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**PROPOSED ACTION ON
REGULATIONS**

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**TITLE 2. FAIR POLITICAL
PRACTICES COMMISSION**

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

CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODES

AMENDMENT

MULTI-COUNTY: Santa Barbara San Luis Obispo
Regional Health Authority
dba CenCal Health

STATE AGENCY: State Board of Food and
Agriculture
Sierra Nevada Conservancy

ADOPTION

MULTI-COUNTY: California Cooperative Liquid
Assets Securities System

A written comment period has been established commencing on July 17, 2026, and closing on August 31, 2026. Written comments should be directed to the Fair Political Practices Commission, Attention: Maia Kocinsky-Kirkham, 1102 Q Street, Suite 3050, Sacramento, California 95811.

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

The Executive Director of the Commission will review the above-referenced conflict-of-interest codes, proposed pursuant to Government Code Section 87300, which designate, pursuant to Government

Code Section 87302, employees who must disclose certain investments, interests in real property and income.

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

Any interested person may present statements, arguments, or comments, in writing to the Executive Director of the Commission, relative to review of the proposed conflict-of-interest codes. Any written comments must be received no later than August 31, 2026. If a public hearing is to be held, oral comments may be presented to the Commission at the hearing.

COST TO LOCAL AGENCIES

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

**EFFECT ON HOUSING
COSTS AND BUSINESSES**

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

AUTHORITY

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

REFERENCE

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

CONTACT

Any inquiries concerning the proposed conflict-of-interest codes should be made to Maia Kocinsky-Kirkham, Fair Political Practices Com-

mission, 1102 Q Street, Suite 3050, Sacramento, California 95811, or email mkocinsky-kirkham@fppc.ca.gov.

AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODES

Copies of the proposed conflict-of-interest codes may be obtained from the Commission offices or the respective agency. Requests for copies from the Commission should be made to Maia Kocinsky-Kirkham, Fair Political Practices Commission, 1102 Q Street, Suite 3050, Sacramento, California 95811, or email mkocinsky-kirkham@fppc.ca.gov.

TITLE 2. FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

ENFORCEMENT PENALTIES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fair Political Practices Commission (the Commission or FPPC), under the authority vested in it under the Political Reform Act (the Act)¹ by Section 83112 of the Government Code, proposes to adopt, amend, or repeal regulations in Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations. The Commission will consider the proposed regulation at a public hearing on or after **AUGUST 20, 2026**, at the offices of the Fair Political Practices Commission, 1102 Q Street, Suite 3050, Sacramento, California, commencing at approximately **10:00 a.m.** Written comments should be received at the Commission offices no later than **5:00 p.m.** on **AUGUST 18, 2026**.

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW

Regulations 18360.1–18360.3 contain the procedural and substantive rules regarding the Enforcement Division’s Streamline resolution program. The Streamline resolution program is a framework for resolving low-level violations of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”) in a manner that is meant to be faster than the Mainline penalty process.² Streamline cases also result in lower fines than Mainline cases.

¹ The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code Sections 81000 through 91014. All statutory references are to the Government Code, unless otherwise indicated. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in Sections 18110 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations. All regulatory references are to Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations, unless otherwise indicated.

² A Mainline penalty differs from a Streamline penalty in that the monetary penalty is higher (up to \$5,000 per count), the Stipulation includes a narrative describing the pertinent facts of the case in detail, and the Stipulation must be approved by a vote of the Commission.

Regulation 18360.1 establishes the Streamline resolution program for certain campaign-related violations of the Act. Regulation 18360.2 does the same for certain types of ethics and lobbying violations. Regulation 18360.3 sets the penalty range for Tier One and Tier Two Streamline cases.

Commission staff has identified a need to clarify certain procedural requirements and eligibility criteria of the Streamline resolution program. Specifically, the proposed amendments would provide clearer direction to staff regarding eligibility criteria, specify the type of information that must be included in a Streamline stipulation, clarify the circumstances under which correction of the underlying violation is required, eliminate duplicative Warning Letter procedures, and provide a formal procedure for applying discretion in borderline cases. The amendments also harmonize certain violation-specific eligibility criteria with corresponding language in the relevant statutes, and make non-substantive grammatical or terminological changes for clarity and readability.

REGULATORY ACTION

Amend 2 Cal. Code Regs. Section 18360.1

The Commission may consider amending Regulation 18360.1, which establishes the Streamline resolution program for certain campaign-related violations of the Act. The proposed amendments:

- Expressly rephrases eligibility criteria for particular types of violations as either “exclusions” or “factors for consideration” to provide clearer guidance regarding mandatory versus advisory criteria.
- Clarifies that a Streamline stipulation shall include sufficient information to identify the specific count(s) “being charged” and demonstrate why a Streamline penalty is an appropriate resolution. This language also means uncharged counts need not be itemized on a Streamline stipulation, however Enforcement “may” list counts for which a Warning Letter is being issued.
- Establishes a formal procedure for invoking discretion to allow borderline cases into a particular Streamline tier where an exclusion would otherwise apply. Specifically, the Enforcement Chief will make a recommendation to the Executive Director, who must then approve the use of discretion to override an exclusion.
- Removes other references to Warning Letters and Mainline penalties, which are not governed by these regulations.
- Makes clear that compliance must be secured prior to completing Political Reform Education Program (PREP) or entering into a Streamline stip-

ulation, except when circumstances do not make such compliance practical or within the public interest.

- Moves the reference to the Enforcement Chief’s authority to not charge particular violations from its current location in Regulation 18360.3 (dealing with penalties) to Subsection (a) of Regulations 18360.1 and 18360.2 (which mirror one another) in order to keep all procedural rules pertaining to the initiation of a Streamline case in one place.
- Changes the terms “city and county committees” and “state committees” for purposes of the Streamline program to “small committees” and “large committees,” respectively.
- Adds additional mitigating factors for inclusion of late-filed 24-Hour Report to Tier One Streamline, specifically where the late-reported contribution or expenditure was made from the candidate’s own personal funds or where a committee raised or spent less than \$10,000 in connection with an election.
- Decreases the thresholds for cash contribution violations that may be included in Streamline from \$5,000 to \$2,500 for PREP and Tier One Streamline, and from \$10,000 to \$5,000 for Tier Two Streamline.
- Harmonizes the criteria regarding Streamline eligibility for Section 84308 violations with recent legislative changes to the latter Section, specifically by eliminating the requirement that a contribution need be returned “prior to a decision being rendered in a proceeding” and eliminating outdated monetary thresholds.
- Removes excess or duplicative verbiage and makes other non-substantive grammatical or terminological changes for clarity and readability.

Amend 2 Cal. Code Regs. Section 18360.2

The Commission may consider amending Regulation 18360.2, which establishes the Streamline resolution program for certain types of ethics and lobbying violations of the Act. The proposed amendments:

- Expressly rephrases eligibility criteria for particular types of violations as either “exclusions” or “factors for consideration” to provide clearer guidance regarding mandatory versus advisory criteria.
- Clarifies that a Streamline stipulation shall include sufficient information to identify the specific count(s) “being charged” and demonstrate why a Streamline penalty is an appropriate resolution. This language also means unchanged counts need not be itemized on a Streamline stipulation, however Enforcement “may” list counts for which a Warning Letter is being issued.

- Establishes a formal procedure for invoking discretion to allow borderline cases into a particular Streamline tier where an exclusion would otherwise apply. Specifically, the Enforcement Chief will make a recommendation to the Executive Director, who must then approve the use of discretion to override an exclusion.
- Removes other references to Warning Letters and Mainline penalties, which are not governed by these regulations.
- Makes clear that compliance must be secured prior to completing PREP or entering into a Streamline stipulation, except when circumstances do not make such compliance practical or within the public interest.
- Moves the reference to the Enforcement Chief’s authority to not charge particular violations from its current location in Regulation 18360.3 (dealing with penalties) to Subsection (a) of Regulations 18360.1 and 18360.2 (which mirror one another) in order to keep all procedural rules pertaining to the initiation of a Streamline case in one place.
- Eliminate the exclusions from Tier Two Streamline for lobbying violations involving “multiple reports not timely filed.”
- Include any gift limit violation within Tier Two Streamline where the filer returned the gift unused or reimbursed the source of the gift for the difference between the gift’s fair market value and the applicable gift limit prior to the date the gift was required to be disclosed.
- Harmonize the criteria regarding Streamline eligibility for behested payment violations with FPPC regulations pertaining to those violations, specifically by excluding from PREP and both Streamline Tiers a violation where the maker of the payment was a named party in, or the subject of, a proceeding before the Respondent or the Respondent’s agency while the decision was pending and within 12 months prior to the proceeding. Previously, the regulation stated that the timeline for this exclusion was “three months before and for three months following the date a final decision was rendered.”
- Removes excess or duplicative verbiage and makes other non-substantive grammatical or terminological changes for clarity and readability.

Amend 2 Cal. Code Regs. Section 18360.3

The Commission may consider amending Regulation 18360.2, which sets the penalty range for Tier One and Tier Two Streamline cases. The proposed amendments:

- Moves the reference to the Enforcement Chief’s authority to not charge particular violations from

its current location in Regulation 18360.3 (dealing with penalties) to Subsection (a) of Regulations 18360.1 and 18360.2 (which mirror one another) in order to keep all procedural rules pertaining to the initiation of a Streamline case in one place.

- Add Tier Two Streamline penalty ranges for Improper Recusal for a Conflict of Interest and Recurring Contribution violations, and adjusts the penalty range for Tier One Recurring Contribution violations.

SCOPE

The Commission may adopt the language noticed herein, or it may choose new language to implement its decisions concerning the issue identified above or any related issue.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact on Local Government. None.

Fiscal Impact on State Government. None.

Fiscal Impact on Federal Funding of State Programs. None.

AUTHORITY

Section 83112, Government Code provides that the Fair Political Practices Commission may adopt, amend, and rescind rules and regulations to carry out the purposes and provisions of the Act.

REFERENCE

The purpose of this regulation is to implement, interpret, and make specific Government Code Section 83116.5.

CONTACT

Any inquiries should be made to SIMON RUSSELL, Fair Political Practices Commission, 1102 Q Street, Suite 3050, Sacramento, CA 95811; email: sirussell@fppc.ca.gov; telephone (279) 237–5989. The proposed regulatory language can be accessed at <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/the-law/fppc-regulations/proposed-regulations-and-notices.html>.

TITLE 2. FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

AI DISCLAIMERS ON ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fair Political Practices Commission (the Commission or FPPC), under the authority vested in it under the Political Re-

form Act (the Act)¹ by Section 83112 of the Government Code, proposes to adopt, amend, or repeal regulations in Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations. The Commission will consider the proposed regulation at a public hearing on or after **August 20, 2026**, at the offices of the Fair Political Practices Commission, 1102 Q Street, Suite 3050, Sacramento, California, commencing at approximately **10:00 a.m.** Written comments should be received at the Commission offices no later than **5:00 p.m. on August 18, 2026**.

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW

To help provide greater transparency when artificial intelligence (“AI”) is used to create campaign advertisements, AB 2355, approved by the Governor on September 17, 2024, added Section 84514 to the Act. Section 84514 requires disclosure of the use of AI in campaign advertisements. It requires clear and conspicuous disclosure when an image, audio, or video in a political advertisement is generated or substantially altered using AI. It includes definitions of “artificial intelligence” and “qualified political advertisement,” which it defines as an advertisement that contains any image, audio, or video generated or substantially altered using artificial intelligence.

Section 84514 requires disclosure for content that is either: entirely created using AI and would falsely appear to a reasonable person to be authentic or materially altered by AI such that the alteration would cause a reasonable person to have a fundamentally different understanding of the altered media when comparing it to an unaltered version.

The Act requires candidates, treasurers, principal officers, and elected officers to maintain detailed accounts, records, bills, and receipts necessary to prepare campaign statements, to establish that campaign statements were properly filed, and to otherwise comply with the provisions of the Act. (Section 84104). Regulation 18401 specifies the types of records that candidates and committees must maintain to satisfy Section 84104. While a committee should maintain copies of all advertisements it produces in order to show it has complied with the Act’s advertising disclosure requirements, Regulation 18401 does not specify the record retention requirements for committee advertisements. Staff proposes amending Regulation 18401 to provide specific guidance on the application of the Act’s recordkeeping requirement to committee

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advertisements. The proposed amendments include provisions requiring committees to maintain copies of all advertisements it produced, as well as the original versions of materials used to create advertisements that have been modified using AI, to help ensure compliance with Section 84514.

REGULATORY ACTION

The Commission may review and consider all aspects of the AI Disclosure and Required Recordkeeping regulations, including, but not limited to, the adoption of regulatory language to clarify circumstances where the use of AI in campaign advertising would require disclosure. The Commission may also consider all aspects of the new regulation that would specifically disclose requirements for advertisements that are created or modified using artificial intelligence. While the Commission may review and consider any aspect of Regulations 18401 and 18450.12, it is anticipated that the Commission will specifically consider each of the following proposals made by Commission staff:

Amend 2 Ca. Code Regs Section 18401

Amend Section 18401 subdivision (a)(11) to add language clarifying that, for each advertisement authorized and paid for by the candidate, treasurer, elected officer, or committee, original source documentation must consist of a full and accurate copy of each advertisement, and, to the extent an authentic image, audio, or video is used to generate a qualified political advertisement, as defined in Section 84514(d)(3), the original source documentation must consist of a copy of the authentic media used.

Adopt 2 Cal. Code Regs. Section 18450.12

It is anticipated the Commission will consider the following:

- Clarifying that a “generated or substantially altered” as defined in Section 84514(d)(2)(A) does not include advertisements generated with the assistance of artificial intelligence that is explicitly programmed with rules or tools solely designed to assist with grammar, spelling, or word suggestions without generating human likeness or voice
- Clarifying, for purposes of Section 84514(d)(2)(A)(i), the meaning of the term “authentic.”
- Clarifying that, for purposes of Section 84514(d)(2)(A)(ii), media materially altered by artificial intelligence will cause a reasonable person to have a fundamentally different understanding of the altered media when it depicts an individual saying or doing something the individual did not say or do, or contains a realistic depiction of something that did not occur.

SCOPE

The Commission may adopt the language noticed herein, or it may choose new language to implement its decisions concerning the issues identified above or any related issues.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact on Local Government. This regulation will have no fiscal impact on any local entity or program.

Fiscal Impact on State Government. This regulation will have no fiscal impact on any state entity or program.

Fiscal Impact on Federal Funding of State Programs. This regulation will have no fiscal impact on the federal funding of any state program or entity.

AUTHORITY

Section 83112, Government Code provides that the Fair Political Practices Commission may adopt, amend, and rescind rules and regulations to carry out the purposes and provisions of the Act.

REFERENCE

The purpose of this regulation is to implement, interpret, and make specific Government Code Sections 84104 and 84514.

CONTACT

Any inquiries should be made to Zachary Norton, Fair Political Practices Commission, 1102 Q Street, Suite 3050, Sacramento, CA 95811; telephone (916) 322–5660 or 1–866–ASK–FPPC. Proposed regulatory language can be accessed at <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/the-law/fppc-regulations/proposed-regulations-and-notices.html>.

TITLE 2. FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

COMBINED CAMPAIGN REPORTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fair Political Practices Commission (the Commission or FPPC), under the authority vested in it under the Political Re-

form Act (the Act)¹ by Section 83112 of the Government Code, proposes to adopt, amend, or repeal regulations in Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations. The Commission will consider the proposed regulation at a public hearing on or after **August 20, 2026**, at the offices of the Fair Political Practices Commission, 1102 Q Street, Suite 3050, Sacramento, California, commencing at approximately **10:00 a.m.** Written comments should be received at the Commission offices no later than **5:00 p.m.** on **August 18, 2026**.

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW

The Commission has the authority to adopt a regulation to permit candidates and committees to combine campaign reports when filing as required by the Act.² The Commission does not currently have a regulation permitting candidates and committees to file combined campaign reports.

In 1985, the Legislature adopted Section 84205 which provides that the Commission may, by regulation or written advice, permit candidates and committees to combine campaign reports when filing as required by the Act. Since 1985, Commission staff has provided formal written advice, on at least 94 separate occasions, permitting candidates and committees to file combined campaign reports when filing pursuant to a filing schedule approved by Commission staff.

The proposed regulation provides the general parameters and procedures to permit candidates and committees to file combined campaign reports, when Commission staff determines doing so would not reduce or delay disclosure. The proposed regulation will give Commission staff flexibility to permit the filing of combined campaign reports in a much more efficient and expeditious manner as a formal written advice letter would no longer be required.

REGULATORY ACTION

Adopt 2 Cal. Code Regs. Section 18420.5.

Staff proposes the adoption of Regulation 18420.5 to codify the process for when candidates and committees are permitted to file combined campaign reports. Instead of requiring a formal advice letter to permit candidates and committees to file combined campaign reports, under the proposed regulation they would be

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² Sections 83112 and 84205.

permitted to file combined campaign reports pursuant to a filing schedule issued by the Commission.

SCOPE

The Commission may adopt the language noticed herein, or it may choose new language to implement its decisions concerning the issue identified above or any related issue.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact on Local Government. None.

Fiscal Impact on State Government. None.

Fiscal Impact on Federal Funding of State Programs. None.

AUTHORITY

Section 83112, Government Code provides that the Fair Political Practices Commission may adopt, amend, and rescind rules and regulations to carry out the purposes and provisions of the Act.

REFERENCE

Section 84205, Government Code.

CONTACT

Any inquiries should be made to Jenna C. Rinehart, Fair Political Practices Commission, 1102 Q Street, Suite 3050, Sacramento, CA 95811; email: JRinehart@fppc.ca.gov; telephone 279–237–5910. The proposed regulatory language can be accessed at <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/the-law/fppc-regulations/proposed-regulations-and-notices.html>.

TITLE 3. DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

COTTON JASSID (TWO-SPOTTED LEAFHOPPER) EXTERIOR QUARANTINE

The Department of Food and Agriculture (Department) proposes to make permanent the emergency adoption of Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 3290. Cotton Jassid (Two-Spotted Leafhopper) Exterior Quarantine.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing is not scheduled. However, a public hearing will be held if any interested person, or his or her duly authorized representative, submits a writ-

ten request for a public hearing to the Department no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Any interested person or his or her authorized representative may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulations to the Department. Comments may be submitted by USPS, FAX or email. The written comment period closes August 31, 2026. The Department will consider only comments received at the Department offices by that date or postmarked no later than August 31, 2026. Submit comments to:

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

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

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

AUTHORITY

The Department proposes to amend Section 3290 pursuant to the authority vested by Sections 407, 5301, 5302 and 5311 of the Food and Agricultural Code (FAC).

REFERENCE

The Department proposes this action to implement, interpret and make specific Sections 5024, 5301, 5311, 5701, 6403, 6441, 6442 and 6461 of the FAC.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

This will make permanent the emergency adoption of the cotton jassid exterior quarantine.

The purpose of CCR Section 3290 is to protect California from the invasive pest cotton jassid. Cotton jassid

is a pest with reported hosts in at least six plant families including cotton, grapevine, tomato, okra, eggplant, sunflower, and hibiscus. It has recently established in the southeastern United States and it was intercepted in California on October 8, 2025, on hibiscus from Alabama. Cotton jassid is native to Asia. Since the first detection of this pest in the southeastern United States (Florida, in 2024), it has spread quickly and is now reported to be present in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina. Movement of infested hibiscus plants from Florida likely facilitated some or all of this spread, as cotton jassid has been found on hibiscus plants from Florida (in Texas) and Alabama (in California). As cotton jassid is likely to have significant economic and environmental impacts if it were to establish in California, it has been assigned an “A” pest rating by the Department. The A pest rating designation places a target pest in the highest risk regulatory category.

EXISTING LAWS AND REGULATIONS

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

Existing law, FAC section 5024, provides that the Secretary, during the maintenance of any quarantine established by the secretary pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 5301) of Chapter 5, inspect any plant or thing that is, or is liable to be, infested or infected by, or which might act as a carrier of, any pest. The person who conducts the inspection shall not permit any of those plants or things to pass over the quarantine line during the inspection, except pursuant to a certificate of inspection and release that is signed by that person.

Existing law, FAC section 5301, provides that the Secretary may establish, maintain, and enforce such quarantine regulations as he or she deems necessary to protect the agricultural industry of this State from pests. The regulations may establish a quarantine at the boundaries of this State or elsewhere within the State.

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

Existing law, FAC section 5311, provides the Secretary may levy a civil penalty against a person violating this regulation in an amount not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for each violation.

The remainder of the section outlines the procedures for implementing this fine and the appeals process.

Existing law, FAC section 5701, provides that if any pest exists on any premises, the Secretary may hold any plant or other host or possible carrier which is, or may be, capable of disseminating or carrying the pest. The Secretary shall notify the owner of the plant or other host or possible carrier, or his or her agent, of this action, and the issuance of any shipping permit or nursery stock certificate with respect to the plant or other host or possible carrier shall be refused and any such permit or certificate which has been previously issued shall be revoked.

Existing law, FAC section 6403, provides that the officer who makes the inspection may enter at any time into any conveyance or place within the state where the plant or thing is located to ascertain whether it is, or is liable to be, infested or infected with any pest.

Existing law, FAC section 6441, provides that if, after inspection, any plant or thing is found to be infested or infected, the owner or bailee shall, at his expense, disinfect the conveyance or place where the plant or thing may have been located, in such manner as to destroy all infection or infestation present, or that is liable to be present.

Existing law, FAC section 6442, provides that the officer who makes the inspection shall not permit any article to be removed which has come in contact with the infested or infected plant or thing, if such article might convey infection or infestation, until after the infection or infestation is destroyed, except for the purpose of destruction or disinfection under the supervision of the inspecting officer. Any article which is liable to be infested or infected shall be held until it has been thoroughly disinfected and the pest has been destroyed.

Existing law, FAC section 6461, provides that it is unlawful to ship or transport any plant or any other thing into this state which is infested with any pest which has been listed, by the Secretary, as detrimental to agriculture in this state. In addition to the civil, criminal, and administrative remedies specified in this division, the Secretary may, after notice and opportunity to respond, impose inspection, treatment, certification, holding, or other requirements for any shipper or transporter that has shipped or transported three or more pest-infested shipments into this state within any 12-month period. Regarding any commercial shipment violating any of those requirements imposed pursuant to this section, the Secretary may also charge the shipper or transporter the cost of inspecting and controlling the pest.

ANTICIPATED BENEFITS OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The amendment of this regulation provides the necessary regulatory authority for the prevention of movement of a serious plant pest which is a mandated statutory goal.

This amendment is necessary to prevent the future spread of cotton jassid to un-infested areas of the State. The regulation benefits agriculture, the environment, and the overall California economy by preventing the spread of cotton jassid.

There are economic benefits to the State's general fund from these regulations. Cotton Jassid attacks a broad array of field crops. Cotton, okra, hibiscus, and tomato are among the susceptible plants. Out of these hosts the largest potential agricultural impact in California is to tomatoes. In 2023 tomatoes had a total value production of 1.5 billion in the state. Infestations of cotton jassid may lower crop yields and increase production costs of economically important crops. Some reports have documented over 60% losses in some crops.

By creating the cotton jassid exterior quarantine, the Department will reduce the chances of future incursions and help maintain the economic baseline.

There is no existing, comparable federal regulations or statute.

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

EVALUATION OF INCONSISTENCY/ INCOMPATIBILITY WITH EXISTING STATE REGULATIONS

As required by Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(3)(D), the Department has conducted an evaluation of Section 3290 and has determined that they are not inconsistent or incompatible with existing state regulations.

DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE PROPOSED ACTION

The Department has made the following initial determinations:

Mandate on local agencies or school districts: None.

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

Cost or savings to any state agency: None.

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

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

Cost impacts on a representative private person or business: The agency is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative person or business would neces-

sarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

Significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states: The cost impacts are expected to be minimal/non-consequential. The Department makes the initial determination that the proposed action will not have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact.

Significant effect on housing costs: None.

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

RESULTS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS/ASSESSMENT

The amendment is designed to prevent or minimize the spread of cotton jassid by amending Section 3290. The Department has made an assessment that the amendment to this regulation would: (1) not create or eliminate jobs within California, (2) not create new business or eliminate existing businesses within California, (3) not affect the expansion of businesses currently doing business within California, (4) is expected to benefit the health and welfare of California residents, (5) is expected to benefit the state's environment, and is (6) not expected to benefit workers' safety.

Health and welfare: The proposed action will benefit the health and welfare of California residents by making it more likely that cotton jassid would be prevented from spreading within California, thus protecting the agricultural sector. Maintaining the economic baseline is important to the health and welfare of California residents.

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

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

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

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

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

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

AVAILABILITY OF CHANGED OR MODIFIED TEXT

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

AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

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

TITLE 14. SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY

AMEND CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **Sierra Nevada Conservancy**, pursuant to the authority vested in it by section 87306 of the Government Code, pro-

poses amendment to its conflict-of-interest code. A comment period has been established commencing on June 26, 2026 and closing on August 10, 2026. All inquiries should be directed to the contact listed below.

The **Sierra Nevada Conservancy** 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 include: removing classifications that no longer exist, deleting classifications for employees who are overseen by supervisors and managers or not otherwise making or participating in governmental decisions, adding new classifications which were renamed by CalHR, and other technical changes.

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

Any interested person may submit written comments relating to the proposed amendment by submitting them no later than August 10, 2026, or at the conclusion of the public hearing, if requested, whichever comes later. At this time, no public hearing is scheduled. A person may request a hearing no later than July 27, 2026.

The **Sierra Nevada Conservancy** 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: **Wendy Johnson, General Counsel**, wendy.johnson@sierranevada.ca.gov.

TITLE 16. DENTAL BOARD

APPLICATIONS FOR DENTIST LICENSURE AND FEES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Dental Board of California (Board) is proposing to take the action described in the “Informative Digest/Policy Statement Overview” section listed 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. The Board will, however, 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 any of the individuals listed under “Contact Persons” 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 Persons” in this Notice, must be *received* by the Board at its office no later than by **Monday, August 31, 2026** or must be received by the Board at the hearing, should one be scheduled.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Pursuant to the authority vested by Business and Professions Code (BPC) sections 1614, 1635.5, 1635.5, 1634.2(c), 1724 and 1724.5 and to implement, interpret or make specific BPC sections 30, 31, 114.5, 115.4, 115.5, 135.4, 144, 480, 494.5, 1625.5, 1628, 1628.5, 1629, 1630, 1632, 1634.1, 1638, 1638.1, 1638.3, 1640, 1640.3, 1646.2, 1646.6, 1647.3, 1647.8, 1647.20, 1647.23, 1647.32, 1647.33, 1650, 1650.1, 1715, 1716.1, 1718.3, 1724, and 1724.5, Civil Code sections 1633.2, 1633.7 and 1798.17 and Government Code sections 16.5, 6157 and 6162, the Board is considering making changes to Division 10 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

The Dental Board of California (Board) licenses and regulates approximately 104,000 dental professionals pursuant to the provisions of the Dental Practice Act (“Act” — Bus. & Prof. Code, §§ 1600 and following).

The Board licenses and regulates dentists, registered dental assistants (RDAs), and registered dental assistants in extended functions (RDAEFs). The Board also sets the duties and functions of unlicensed dental assistants and establishes standards for the issuance of permits to administer anesthesia and sedation.

As of December 31, 2024, Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 1632, subdivision (c), specified that the Dental Board of California (Board) shall require each dentist license applicant to have taken and received a passing score on one of the following examinations: (1) the Portfolio examination conducted while the applicant is enrolled in a dental school program; (2) the clinical and written examination administered by the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) within five years prior to the date of their application for a license; or (3) the clinical and written examination developed by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. (ADEX) within five years prior to the date of their application for a license. ADEX examination was reviewed and adopted by the Board on November 15, 2019, for use as an examination for licensure. As of January 1, 2025, pursuant to the provisions of Senate Bill (SB) 1453, the Portfolio examination pathway has been legislatively eliminated as a pathway for dentist licensure.

Board regulations related to application for licensure as a dentist at California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 16, section 1028, were last substantively amended in 2014 and currently only refer to the WREB and Portfolio examination pathways and not ADEX. In addition, the regulation does not reflect changes in statutes, other regulations, and program recommendations for processing licensing applications that have occurred since 2014, including the Board’s online application process, elimination of the Portfolio examination pathway, standards for denying an application based upon revised standards set forth in BPC section 480, requirements for collecting U.S. military service information, requirements for waiving the initial license and application fee for individuals married to or in a domestic partnership with an active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces, or other requirements for expediting the licensure process (see BPC §§ 114.5, 115.4, 115.5 and 135.4).

As a result of changes from statutes, regulations, and program recommendations, the Board proposes to update its current dentist licensing application requirements and fees, including the following changes:

- (1) elimination of all references in regulations to the Portfolio examination, including the application form and the associated fee, and related Portfolio licensing standards (CCR §§ 1021, 1028, 1032, 1032.1, 1032.2, 1032.3, 1032.4, 1032.5, 1032.6, 1032.7, 1032.8, 1032.9, 1032.10, 1033.1, 1034, 1035, and 1036.01).

- (2) a fee increase for processing the initial dentist license application using either the ADEX or WREB pathway from \$400 to \$490 in CCR section 1021.
- (3) a fee increase for the processing of the law and ethics examination fee for dentist licensure applicants from \$125 to \$180 in CCR section 1021.
- (4) the addition of the word “nonrefundable” to the introductory sentence of the Board’s fee schedule in CCR section 1021.
- (5) amendments to CCR sections 1028, 1028.4, and 1028.5 to repeal the forms incorporated by reference in these sections regarding submission of paper forms for the (A) initial application for licensure to practice dentistry for the WREB examination pathway, (B) the application for issuance of license number and registration of place of practice pursuant to BPC section 1650, and (C) the application for California law and ethics examination pursuant to Section 1632(b). This proposal would instead place those applications and associated requirements in a narrative form to allow for electronic or paper application submission options and add the ADEX pathway, as specified.
- (6) the addition of, and provision of notice of required payment of, a convenience fee for those submitting applications online through BreZE and using a credit card, as specified, in CCR sections 1028 (application for licensure to practice dentistry), 1028.4 (application for issuance of license number and registration of place of practice), and 1028.5 as well as options for hard copy for submission and payment of application fees without a convenience fee, as specified.
- (7) For the application for licensure to practice dentistry in CCR section 1028, the application would include the following proposed amendments to existing application requirements:
 - (A) Specifying the process for submission of an application to practice dentistry either electronically using the Department of Consumer Affairs’ online licensing system entitled “BreZE” or for submission of an application by mail or hand delivery;
 - (B) Providing updated content of what the Board considers a “completed” application, as specified;
 - (C) Requiring the Board to waive the application fee for qualified applicants under BPC section 115.5 (married to or in a domestic partnership or other legal union with an active-duty member of the US Armed Forces assigned to a duty station in California and

- holds current license in another state), as specified;
- (D) Amending requirements for submission of certifications showing a record of previous dental practice from each state or jurisdiction in which licensure as a dentist has been attained, as specified;
 - (E) Specifying the process for submitting fingerprints for the purpose of conducting a criminal history record check;
 - (F) Specifying applicant identifying and contact information;
 - (G) Requiring disclosure of the applicant’s military service (if applicable);
 - (H) Asking if the applicant is seeking expedited processing based on requirements set forth in BPC sections 115.4, 115.5, or 135.4, and specifying the qualifying information to submit in support of the request for expedited processing;
 - (I) Specifying the requirements for fee waiver for qualified applicants based on BPC section 115.5 and the qualifying information to submit in support of the request for the fee waiver;
 - (J) Requiring disclosure of information about whether the applicant is currently registered with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to prescribe or dispense controlled substances, and requiring disclosure of the DEA registration number;
 - (K) Repealing the current requirement for a 2 inch by 2 inch passport-style photo to be submitted with the current “Application for Licensure to Practice Dentistry (WREB)”, Form 33A–22W (Revised 11/06) (proposed to be repealed in this rulemaking) or the “Application for Determination of Licensure Eligibility (Portfolio),” Form 33A–22P (New 11/2014) (proposed to be repealed in this rulemaking);
 - (L) Specifying the types of information to be disclosed about an applicant’s dental education and postgraduate study (if applicable);
 - (M) Specifying the “acceptable certification” requirements for the certification from the dean of the applicant’s qualifying dental school and adding instructions on how to submit that certification to the Board;
 - (N) Repealing the existing disclosure requirement for providing information regarding whether the applicant has any pending or had in the past any charges filed against a dental license or other healing arts license;
 - (O) Revising the existing disclosure requirements for an applicant’s history of prior disciplinary actions, denials of a dental license (and adding disclosures of denials of a DEA permit), surrenders of a license to practice dentistry in another state or country, or pending investigations by any governmental entity, to exclude disclosures of those actions based upon an applicant’s criminal conviction history;
 - (P) Limiting required disclosures of any prior disciplinary actions taken against any dental license or other healing arts license held by the applicant to the following time period: within the preceding seven years from the date of their application pursuant to BPC section 480. The proposal would also remove references to disclosure of any charges “convicted of” and replacing it with charges “proven” by the other governmental entity;
 - (Q) Specifying that disciplinary and/or investigatory action by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration against permits issued by that agency would be included in the disclosure requirements for application for licensure;
 - (R) Specifying the additional information the Board may require if the applicant is the subject of any pending investigation;
 - (S) Eliminating the requirement to disclose if an applicant is in default on a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services education loan pursuant to BPC section 685 (now repealed);
 - (T) Adding a disclosure notice relating to actions of non-dentists authorized by BPC section 1625.4 and 1625.4 upon the death or incapacity of a dentist;
 - (U) Adds a written, signed statement acknowledging receipt of the Board’s Notice of Information Collection and Access, as specified;
 - (V) Requiring an applicant for licensure who seeks to qualify upon passage of the Western Regional Examining Board’s examination or the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc.’s (CDCA–WREB–CITA) “ADEX” examination to also authorize the CDCA–WREB–CITA to provide the Board the applicant’s cumulative score report showing the applicant’s name, test date, the examination taken, and that the applicant passed all portions of the examination within five years prior to the date of their application, the WREB or ADEX examination;

- (W) Requiring the applicant to sign any release, waiver, or consent forms required by CDCA–WREB–CITA to authorize the release and submission of their cumulative score report to the Board and receipt of such report shall be deemed compliance with the examination requirements of BPC Section 1632(c)(1) or (2), as applicable;
 - (X) Specify the fingerprint requirements for applicants to meet prior to issuance of a license to practice dentistry; and,
 - (Y) Specify that, after filing an application to practice dentistry, an applicant shall receive written confirmation of the receipt of their application and their assigned application file number from the Board to be used in all communications with the Board. The proposal would require the Board to mail a written deficiency letter or an approval and eligibility letter, as applicable, to the applicant that includes confirmation of receipt and lists their file number.
- (8) Amend CCR section 1030 for applicants to show proof of successful completion of the National Board Dental Examinations of the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations, as specified. This proposal would also add the requirement that applicants submit confirmation thereof to the Board within one year from the date of submission of the initial licensure application in CCR Section 1028, by mail or electronically, as specified.
- (9) Make non–substantive changes to renumber and re–letter subsections and correct cross–references, make grammatical changes, add new BPC sections to the authority and reference provisions of the “Note” sections of the regulations, change “candidate” to “applicant”, and change gendered pronouns to non–gendered nouns.

ANTICIPATED BENEFITS OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS

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

The proposed regulations would update the application process for dentist licensure and the applicable examination requirements to reflect recent changes in dental examinations. The WREB examination was discontinued in 2022 and the Board approved the ADEX examination in November 2019, requiring changes in the regulations, which currently do not refer to the new ADEX examination pathway.

The intent of the proposal is to revise the regulations covering applications for dentist licensure to reflect current law and changes in regulatory requirements, which helps protect the public by providing accurate and consistent information regarding requirements for entry level into the profession. The proposal would add clarity to the regulations regarding the licensure process, including requirements for expediting applications or for the waiver of fees for qualified applicants. Providing this clarity helps provide notice and give applicants a better understanding of the application requirements, which reduces the likelihood of deficiencies in applications.

Finally, the Board’s proposal to increase fees for the initial application and the application for the law and ethics examination would help the Board to implement its responsibilities for licensing only qualified applicants and to recover the Board’s actual costs of processing these applications.

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 proposed regulations are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing state regulations.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

With this action, the Board proposes to repeal the following forms that are currently incorporated by reference:

1. “Application for Licensure to Practice Dentistry” (WREB) Form 33A22W (Revised 11/06).
2. “Application for Determination of Licensure Eligibility (Portfolio)” Form 33A–22P (New 11/2014).
3. “Application for Issuance of License Number and Registration of Place of Practice,” (Rev. 02–07).
4. “Application for Law and Ethics Examination” (Rev. 12/07).
5. “Certification of Successful Completion of Remedial Education for Portfolio Competency Re–Examination requirements for re–examination Eligibility” (Form New 08/13).

DISCLOSURES REGARDING THIS
PROPOSED ACTION

FISCAL IMPACT ESTIMATES

Fiscal Impact on Public Agencies Including Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State:

The regulations do not result in additional workload or costs because the Board is currently completing the application workload. However, the Board does project costs (savings) and revenues as follows:

Costs (savings): The Board estimates costs (savings) related to credit card convenience fees ranging from approximately \$21,000 to \$27,000 per year and up to \$234,000 over a ten-year period.

Revenues: The Board estimates additional revenues ranging from approximately \$200,000 to \$257,000 per year and up to \$2.3 million over a ten-year period.

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

Please see the Initial Statement of Reasons for further detail.

Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies: None.

Local Mandate: None.

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

Significant Effect on Housing Costs: None.

Business Impact Estimates:

The regulations may have an economic impact on businesses, specifically individuals applying for licensure with the Board. This determination is based upon the following facts. The regulations would increase application fees charged to applicants by minimal amounts of \$90 and \$55. Additionally, applicants opting to pay fees with a credit card through the Board’s website will be charged a 2.3 percent processing fee per transaction.

The cost impact to business, including the credit card processing fee, is estimated as follows:

- Initial Application WREB: Increased from \$400 to \$490.
 - (Plus \$11 credit card processing fee).
- Initial Application ADEX: Increased from \$400 to \$490.
 - (Plus \$11 credit card processing fee).
- Law & Ethics Exam Application: Increased from \$125 to \$180.
 - (Plus \$4 credit card processing fee).

While the regulation has an economic impact, the Board has made the initial determination that the proposed regulatory action will not have a signifi-

cant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states, because the fee increases are considered to be minor compared to the income of most applicants and licensees.

Cost Impact on Representative Private Person or Business:

The Board has determined that the following individuals and businesses may be affected by the proposed changes to the Board’s initial application and the application for the law and ethics examination fees.

The regulations would increase application fees charged to applicants by minimal amounts of \$90 and \$55. Additionally, applicants opting to pay fees with a credit card through the Board’s website will be charged a 2.3 percent processing fee per transaction.

The cost impact to individual or business, including the credit card processing fee, is estimated as follows:

- Initial Application WREB: Increased from \$400 to \$490.
 - (Plus \$11 credit card processing fee).
- Initial Application ADEX: Increased from \$400 to \$490.
 - (Plus \$11 credit card processing fee).
- Law & Ethics Exam Application: Increased from \$135 to \$180.
 - (Plus \$4 credit card processing fee).

Please see the Initial Statement of Reasons for further detail.

EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS

While the Board does not have, nor does it maintain, data to determine if any of its licensees (dentists) are a “small business,” as defined in Government Code section 11342.610, the Board has made an initial determination that the proposed regulatory action will not have a significant impact of small businesses because the cost increases of \$59 to \$101 are minimal for licensees.

Although the proposed regulation will directly affect individual applicants statewide, which may include potential small business owners applying to become licensed dentists, the Board does not anticipate any adverse economic impact to small businesses.

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:

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

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

Benefits of Regulation:

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

The proposed regulations would update the application process for dentist licensure and the applicable examination requirements to reflect recent changes in dental examinations. The WREB examination was discontinued in 2022, and the Board approved the ADEX examination in November 2019, requiring changes in the regulations, which currently do not refer to the new ADEX examination pathway.

The intent of the proposal is to revise the regulations covering applications for dentist licensure to reflect current law and changes in regulatory requirements, which helps protect the public by providing accurate and consistent information regarding requirements for entry level into the profession. The proposal would add clarity to the regulations regarding the licensure process, including requirements for expediting applications or for the waiver of fees for qualified applicants. Providing this clarity helps provide notice and give applicants a better understanding of the application requirements, which reduces the likelihood of deficiencies in applications.

Finally, the Board’s proposal to increase fees for the initial application and the application for the law and ethics examination would help the Board to implement its responsibilities for licensing only qualified applicants and to recover the Board’s actual costs of processing these applications.

This regulatory proposal will have no impact on worker safety because it does not involve worker safety. This regulatory proposal will have no impact on the state’s environment because it is not relevant to the state’s environment. This proposal relates to standards for qualified dentists seeking licensure in California.

Business Reporting Requirements

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

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

In accordance with Government Code section 11346.5, subdivision (a)(13), the Board must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered to the

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

Any interested person may submit comments to the Board in writing relevant to the above determinations at 2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1550, Sacramento, California 95815 during the written comment period, or at the hearing if one is scheduled or requested.

AVAILABILITY OF STATEMENT OF REASONS AND RULEMAKING FILE

The Board has compiled a record for this regulatory action, which includes an initial statement of the reasons (ISOR) for the proposed action, proposed regulatory text, and has available all the information upon which the 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 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 2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1550, Sacramento, California 95815 or by accessing the Board’s website at https://www.dbc.ca.gov/about_us/lawsregs/proposed_regulations.shtml.

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 in this notice, or may modify such proposals if such modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. With the exception of technical or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified proposal, with the modifications clearly indicated, will be available for 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 persons 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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Dental Board of California

Address: 2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1550

Sacramento, CA 95815

Telephone Number: (916) 263-0919

Fax Number: (916) 263-2140

Email Address Brant.Nelson@dca.ca.gov

The backup contact person is:

Name: Christy Bell, Assistant Executive Officer

Dental Board of California

Address: 2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1550

Sacramento, CA 95815

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AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS
ON THE INTERNET

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

**TITLE 25. DEPARTMENT
OF HOUSING AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

SPECIAL OCCUPANCY
PARKS LOW-IMPACT
CAMPING AREA REPORTING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) proposes to adopt regulations to clarify terminology and county low-impact camping area ordinance reporting requirements, which was established by Health and Safety Code, section 18890. If approved, the proposed regulations would grant HCD the ability to establish reporting requirements for counties that have adopted an ordinance authorizing low-impact camping areas within their jurisdiction.

PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearing is currently scheduled. However, pursuant to Government Code, section 11346.8, if a written request to hold a public hearing is received no later than 15 calendar days before the close of the written comment period at the address below from any interested person or their authorized representative, HCD shall, to the extent practicable, provide notice of the time, date, and place of the hearing by mailing the notice to every person who has filed a request for notice with HCD.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

Any interested person, or their authorized representative, may submit written comments relevant to this proposed regulatory action. All written comments must be received by HCD no later than 8:00 a.m. on September 1, 2026, in order to be considered. Written comments may be submitted through HCD's online portal, by mail, or by fax as follows:

By comment portal:

Visit the [comment portal](#) on the HCD website.

By mail to:

California Department of Housing and
Community
Development Division of Codes and Standards
P.O. Box 277820
Sacramento, CA 95827-7820 Attention: Jenna
Kline

By fax to:

(916) 854-2564
Attention: Jenna Kline

PERMANENT ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS

Following the public comment period, HCD may adopt the proposals, as described below, or may modify the proposals if the modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. With the exception of minor technical or grammatical changes, the text of any modified proposal will be available from the contact person(s) designated in this notice for at least 15–days prior to its adoption and will be mailed to those persons who have submitted written or oral testimony related to this proposal or who have requested notification of any changes to the proposal. HCD will accept written comments on the modified regulations during the 15–day period.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

The authority and reference for this action occurs through both implied and express authority as described below:

Authority

HCD has express and implied rulemaking authority as provided in:

- Special Occupancy Parks Act (SOPA) — Health and Safety Code (HSC) sections 18865, 18865.3, 18871.10, and 18873.
- Additionally, HCD has express authority, as provided by HSC, section 50406(n), to “do any and all things necessary to carry out its purposes and exercise the powers expressly granted by this division” [the Housing and Home Finance Act, HSC, section 50000 *et seq.*].

The Legislature, through the SOPA authorizes HCD to administer these laws and adopt regulations that interpret and make specific this Act.

Reference

HCD is implementing, interpreting, and making specific the following section of the HSC:

- SOPA — HSC sections 18862.23, 18862.43, 18863, and 18890.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST

SUMMARY OF EXISTING LAW AND REGULATIONS

Special Occupancy Parks Act and Special Occupancy Park Regulations

HCD, and local enforcement agencies approved by HCD to enforce the SOPA and its regulations, are responsible for the enforcement of minimum health and safety standards inside special occupancy parks (SOPs) including, but not limited to, recreational vehi-

cle parks. These minimum health and safety standards regulate the construction, maintenance, occupancy, use, and design of SOPs, safeguard the safety of park occupants, and ensure a decent environment for recreation or temporary occupancy.

SUMMARY OF EFFECT OF PROPOSED REGULATORY ACTION

The purpose of these proposed regulations is to provide clarification for counties and to align regulations with Health and Safety Code, section 18890, which allows counties to authorize low–impact camping areas within the county’s jurisdiction through adoption of an ordinance, and requires counties to notify HCD thereof.

The sections within Title 25, California Code of Regulations affected by this rulemaking (see “Sections Affected,” below), and the specific purpose for each adoption in these proposed regulations, are set forth in the Initial Statement of Reasons for this regulatory action.

SECTIONS AFFECTED

The following are the specific sections of Chapter 2.2 affected by this proposed action:

Amend: 2002.

Adopt: 2054.

POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

This rulemaking action clarifies and makes specific the reporting requirements for counties that adopt ordinances authorizing low–impact camping areas, as established in Health and Safety Code, section 18890, through Senate Bill 518 (Chapter 157, Statutes of 2025).

Health and Safety Code, section 18890, requires counties to alert HCD when they choose to authorize low–impact camping areas within their jurisdiction.

This rulemaking action would specify that any county adopting such an ordinance must electronically submit the ordinance to HCD within thirty (30) working days following its effective date. It would also require counties to notify HCD within thirty (30) working days if the ordinance is later modified or terminated. In addition, the regulations would add a reference to Health and Safety Code, section 18890, within the definition of “low–impact camping area” to ensure consistency with statutory authority.

ANTICIPATED BENEFITS OF THE PROPOSED ACTION

The proposed regulations are intended to provide counties guidance on how counties can notify HCD

when they adopt ordinances authorizing low–impact camping areas, as required under the Special Occupancy Parks Act (SOPA). This information enables HCD to consistently track, review, and implement its statutory obligations under SOPA, particularly offering clarity for which sites are subject to HCD enforcement and which fall under local jurisdiction responsibility.

EVALUATION OF INCONSISTENCY/ INCOMPATIBILITY WITH EXISTING STATE REGULATIONS

After conducting a review for any comparable regulation in this area, HCD has determined that these are the only regulations concerning HCD’s ability to define “low–impact camping area” and monitor local low–impact camping ordinance submissions. Further, there are currently no Special Occupancy Park regulations proposals regarding digital reporting for low–impact camping areas ordinances adopted by local jurisdictions. Therefore, the proposed regulations are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing state regulations.

DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE PROPOSED ACTION

- Mandate on local agencies and school districts: NONE.
- Costs or savings to any state agencies: NONE.
- Costs or savings to local agencies or school districts, which must be reimbursed in accordance with Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code: NONE.
- Other nondiscretionary costs or savings imposed on local agencies: NONE.
- Costs or savings in federal funding to the state: NONE.
- Cost impacts on a representative private person or business: NONE HCD is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.
- Significant effect on housing costs: NONE.

RESULTS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT

HCD’s assessment considered whether the proposal would (1) create or eliminate jobs within California, (2) create new or eliminate existing businesses within the state, (3) result in the expansion of businesses currently operating in the state, and (4) provide benefits to the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety, or the state’s environment.

Based on this analysis, HCD determined that the proposed action is not expected to create or eliminate jobs in California, nor is it anticipated to result in the creation of new businesses or the elimination of existing ones. The proposal is also not expected to cause existing businesses to expand or contract their operations. While the proposed regulatory amendments support clarity, consistency, and regulatory compliance, HCD does not anticipate any measurable statewide economic effect.

Benefits of the Proposed Action: The proposed action is expected to provide benefits to the health and welfare of California residents by improving regulatory clarity, supporting more consistent implementation of state law, and enhancing the accuracy and transparency of existing regulatory requirements. These benefits include improved understanding of obligations by regulated parties and more efficient administration and enforcement by HCD, counties, and other partners. The proposed action is not anticipated to have any benefit to worker safety, or the environment.

Significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states: Although the proposed action will directly affect businesses statewide, including small businesses, HCD concludes that the adverse economic impact, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states, will not be significant.

Small Business Determination: HCD has determined that the proposed regulations will not affect small businesses. The regulations seek to clarify terms and reporting responsibilities for counties that adopt an ordinance authorizing low–impact camping areas within their jurisdiction.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

HCD must determine that no reasonable alternative is 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.

Based on HCD’s considerations, no reasonable alternative will be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or would be more cost–effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

AVAILABILITY OF
DOCUMENTS AND CONTACT PERSON

HCD has prepared an Initial Statement of Reasons for the proposed regulatory action and has available all the information upon which the proposal is based. Copies of the exact language of the proposed regulations, the Initial Statement of Reasons, the rulemaking file, the Final Statement of Reasons (when available) and other information, if any, may be obtained upon request from HCD at the following location or from the contact people listed below:

California Department of Housing and
Community Development

Division of Codes and Standards

P.O. Box 277820

Sacramento, CA 95827–7820

Fax: (916) 263–3383

Main Contact: Jenna Kline,
(916) 841–5286

Alternative Contact: Mitchel Baker,
(916) 214–8097

In addition, the Notice of Purposed Action, the exact language of the proposed regulations, and the Initial Statement of Reasons may be found on the HCD’s Title 25 Rulemaking website at the following address: <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/building-standards/title-25-rulemaking>.

Questions regarding the regulatory process or clarification on the substance of this regulatory proposal may be directed to:

Housing Regulations Team

Telephone: (916) 841–5286

Fax: (916) 854–2564

Email: Title25@hcd.ca.gov

PROPOSITION 65

**OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT**

SAFE DRINKING WATER AND
TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986
(PROPOSITION 65)

CHEMICALS LISTED EFFECTIVE
JULY 17, 2026 AS KNOWN TO THE STATE
OF CALIFORNIA TO CAUSE CANCER:
HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE,
VORICONAZOLE, AND TACROLIMUS

Effective July 17, 2026, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) is adding hydrochlorothiazide, voriconazole, and tacrolimus to the list of chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer under the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, sections 25249.5 et seq. of the Health and Safety Code, otherwise known as Proposition 65. The listing of these chemicals is pursuant to the “Labor Code” listing mechanism (Health and Safety Code, section 25249.8(a); Cal. Code of Regs., title 27, section 25904).

The basis for the listings was described in a [public notice](#) published in the May 8, 2026 issue of the California Regulatory Notice Register (Register 2026, Number 18–Z). The title of the notice is “Notice of Intent to List Chemicals by the Labor Code Mechanism: Hydrochlorothiazide, Voriconazole, and Tacrolimus.” The publication of the notice initiated a public comment period May 8, 2026 — June 8, 2026). No comments were received during the comment period.

A [complete, updated Proposition 65 chemical list](#) is available on the OEHHA website.

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**CHEMICALS LISTED EFFECTIVE
JULY 17, 2026 AS KNOWN TO THE STATE
OF CALIFORNIA TO CAUSE CANCER:
WELDING FUMES**

Effective July 17, 2026, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) is adding welding fumes to the list of chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer under the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, sections 25249.5 et seq. of the Health and Safety Code, otherwise known as Proposition 65. The listing of this chemical is pursuant to the “Labor Code” listing mechanism (Health and Safety Code, section 25249.8(a); Cal. Code of Regs., title 27, section 25904).

The basis for the listing was described in a [public notice](#) published in the May 8, 2026 issue of the California Regulatory Notice Register (Register 2026, Number 18–Z). The title of the notice is “Notice of Intent to List Chemicals by the Labor Code Mechanism: Welding Fumes.” The publication of the notice initiated a public comment period May 8, 2026 — June 8, 2026). No comments were received during the comment period.

A [complete, updated Proposition 65 chemical list](#) is available on the OEHHA website.

**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.

Fish and Game Commission

File # 2026–0626–01

Recreational Gear Restrictions for White Shark

In this emergency action pursuant to Government Code section 11346.1, the Fish and Game Commission is amending regulations to, (1) if taken, require that white shark be immediately released and not removed from the water, except when taken under permit issued by the Department of Fish and Wildlife pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1002 for scientific or education purposes, and (2) prohibit the use of wire or metallic lines or leaders, as well as hooks greater than one-and-one-half inches at the widest inside measurement, when fishing in ocean waters south of Pigeon Point, as specified.

Title 14

Amend: 28.06, 28.65

Filed 07/03/2026

Effective 07/03/2026

Agency Contact: Jenn Bacon (916) 902–9285

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

Department of Housing and Community
Development

File # 2026–0529–02

Income Limits (Title 25, Section 6932)

In this file and print action pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50093, the Department of Housing and Community Development sets income limits for households of varying sizes used to determine eligibility for department programs.

Title 25
 Adopt: 6932
 Repeal: 6932
 Filed 07/08/2026
 Effective 05/29/2026
 Agency Contact:
 Thomas Nguyen (916) 620–1994

Board of Pharmacy
 File # 2026–0601–07
 Pharmacy Technician Certification Program

In this action, the Board of Pharmacy extends the current sunset date for approval of pharmacy technician certification programs to June 30, 2027.

Title 16
 Amend: 1793.65
 Filed 07/08/2026
 Effective 07/08/2026
 Agency Contact:
 Debbie Damoth (916) 574–8618

Department of Toxic Substances Control
 File # 2026–0521–05
 Adding PPD Derivatives to the Candidate Chemicals List

This rulemaking action amends the Safer Consumer Products regulations to add para–Phenylenediamine (PDD) derivatives to the Candidate Chemicals list.

Title 22
 Amend: 69502.2
 Filed 07/03/2026
 Effective 10/01/2026
 Agency Contact:
 Neena Sahasrabudhe (916) 324–8660

Fish and Game Commission
 File # 2026–0521–01
 Elk Hunting 2026–27

In this rulemaking action, the Fish and Game Commission amends its big game hunting regulations for elk. The amendments adjust tag quotas, clarify tag eligibility, modify area boundaries, and authorize methods of take.

Title 14
 Amend: 353, 364, 364.1, 555, 555.1
 Filed 07/03/2026
 Effective 07/03/2026
 Agency Contact:
 Sherrie Fonbuena (916) 902–9284

Fish and Game Commission
 File # 2026–0527–02
 Central Valley Sport Fishing 2026

This rulemaking action by the Fish and Game Commission sets Chinook Salmon and brown trout bag and possession limits and season dates and lengths in 2026 for the American, Feather, Mokelumne, and Sacramento rivers in the Central Valley.

Title 14
 Amend: 7.40(b)(4), 7.40(b)(43), 7.40(b)(66), 7.40(b)(80)
 Filed 07/03/2026
 Effective 07/03/2026
 Agency Contact: David Haug (916) 902–9286

Department of Public Health
 File # 2026–0522–02
 Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Lead Exposure Risk Factors

In this resubmitted rulemaking action, the Department of Public Health adopts, amends, and repeals regulations to address its requirements related to health care providers’ standard of care when screening for childhood lead poisoning.

Title 17
 Adopt: 37030
 Amend: 37100
 Filed 07/06/2026
 Effective 07/06/2026
 Agency Contact:
 Hannah Strom–Martin (279) 217–0764

Department of Public Health
 File # 2026–0601–03
 Shellfish Sanitation Standards

This rulemaking action by the California Department of Public Health amends and adopts regulations to update existing shellfish sanitation standards including adopting the 2023 National Shellfish Sanitation Program Guide for the Control of Molluscan Shellfish.

Title 17
 Adopt: 7700, 7702, 7703, 7706.1, 7707.1, 7712.1, 7712.5, 7727
 Amend: 7706, 7707, 7708, 7709, 7712, 7713, 7714, 7725, 7730, 7731, 7732, 7738, 7739
 Repeal: 7710, 7711, 7720, 7733, 7740, 7741, 7742, 7743, 7744, 7745, 7746, 7747, 7748, 7749, 7750, 7751, 7753, 7754, 7755, 7756, 7757, 7758, 7759, 7760, 7761, 7762
 Filed 07/02/2026
 Effective 07/02/2026
 Agency Contact: David Martin (279) 217–0888

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

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