 260.105.35 in its entirety because it does not appropriately reflect federal preemption and does not accurately and completely refer to all national securities exchanges.

Department’s Response:

The Department denies the Petition to rescind section 260.105.35 in its entirety, but agrees to amend the section.

Department’s Reasons:

The Department generally agrees with the issues raised by the Petitioner, but the Department has determined these issues can be addressed by amending the regulation rather than repealing it.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL PROTECTION AND INNOVATION

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Availability of Petition

The petition to amend regulations is available upon request to the Department’s contact person.

Authority

Corporations Code section 25610; Financial Code sections 22150 and 50304.

Provisions of California Code of Regulations Affected:

Title 10; Chapter 3; Subchapter 1; Article 5; Sections 250.60 and 250.61.

Summary of Petition and Department Decision:

Section 250.60 and 250.61.

Petitioner's Requests:

1. Amend Section 250.50(d)(8)(B); (9)(C); 10(B), (f)(1),(3), (4) & (6); (g); and (h), change “Department of Business Oversight” to “Department of Financial Protection and Innovation”.
2. Amend Section 250.60(f)(2) to change “Immigration and Naturalization Service” to “U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service”.
3. Amend Section 250.60(f)(2), (4), (5) & (6); and (g) to replace “INS” with “USCIS”.
4. Amend Section 250.60(k) to change “Commissioner of Corporations” to “Commissioner of Financial Protection and Innovation”.
5. Amend Section 250.60(f)(4) & (5) to replace “INS Form G845” with “Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements”.
6. Amend Section 250.60(f)(4) to replace “may” with “must” in the second and third sentences. In the third sentence, delete “with the local INS office”.
7. Amend Section 250.60(a) to include mortgage loan originator license and program administrator license.
8. Amend Section 250.61 to replace “Department of Business Oversight” with “Department of Financial Protection & Innovation” in the headings.
9. Amend Section 250.61, Section B to replace “Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS)” with “Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS)” and replace “INS” with “USCIS” throughout. Replace “EOIR” with United States Department of Justice Executive Office for Immigration Review. “EOIR” is not defined anywhere in the current form.
10. Amend Section 250.61, Section D, List A, third bullet to replace “Report of birth abroad of a U.S. citizen” with “Consular Report of Birth Abroad” which is the title of the form FS–240. Replace “INS” with “USCIS” throughout.
11. Although it is doubtful in the extreme that any living person would be subject to Section 250.61, Section D, List A, F, fix the number concord error in “A women”.
12. Amend Section 250.61, Section D, List B to replace “INS” with “USCIS” throughout.
13. Amend Section 250.61, Section D, List B, first bullet, instruction regarding INS Form G–845,

which was a paper form replaced by the electronic Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) process.

14. Amend Section 250.61, Section D, List B, F to reflect current procedure when there is minimal or no documentation regarding a claimed filing.

Reasons for Requests:

1. None provided.
2. The Immigration and Naturalization Service was abolished pursuant to the Homeland Security Act of 2002, 6 U.S.C. Sec. 291.
3. None provided.
4. None provided.
5. None provided.
6. Beginning in 2018, all agencies must submit their requests and institute additional verification electronically. See: <https://www.uscis.gov/archive/save-goes-completely-paperless>.
7. Because these are commercial and/or professional licenses, they constitute a “state or local benefit” as defined in 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1621(c). Please note that the failure to include all state or local benefits granted by the Department of Financial Protection & Innovation may mean that the department is in violation of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996.
8. None provided.
9. With regard to the request to replace “Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS)” with “Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS)” and replace “INS” with “USCIS”, none provided. With regard to the request to replace “EOIR” with United States Department of Justice Executive Office for Immigration Review, “EOIR” is not defined anywhere in the current form.
10. With regard to the request to replace “Report of birth abroad of a U.S. citizen” with “Consular Report of Birth Abroad”, that is the title of the form FS–240. With regard to the request to replace “INS” with “USCIS”, none provided.
11. There is a number concord error.
12. None provided.
13. A paper form was replaced by the electronic Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) process.
14. This will reflect current procedure when there is minimal or no documentation regarding a claimed filing

Department's Responses:

1. Deny. However, if this was meant to reference language in Section 250.60, grant.
2. Grant.
3. Grant.

4. Grant.
5. Deny. However, we will update this section to remove outdated references.
6. With regards to replacing “may” with “must”, deny. With regard to referencing “with the local INS office,” grant.
7. Grant.
8. Grant.
9. Grant.
10. Grant.
11. Grant.
12. Grant.
13. Deny. However, we will update this section to remove outdated references.
14. Grant.

Department’s Reasons:

1. California Code of Regulations, Title 10, Section 250.50 was repealed in 2009. However, if this was meant to reference Section 250.60, the Department grants this petition because it reflects the name change of the Department.
2. The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) was abolished pursuant to the Homeland Security Act of 2002, 6 U.S.C. § 291. These functions are now performed by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS).
3. This is the proper acronym of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service.
4. This reflects the Department’s name change.
5. There is no legal requirement to use the SAVE system.
6. With regards to replacing “may” with “must”, we have not found any legal requirement to submit documents to USCIS or to use the SAVE system. With regard to referencing “with the local INS office,” the INS was abolished pursuant to the Homeland Security Act of 2002, 6 U.S.C. § 291.
7. Because these are commercial and/or professional licenses, they constitute a “state or local benefit” as defined in 8 U.S.C. § 1621(c).
8. This reflects the Department’s name change.
9. The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) was abolished pursuant to the Homeland Security Act of 2002, 6 U.S.C. § 291. These functions are now performed by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS). The acronym “EOIR,” which refers to the United States Department of Justice’s Executive Office for Immi-

gration Review, should be defined and currently is not.

10. This change replaces “Report of birth abroad of a U.S. citizen” with the title of Form FS–240, “Consular Birth of Report Abroad,” clarifying that the report described in the original text refers to Form FS–240.
11. This change is grammatically correct.
12. This is the proper acronym of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service.
13. There is no legal requirement to use the SAVE system.
14. The procedure described using the INS Request Form appears to no longer be in use, and therefore, amendment may be necessary.

DECISION NOT TO PROCEED

STATE PERSONNEL BOARD

NOTICE OF DECISION NOT TO PROCEED

Pursuant to Government Code Section 11347

Re: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Concerning the Discrimination Complaint Process

Pursuant to Government Code Section 11347, State Personnel Board hereby gives notice that it has decided not to proceed with the rulemaking action published in the California Regulatory Register on July 18, 2025, Register 2025, Number 29–Z. The proposed rulemaking concerned the discrimination complaint process. (OAL Notice Z–2025–0708–02).

Any interested person with questions concerning this rulemaking should contact the Policy Division at either (916) 653–0920 or by email at: policy.mailbox@spb.ca.gov.

The State Personnel Board will also post this Notice of Decision Not to Proceed on its website.

**ACCEPTANCE OF
PETITION TO REVIEW
ALLEGED UNDERGROUND
REGULATIONS**

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES AUTHORITY**

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW
ACCEPTANCE OF PETITION TO REVIEW
ALLEGED UNDERGROUND REGULATION

**(Pursuant to title 1, section 270 of the California
Code of Regulations)**

The Office of Administrative Law accepted for consideration a petition challenging the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA). The petitioner alleges an undated two–page document titled, “Levels of Exclusivity for Scope of Operations of ‘Emergency Ambulance Services’” and “Ambulance Service Scope of Operation Definitions” issued by EMSA is an underground regulation. Public comments on the petition will be accepted until August 10, 2026. Please send your comments to:

Timothy Findley
Office of Administrative Law
300 Capitol Mall, Street. 1250
Sacramento, CA 95814
Or staff@oal.ca.gov

A copy of your comment must also be sent to the petitioner and the challenged agency:
Petitioner:

Daniel McDonnell
Orange County Emergency Medical Services
8300 Marine Way
Irvine, California 92618

Agency contact:

Ashley Williams
Emergency Medical Services Authority
11120 International Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, California 95670

Please note the following timeline:

Publication of Petition in Notice Register: 7/10/2026.

Deadline for Public Comments: 8/10/2026.

Deadline for Agency Response: 8/24/2026.

Deadline for Petitioner Rebuttal: No later than 15 days after receipt of the agency’s response.

Deadline for OAL Decision: 11/9/2026.

The petition and any attachments are not being printed for practical reasons and space consideration. If you would like to receive a copy of the petition, please contact staff@oal.ca.gov.

**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 Resources Recycling and Recovery

File # 2026–0616–03

Covered Electronic Waste Recycling Program
Enforcement Regulations

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

Office of the State Fire Marshal

File # 2026–0618–03

Pipeline Safety — Carbon Dioxide Pipelines

This emergency action by the Office of the State Fire Marshal adopts regulations governing the safe transportation of carbon dioxide in pipelines in accordance with Government Code section 51011.5. This action is a deemed emergency and shall remain in effect until amended by the State Fire Marshall pursuant to Government Code section 51011.5, subdivision (a)(1)(B)(i).

Title 19

Adopt: 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2174.1, 2174.2, 2174.3, 2174.4, 2174.5, 2175, 2175.1, 2175.2, 2175.3, 2175.4, 2175.5, 2175.6, 2176, 2176.1, 2176.2, 2176.3, 2177, 2177.1, 2177.2, 2177.3, 2177.4, 2177.5, 2177.6, 2178, 2178.1, 2178.2, 2178.3, 2178.4, 2178.5, 2178.6, 2178.7, 2179, 2180, 2180.1, 2180.2, 2181, 2182

Filed 06/29/2026

Effective 06/29/2026

Agency Contact: Jena Garcia (916) 531–7650

Department of Public Health

File # 2026–0618–04

**Addition of Newborn Screening Test Request
Number to Certificate of Birth Record**

In this emergency file and print action pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 124977, subdivision (d), the Department of Public Health adopts a regulation to require the newborn screening number to be captured on the copy only of the certificate of live birth.

Title 17

Adopt: 917

Filed 06/25/2026

Effective 06/25/2026

Agency Contact: Dawn Basciano (916) 440–7367

Air Resources Board

File # 2026–0619–02

**Emergency Vehicle Emissions Regulations —
Second Readoption**

This emergency readoption action pursuant to Government Code section 11346.1(h) submitted by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) seeks to readopt OAL File Nos. 2025–0922–01E and 2026–0316–04EE, which adopted alternative criteria pollutant standards and associated on-board diagnostic requirements.

Title 13, 17

Adopt: 1900.0.1, 1956.8.1, 1961.2.1, 1961.3.1, 1962.2.1, 1962.3.1, 1965.0.1, 1968.2.1, 1968.5.1, 1969.0.1, 1971.1.1, 1971.5.1, 1976.0.1, 1978.0.1, 2035.0.1, 2036.0.1, 2037.0.1, 2038.0.1, 2040.0.1, 2111.0.1, 2112.0.1, 2113.0.1, 2114.0.1, 2115.0.1, 2116.0.1, 2117.0.1, 2118.0.1, 2119.0.1, 2121.0.1, 2123.0.1, 2125.0.1, 2126.0.1, 2127.0.1, 2128.0.1, 2129.0.1, 2130.0.1, 2131.0.1, 2133.0.1, 2137.0.1, 2139.0.1, 2140.0.1, 2141.0.1, 2142.0.1, 2143.0.1, 2144.0.1, 2145.0.1, 2146.0.1, 2147.0.1, 2148.0.1, 2149.0.1, 2317.0.1, 2423.0.1, 2485.0.1, 2903.0.1, 95300.0.1, 95301.0.1, 95302.0.1, 95303.0.1, 95304.0.1, 95305.0.1, 95306.0.1, 95307.0.1, 95308.0.1, 95309.0.1, 95310.0.1, 95311.0.1, 95312.0.1, 95660.0.1, 95661.0.1, 95662.0.1, 95663.0.1, 95664.0.1, 95300.0.1, 95301.0.1, 95302.0.1, 95303.0.1, 95304.0.1, 95305.0.1, 95306.0.1, 95307.0.1, 95308.0.1, 95309.0.1, 95310.0.1, 95311.0.1, 95312.0.1, 95660.0.1, 95661.0.1, 95662.0.1, 95663.0.1, 95664.0.1

Amend: 1900, 1956.8, 1961.2, 1961.3, 1962.2, 1962.3, 1965, 1968.2, 1968.5, 1969, 1971.1, 1971.5, 1976, 1978, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2040, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2121, 2123, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2133, 2137, 2139, 2139.5, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2166, 2166.1, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2169.1, 2169.2, 2169.3, 2169.4, 2169.5, 2169.6, 2169.7, 2169.8, 2170, 2317, 2423, 2485, 2903

95300, 95301, 95302, 95303, 95304, 95305, 95306, 95307, 95308, 95309, 95310, 95311, 95312, 95660, 95661, 95662, 95663, 95664

Filed 06/29/2026

Effective 06/29/2026

Agency Contact: Lindsay Garcia (916) 546–2286

**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 Student Aid Commission
File # 2026–0622–01
Reporting of Program Data

In this emergency readoption action pursuant to Government Code section 11346.1(h), the California Student Aid Commission readopts amendments to reporting requirements for enrollment, persistence and graduation data.

Title 05
Amend: 30040, 30041, 30041.5, 30042
Filed 06/30/2026
Effective 06/30/2026
Agency Contact:
Synequeen Alasa—as (916) 464–6411

Department of Public Health
File # 2026–0619–01
Cannery Emergency Regulations — Batch Release Elimination

In this emergency readoption action pursuant to Government Code section 11346.1(h), the Department of Public Health removes regulatory requirements for batch releases, updates requirements for spoilage, creates new notification requirements for process deviations and contamination of microorganisms, and adds definitions.

Title 17
Adopt: 12350, 12355, 13250
Amend: 12470, 12555, 12560
Repeal: 12400, 12445
Filed 06/25/2026
Effective 07/01/2026
Agency Contact: Michael Boutros (916) 949–3514

California State University
File # 2026–0521–02
Baccalaureate Degree Formats

This action by the Board of Trustees of the California State University adopts and amends baccalaureate degree regulations. This action is exempt from the Administrative Procedure Act and takes effect upon filing with the Secretary of State pursuant to Education Code sections 89030 and 89030.1, respectively,

and is submitted to the Office of Administrative Law for courtesy filing with the Secretary of State and for printing in the California Code of Regulations.

Title 05
Adopt: 40502, 40503, 40504
Amend: 40403, 40508
Filed 07/01/2026
Effective 07/01/2026
Agency Contact: Jason Taylor (562) 951–4500

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 Highway Patrol
File # 2026–0514–03
CVSA NAS Out-of-Service Criteria

In this section 100 action, California Highway Patrol incorporates by reference the April 20, 2026, version of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) North American Standard (NAS) Out-of-Service Criteria to replace the prior version.

Title 13
Amend: 1239
Filed 06/26/2026
Agency Contact: Erica De Parsia (916) 843–3400

Board of Chiropractic Examiners
File # 2026–0520–02
Practice Prohibited with Inactive License

This regular rulemaking action by the Board of Chiropractic Examiners (“Board”) prohibits holders of an inactive doctor of chiropractic license from engaging in any activities in which an active license is required. This action further specifies activities within the practice of chiropractic that require an active doctor of chiropractic license.

Title 16
Adopt: 310.3
Filed 06/26/2026
Effective 10/01/2026
Agency Contact: Kristin Walker (916) 574–7784

Board of Chiropractic Examiners
File # 2026–0520–03
Repeal of Mental Illness Regulation

This rulemaking action by the Board of Chiropractic Examiners repeals a regulation pertaining to mental illness which is duplicative of existing statutory authority.

Title 16
Repeal: 315
Filed 06/30/2026
Effective 10/01/2026
Agency Contact: Kristin Walker (916) 574–7784

Bureau of Real Estate Appraisers
File # 2026–0520–04
Appraiser Qualifications Board. Education Updates

In this rulemaking action, the Bureau of Real Estate Appraisers updates the continuing education requirements for its licensees.

Title 10
Amend: 3542, 3543, 3681
Filed 06/30/2026
Effective 10/01/2026
Agency Contact: Christine Jacob (916) 574–8014

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

Fish and Game Commission
File # 2026–0515–01
Klamath River Basin Sport Fishing 2026

In this action, the Fish and Game Commission amends its regulation to update open season and bag limits for Chinook Salmon in the Klamath River Basin.

Title 14
Amend: 7.40(b)(50)
Filed 06/25/2026
Effective 07/01/2026
Agency Contact: David Haug (916) 902–9286

Fish and Game Commission
File # 2026–0519–01
Bighorn Sheep Hunting, 2026–27

In this rulemaking action the California Fish and Game Commission amends regulations regarding Nelson Bighorn Sheep hunting zones and license tags.

Title 14
Amend: 362
Filed 06/30/2026
Effective 07/01/2026
Agency Contact: Sherrie Fonbuena (916) 902–9284

Fish and Game Commission
File # 2026–0519–02
Bear Hunting

In this rulemaking action, the Fish and Game Commission amends regulations to expand the hunting boundaries and the take/possession limits for black bear hunting.

Title 14
Amend: 365, 366, 708.12
Filed 06/30/2026
Effective 07/01/2026
Agency Contact: David Haug (916) 902–9286

Fish and Game Commission
File # 2026–0521–04
Waterfowl Hunting

In this regular rulemaking action, the Fish and Game Commission (“Commission”) amends the dates and daily bag limits for the 2026–27 season for various California waterfowl hunting zones. The Commission also amends the Youth and Veterans and Active Military Personnel waterfowl hunting days.

Title 14
Amend: 502
Filed 06/30/2026
Effective 06/30/2026
Agency Contact: Jenn Bacon (916) 902–9285

Department of Financial Protection and Innovation
File # 2026–0623–02
Digital Financial Asset Law — Application

This rulemaking action by the Department of Financial Protection and Innovation (“Department”) establishes license application and reporting procedures

for persons engaged in digital financial asset business activity.

Title 10

Adopt: 80.126.40, 80.156.10, 80.159.10, 80.159.20, 80.159.30, 80.165.10, 1200, 1210, 1211, 1212, 1213, 1214, 1215, 1216, 1217, 1218, 1220, 1221, 1222, 1230, 1240, 1250

Amend: 80.3002

Filed 06/29/2026

Effective 06/29/2026

Agency Contact: Diana Pha (916) 208–8326

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 California 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

Department of Real Estate

File # 2026–0615–04

Fee Harmonization per SB 164 (2024)

This rulemaking by the Department of Real Estate revises various fees for real estate licensing and transactions, primarily reflecting higher minimum fees imposed by Senate Bill (SB) 164 (Ch. 41, Stats. 2024).

Title 10

Adopt: 2790.1.7, 2851.5, 2931

Amend: 2716.1, 2790.1.5, 2790.6, 2793, 2799.2, 2810.5, 2847, 3002, 3009

Filed 06/29/2026

Effective 06/29/2026

Agency Contact: Daniel Kehew (916) 737–4391

Public Employment Relations Board

File # 2026–0617–01

Legislature Employer–Employee Relations Act

This action by the Public Employment Relations Board adopts, amends, and repeals regulations to further implement the Legislative Employer–Employee Relations Act (LEERA, Gov. Code, § 3599.50 et seq.).

Title 08

Adopt: 31190, 32002, 32705, 93000, 93010, 93020, 93030, 93040, 93050, 93060, 93070, 93080, 93100, 93110, 93120, 93130, 93140, 93150, 93160, 93200, 93210, 93220, 93230

Amend: 31001, 32001, 32011, 32016, 32018,

32019.8, 32019.84, 32020, 32030, 32033, 32035, 32040, 32050, 32055, 32060, 32075, 32080, 32085, 32090, 32091, 32092, 32093, 32094, 32096, 32100, 32105, 32110, 32111, 32115, 32120, 32125, 32130, 32132, 32135, 32136, 32140, 32143, 32145, 32147, 32149, 32150, 32155, 32162, 32164, 32168, 32169, 32170, 32175, 32176, 32178, 32180, 32185, 32190, 32200, 32205, 32206, 32207, 32209, 32210, 32212, 32215, 32220, 32230, 32295, 32300, 32305, 32310, 32312, 32315, 32320, 32325, 32350, 32360, 32370, 32375, 32380, 32400, 32410, 32450, 32455, 32460, 32465, 32470, 32500, 32602, 32615, 32616, 32620, 32621, 32625, 32630, 32635, 32640, 32644, 32645, 32647, 32648, 32649, 32650, 32661, 32680, 32690, 32700, 32720, 32722, 32724, 32726, 32728, 32730, 32732, 32734, 32735, 32736, 32738, 32739, 32740, 32742, 32744, 32746, 32748, 32750, 32752, 32754, 32761, 32762, 32763, 32770, 32772, 32774, 32776, 32781, 32783, 32784, 32786, 32791, 32792, 32793, 32795, 32980, 71010

Repeal: 32006, 32008, 32039, 32165, 32166, 32721, 33001, 33015, 40160, 51010, 61005, 81005, 91005, 95020

Filed 06/30/2026

Effective 07/01/2026

Agency Contact: James Coffey (916) 584–5676

**PRIOR REGULATORY
DECISIONS AND CCR
CHANGES FILED WITH THE
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