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PROPOSED ACTION ON REGULATIONS

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TITLE 10. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL PROTECTION AND INNOVATION

PRO 05–26 FRANCHISE BROKER REGISTRATION AND DISCLOSURES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commissioner of Financial Protection and Innovation ("Commissioner") proposes to adopt Sections 310.512, 310.520, 310.520.1, 310.527, and amend Section 310.002 of Title 10 of the California Code of Regulations under the Franchise Investment Law, in the manner described in the Informative Digest below.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Department has not scheduled a public hearing on this proposed action. However, the Department will hold a public hearing if it receives a written request from any interested person, or his or her authorized representative, 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 regulatory action to the Department, addressed as follows:

Regular Mail:

Department of Financial Protection and Innovation
Attention: Diana Pha, Regulations Coordinator, Legal Division
651 Bannon Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95811

Electronic Mail:

regulations@dfpi.ca.gov

Comments may be submitted through **December 21, 2026.**

AUTHORITY

Sections 31158, 31502, 31520, and 31527, Corporations Code.

REFERENCE

Section 494.5, Business and Professions Code; Sections 1798.17 and 1798.24, Civil Code; Sections 31020, 31155, 31156, 31158, 31210, 31500, 31520, 31502, 31524, 31526, and 31527, Corporations Code; Section 17520, Family Code; Sections 11019.9 and 13140 through 13144, Government Code; and Section 7 of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 552a note).

INFORMATIVE DIGEST OF PROPOSED ACTION/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

Summary of Existing Laws and Regulations and Effect of Proposed Action [Government Code Section 11346.6, Subdivision (a)(3)(A)]

Existing law, the Franchise Investment Law ("FIL") (Division 5 of Title 4 of the Corporations Code, commencing with Section 31000 et seq.), generally provides for the regulation of the offer and sale of franchises. The FIL is administered by the by Department. The FIL requires the Commissioner to maintain a risk–based process of reviewing franchise applications with emphasis on risks associated with the franchisor's financial condition, the franchisor's compliance record, and any significant deficiencies with the franchisor's application. The law requires specific written disclosures and authorizes the sale of a franchise to be exempt from specified requirements if the franchisor meets certain disclosure and notice requirements. Existing law makes it unlawful for a person to offer or sell any franchise unless the franchise has been registered or exempted pursuant to these provisions.

Existing law, the Franchise Relations Act ("FRA"), governs the ongoing relationship between the franchisor and the franchisee to prevent unfair practices in renewal, transfer, or termination of a franchise domiciled or operated in California.[1]

Existing regulations in title 10, chapter 3, subchapter 2.6 of the California Code of Regulations implement the FIL. Among other things, these regulations establish requirements and procedures relating to franchise registration applications, disclosure documents, advertisements, amendments, electronic filing and delivery, consent to service of process, and written notices of violations.

On September 24, 2024, Governor Newsom signed Senate Bill 919 (stats. 2024, chapter 518) ("SB 919"), which requires franchise brokers to register online

[1] Business and Professions Code Section 2000 et seq.

with the Commissioner before engaging in specified franchise broker activities, including offering or selling a franchise in California. SB 919 amended the FIL to define "franchise broker" and to prohibit a person from offering or selling a franchise in California unless the person is registered with the Commissioner or is otherwise exempt.[2] SB 919 requires franchise brokers to register online with the Commissioner by filing a signed and verified uniform franchise broker disclosure document, any additional required documents, and the applicable fee.[3] It also requires franchise brokers to report material changes, maintain specified records for five years, comply with specified advertising and service of process requirements, and provide the disclosure document to a perspective franchisee before communicating with the franchisee about investing in a franchise opportunity.[4] SB 919 prescribes the information required in the disclosure document, authorizes the Commissioner to require specified financial securities and insurance, and permits the Commissioner to suspend or revoke a registration for noncompliance, subject to hearing rights.[5] The law also establishes filing fees and civil liability for specified violations by franchise brokers.[6]

The proposed regulations establish procedures and requirements for franchise broker registration; establish the registration application form; establish the required disclosure cover page and disclosure form; include specific procedures for consent to service of process and electronic signatures; and include specific privacy notices.

The proposed action implements SB 919's mandate to regulate franchise brokers and provide prospective franchisees with information to better evaluate franchise brokers and franchise opportunities. The proposed action increases transparency regarding the brokerage process and the franchise broker's relationships, services, compensation, and experience. This information will assist prospective franchisees to make informed investment decisions before committing substantial financial resources to a franchise opportunity.

Existing Federal Regulation or Statute [Government Code Section 11346.5, Subdivision (a)(3)(B)]

The federal Franchise Rule, promulgated and enforced by the Federal Trade Commission, requires a franchisor offering or selling a franchise to provide the prospective franchisee 23 specified items of information about the franchise, its officers, and other franchisees.[7] Examples of required information include the franchisor's business background, financial performance representations, fees charged by the franchisor, specifications for renewing the franchise agreement, and contact information for current and former franchisees.[8] The federal Franchise Rule defines "franchise seller" as follows: "A person that offers for sale, sells, or arranges for the sale of a franchise. It includes the franchisor and the franchisor's employees, representatives, agents, subfranchisors, and third–party brokers who are involved in franchise sales activities. It does not include existing franchisees who sell only their own outlet and who are otherwise not engaged in franchise sales on behalf of the franchisor."[9]

The federal Franchise Rule also regulates the conduct of franchise sellers during the franchise sales process. Among other things, it generally prohibits a franchise seller from making a claim or representation that contradicts the franchisor's disclosure document; making specified misrepresentations relating to financial performance; and presenting a franchise agreement that is materially different than the copy attached to the franchisor disclosure document, unless notice was provided by the franchise seller to the prospective franchisee.

California law differs from the federal Franchise Rule by separately defining and regulating the "franchise broker" based on the franchise broker's activities and receipt or promised receipt of compensation. The California definition is narrower than the federal term "franchise seller" because it generally excludes franchisors and their officers, directors, and employees, among other persons. Unlike the federal Franchise Rule, California law requires a person who qualifies as a franchise broker to register with the Commissioner and provide prospective franchisees with a separate disclosure document containing information about the franchise broker. The proposed regulations implement California's registration and broker specific disclosure requirements and establish related filing, amendment, advertising, record–keeping, and delivery requirements.

The proposed regulations supplement the federal requirements governing a "franchise seller" and do not relieve a "franchise broker" from complying with the federal Franchise Rule. The proposed regulations are not inconsistent with the federal Franchise Rule because they provide similar or additional protections to prospective franchisees. The federal Franchise Rule expressly provides that a state law is not inconsistent with federal rule when it affords prospective franchi-

[2] Corporations Code Sections 31020 and 31210.

[3] Corporations Code Sections 31500 and 31520.

[4] Corporations Code Sections 31521, 31523, 31524 and 31526.

[5] Corporations Code Sections 31520 (a)(4), 31524, 31522, and 31527.

[6] Corporations Code Section 31300.

[7] 16 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Parts 436 and 437.

[8] *Id.*

[9] 16 C.F.R. 436.1(j).

sees equal or greater protection, including through registration or more extensive disclosure requirements.[10]

Existing State Regulations [Government Code Section 11346.5, Subdivision (a)(3)(D)]

The Department has conducted an evaluation of whether the proposed regulations are inconsistent or incompatible with existing state regulations. The Department has determined that the proposed regulations are not inconsistent or incompatible with existing state regulations. There are no existing state regulations that specifically implement the franchise broker registration and disclosure provisions of Part 7 of the Franchise Investment Law (Corporations Code section 31520 et seq.).

Policy Statement Overview and Specific Benefits Anticipated from the Regulatory Action [Government Code Section 11346.5, Subdivision (a)(3)(C)]

The objectives of the proposed regulations are to implement Senate Bill 919 by:

- Defining the Department's electronic submissions portal "FRANSES," updating the Department's name, and incorporating by reference specific application and disclosure forms;
- Identifying the requirements for electronic filings;
- Establishing the process for a franchise broker to register online and identifying the information that a franchise broker must submit with an online application for registration, and specifying the accompanying privacy notices to the application;
- Specifying the form and content of the Franchise Broker Disclosure Document (BDD) and its cover page; and,
- Specifying the requirements for franchise brokers to provide consent to service of process.

The proposed regulations establish a uniform registration process for franchise brokers and provide standardized application, cover page, and disclosure documents that support the Department's administration of the franchise broker registration program. It provides franchise brokers with procedures for applying for online registration, preparing and signing the required disclosures, and the requirements for consent to service of process for franchise brokers.

This regulatory action implements SB 919's mandate to increase transparency and accountability in the offer and sale of franchises involving franchise brokers and to protect prospective franchisees from fraud, misrepresentation, deception, or similar harmful practices. The proposed regulations will provide prospective franchisees with consistent and pertinent information that may assist them in evaluating both the franchise broker and the franchise opportunity. The proposed regulations will also benefit franchise brokers and franchisors by providing clear and consistent registration and disclosure requirements. These proposed regulations will promote compliance with the FIL and improve the Department's ability to oversee franchise broker activity in California.

The proposed rulemaking is expected to benefit California's economy by establishing a clear and standardized process through which franchise brokers may satisfy the statutory registration and disclosure requirements to continue operating in California. The proposed rulemaking will promote compliance with the statutory requirements while allowing franchise brokers to continue connecting prospective franchisees with franchise opportunities, franchisors to expand their businesses, and prospective franchisees to make informed investment decisions. The resulting transparency will support continued investment and participation in California's franchise marketplace.

FORMS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE [TITLE 1, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 20, SUBDIVISION (C)(3)]

- "Franchise Broker Registration Application", Form 310.520, Version Rev. 10–26.
- "Franchise Broker Disclosure Document", Form 310.527, Version Rev. 10–26.

DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE PROPOSED ACTION [GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 11346.5, SUBDIVISIONS (A)(5)–(6), AND (12)(A)]

- Mandate on local agencies and school districts: None.
- Costs or savings to any state agency: Estimated one–time expenditure of $125,000 authorized through Budget Change Proposal (BCP) 1701–030–BCP–2026–MR for IT system enhancements (costs will absorbed within the Department's existing budget and resources). After the July 1, 2027 registration deadline, the Department will collect workload information to evaluate the need for additional resources.
- Cost to any local agency or school district which must be reimbursed in accordance with Government Code Sections 17500 through 17630: None.
- Other nondiscretionary costs or savings imposed on local agencies: None.
- Costs or savings in federal funding to the state: None.

[10] 16 C.F.R. Section 463.10(b).

- Cost or impacts on a representative private person or business: $1,600 for the first full year, and $1,600 per year thereafter.
- Significant effect on housing costs: None.

ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESS [GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 11346.5, SUBDIVISION (A)(8)]

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

EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS [TITLE 1, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 4]

This regulatory action may impact small businesses.

COST IMPACTS ON REPRESENTATIVE PRIVATE PERSON OR BUSINESS [GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 11346.5, SUBDIVISION (A)(9)]

Registrants will likely incur initial costs estimated at $1,600 to register with the Department. The $1,600 includes the estimated costs to prepare and submit the registration application and Franchise Broker Disclosure Document (BDD). The costs to complete and file an application and the BDD are anticipated to be reasonable for registrants because the Department is not requiring applicants to provide fingerprints, undergo criminal background investigations, or complete other complex government documents like tax forms or financial statements. Costs may be less for those registrants with simpler business structures.

Registrants will likely incur annual estimated costs of $1,600 to comply with the requirements to maintain a registration. Franchise brokers are required to register annually. The ongoing annual costs may decrease over time. Once a franchise broker registers with the Department, registrants will likely incur lower costs in subsequent years because registrants will be familiar with the registration and disclosure requirements and the FRANSES filing process.

RESULTS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT [GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 11346.5, SUBDIVISION (A)(10)]

The Department has determined that:

- The proposed action will not create new jobs or eliminate existing jobs within California.
- The proposed action will not create new businesses or eliminate existing businesses within California.
- The proposed action will not have a negative impact on the expansion of businesses currently doing business within California.
- The proposed action may benefit the health and welfare of California residents by supporting transparent and informed economic opportunities, facilitating oversight over franchise brokers, and increasing transparency in the registration and disclosure process.
- No benefits or adverse impacts to worker safety or to the state's environment are anticipated from this regulatory action.

BUSINESS REPORTING REQUIREMENT [GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 11346.5, SUBDIVISION (A)(11)]

The Department has determined it is necessary for health, safety, or welfare of the people of this state that the reports required in this regulatory action apply to businesses.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES [GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 11346.5, SUBDIVISION, (A)(13)]

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

The Department invites interested persons to present statements or arguments with respect to alternatives to the proposed regulations during the written comment period, or, if a public hearing is scheduled, at the public hearing.

STATEMENT OF MAILING AND POSTING OF NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION [TITLE 1, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 86, SUBDIVISION (A)]

The Department of Financial Protection and Innovation shall comply with Government Code Section 11346.4, subdivision (a)(1) through (a)(4) and (a)(6), regarding notice and posting of the proposed action

relating to the franchise broker registration rulemaking action.

On or before November 6, 2026, the Department shall provide Notice of Proposed Action by emailing to the persons and entities entitled to notice under Government Code Section 11346.4 subdivision (a)(1) through (a)(4).

On or before November 6, 2026, the Department shall post the Notice of Proposed Action on its website in accordance with Government Code Section 11346.4, subdivision (a)(6).

AVAILABILITY OF THE NOTICE, STATEMENT OF REASONS, TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS AND RULEMAKING FILE [GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 11346.5, SUBDIVISION (A)(16) AND (20), AND (B)]

As of the date this Notice is published, the rulemaking file consists of this Notice, the Initial Statement of Reasons, the Proposed Text of the regulations, and all the information upon which the proposal is based. The Department will make the entire rulemaking file available for inspection and copying throughout the rulemaking process at the address provided, and from the persons identified, in the "Contact Persons" section of this notice.

The Notice, Initial Statement of Reasons, Proposed Text, and forms incorporated by reference are made available on the Department's website at www.dfpi.ca.gov. To access the documents from the Department's website, select the "Laws and Regulations" tab under "Licensees" on the home page, select the "Regulations/Rulemaking" link, and then select the "Franchise Investment Law" link.

AVAILABILITY OF CHANGED OR MODIFIED TEXT [GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 11346.5, SUBDIVISION (A)(18)]

If the Department makes changes which are sufficiently related to the original Proposed Text, it will make the modified text (with changes clearly indicated) available to the public for at least 15 days before the Department adopts, amends or repeals the regulations as revised. A request for a copy of any modified regulation(s) should be addressed to the contact persons named in this notice. The Department will accept written comments on the modified regulations for at least 15 days after the date on which they are made available.

AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS [GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 11346.5, SUBDIVISION (A)(19)]

Upon its completion, the Final Statement of Reasons will be available to the public, and copies may be requested from the contact persons named in this notice or accessed on the Department's website listed above.

CONTACT PERSONS [GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 11346.5, SUBDIVISION (A)(14)]

Please direct all inquiries concerning the proposed rulemaking action (including requests for copies of the proposed text of the regulations, the initial statement of reasons, or the modified text of the regulation, and questions regarding the timelines or rulemaking status) to:

Attention: Diana Pha, Regulations Coordinator
Department of Financial Protection and Innovation
651 Bannon Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA, 95811
Telephone: (916) 208–8326
Email: regulations@dfpi.ca.gov

The backup contact person for these inquiries is:

Attention: Lauren H. Ocadiz
Department of Financial Protection and Innovation
651 Bannon Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA, 95811
Telephone: (916) 708–5997
Email: lauren.ocadiz@dfpi.ca.gov

TITLE 19. OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL

FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES SRA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Government Code Sections 11346.4, 11346.5, and 11347.3(b)(2), that the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection — Office of the State Fire Marshal ("OSFM") or ("SFM") proposes to take the regulatory action described below in the Informative Digest affecting Title 19, Division 1, Chapter 15, Article 1, Section 2201 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), related to the adoption of Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZs) in the State Responsibility Area (SRA).

PUBLIC HEARING

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(1)

OSFM will hold a series of public hearings in every county with a SRA update described below pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) section 4203. At the hearings, any person may present comments, orally or in writing, relevant to the proposed action described in the Informative Digest. It is requested, but not required, that persons making oral comments at the hearing submit a written copy of their testimony at the hearing. Such information shall be retained by OSFM and shall be made available upon request.

The hearing locations, dates, starting time, and local contact person for all hearings are shown below:

County	Hearing Date & Time	Hearing Location	Local Contact Person
Alameda	11/19/26 10:00 a.m.	Hayward Fire Department Training Center 1401 West Winton Avenue Hayward, CA 94545	Steven Blythe (408) 472–1604 Steven.Blythe@fire.ca.gov
Alpine	11/12/26 10:00 a.m.	Turtle Rock Park Community Center 17300 State Route 89 Markleeville, CA 96120	Bryan Pooley (530) 721–9748 Bryan.Pooley@fire.ca.gov
Amador	11/17/26 11:00 a.m.	CAL FIRE Amador–El Dorado Unit Sutter Hill Station–Training Room 11600 Hwy 49 Sutter Creek, CA 95685	Bryan Pooley (530) 721–9748 Bryan.Pooley@fire.ca.gov
Butte	N/A		
Calaveras	N/A		
Colusa	N/A		
Contra Costa	11/18/26 10:00 a.m.	Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Headquarters 4005 Port Chicago Hwy Concord, CA 94520	Steven Blythe (408) 472–1604 Steven.Blythe@fire.ca.gov
Del Norte	N/A		
El Dorado	11/11/26 11:00 a.m.	El Dorado Hills Fire Department Station 85 1050 Wilson Blvd. El Dorado Hills, CA 95762	Bryan Pooley (530) 721–9748 Bryan.Pooley@fire.ca.gov
Fresno	11/16/26 5:00 p.m.	Clovis Veterans Memorial District Building 808 Fourth Street Clovis, CA 93612	Ralph Duran (559) 955–3150 Ralph.Duran@fire.ca.gov
Glenn	N/A		
Humboldt	11/10/26 10:00 a.m.	Fortuna Fire Department Headquarters 320 South Fortuna Blvd Fortuna, CA 95540	Ross Dollarhide (707) 599–6554 Ross.Dollarhide@fire.ca.gov
Imperial	N/A		

County	Hearing Date & Time	Hearing Location	Local Contact Person
Inyo	12/02/26 2:00 p.m.	County Administration Office Board Chambers 224 N. Edwards Street Independence, CA 93526.	David Hass (909) 253–6632 David.Haas@fire.ca.gov
Kern	12/01/26 3:00 p.m.	Kern County Fire Department EMS Building 34920 Petrol Road Bakersfield, CA 93308	Andrew Kennison (661) 330–0194 akennison@kerncountyfire.org
Kings	N/A		
Lake	N/A		
Lassen	12/03/26 1:00 p.m.	CAL FIRE Lassen Modoc Unit Headquarters–Training Room 697–345 Hwy 36 Susanville, CA 96130	Adam Mattos (530) 310–2201 adam.mattos@fire.ca.gov
Los Angeles	11/17/26 1:00 p.m.	College of the Canyons Boykin Hall (BYKH–105) 26455 Rockwell Canyon Road Santa Clarita, CA 91355	Daniel Sanchez (323) 855–0084 daniel.sanchez@fire.lacounty.gov
Madera	11/19/26 3:00 p.m.	Madera County Fire Department Station 12 48355 Liberty Drive Oakhurst, CA 93644	Mike Keyser (559) 706–8824 michael.keyser@fire.ca.gov
Marin	N/A		
Mariposa	11/19/26 10:00 a.m.	Mariposa County Fire Department 4802 CA–140 Mariposa CA 95338	Mike Keyser (559) 706–8824 michael.keyser@fire.ca.gov
Mendocino	12/01/26 9:00 a.m.	Willits City Hall 111 E Commercial Street Willits, CA, 95490	Chris Holmes (707) 513–5880 Chris.Holmes@fire.ca.gov
Merced	N/A		
Modoc	N/A		
Mono	12/03/26 9:30AM	Mono County Civic Center Mono Lake Room 1290 Tavern Road Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546	David Hass (909) 253–6632 David.Haas@fire.ca.gov
Monterey	N/A		
Napa	12/09/26 2:00 p.m.	Napa County Fire Department Station 25 1820 Monticello Road Napa, CA. 94558	Miguel Watson (707) 531–9447 Miguel.Watson@fire.ca.gov
Nevada	11/19/26 1:00 p.m.	Nevada County Rood Center 950 Maidu Avenue, Nevada City, CA 95959	Steve Garcia (530) 277–2306 steven.garcia@fire.ca.gov
Orange	11/10/26 10:00 a.m.	Orange County Fire Authority Headquarters 1 Fire Authority Road Irvine, CA 92602	Juan Huerta Phone: (714) 483–0899 JuanHuerta@ocfa.org

County	Hearing Date & Time	Hearing Location	Local Contact Person
Placer	11/12/26 9:00 a.m.	Human & Health Services Conference Center Cordova Room 11434 B Avenue Auburn, CA 95603	Steve Garcia (530) 277–2306 steven.garcia@fire.ca.gov
Plumas	N/A		
Riverside	11/25/26 9:00 a.m.	County Administrative Center 4080 Lemon Street Riverside, CA 92501	Ryan Lubben (951) 627–0568 Ryan.Lubben@fire.ca.gov
Sacramento (Statewide)	1/5/27 9:00 a.m.	California Natural Resource Agency 715 P Street Sacramento, CA 95814	Malcolm Kennedy (530) 360–5291 Malcolm.Kennedy@fire.ca.gov
San Benito	12/15/26 10:00 a.m.	Community Foundation Epicenter San Andreas Conference Room 440 San Benito Street Hollister, CA 95023	Matt Guzman (831) 601–2321 Matt.Guzman@fire.ca.gov
San Bernardino	N/A		
San Diego	11/12/26 1:00 p.m.	San Diego County Operations Center 5520 Overland Avenue San Diego, CA 92123	Paul Bisson (619) 590–3100 Paul.Bisson@fire.ca.gov
San Francisco	N/A		
San Joaquin	N/A		
San Luis Obispo	11/11/26 10:00 a.m.	Pismo Beach City Hall 760 Mattie Road Pismo Beach, CA 93449	Dustin Heck (805) 503–3044 Dustin.Heck@fire.ca.gov
San Mateo	11/18/26 1:00 p.m.	San Mateo County Regional Operations Center 501 Winslow Street Redwood City, CA 94063	Frank Rodgers (831) 254–1728 franks.rodgers@fire.ca.gov
Santa Barbara	11/12/26 2:00 p.m.	Santa Barbara County Fire Department Headquarters 4410 Cathedral Oaks Road Santa Barbara, CA 93110	Fred Tan (805) 896–6402 ftan@countyofsb.org
Santa Clara	11/17/26 10:00 a.m.	Morgan Hill City Council Chamber Building 17555 Peak Avenue Morgan Hill, CA 95037	Hubert Duong (408) 706–4661 Hubert.Duong@fire.ca.gov
Santa Cruz	11/19/26 1:00 p.m.	Ben Lomond Training Center 13575 Empire Grade Road Santa Cruz, CA 95060	Frank Rodgers (831) 254–1728 frank.rodgers@fire.ca.gov
Shasta	N/A		
Sierra	N/A		

County	Hearing Date & Time	Hearing Location	Local Contact Person
Siskiyou	11/12/26 1:00 p.m.	CAL FIRE/SKU Unit Headquarters 1809 Fairlane Road Yreka, CA 96097	Kevin Mancebo (530) 598–2606 Kevin.Mancebo@fire.ca.gov
Solano	12/04/26 9:00 a.m.	Solano County Event Center 601 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533	Miguel Watson (707) 531–9447 Miguel.Watson@fire.ca.gov
Sonoma	12/09/26 9:00 a.m.	Sonoma County Board Chambers 575 Administration Drive, Suite 102A Santa Rosa, CA 95403	Miguel Watson (707) 531–9447 Miguel.Watson@fire.ca.gov
Stanislaus	N/A		
Sutter	N/A		
Tehama	N/A		
Trinity	12/10/26 11:00 a.m.	Weaverville Fire Protection District 125 Bremer Street Weaverville, CA 96093	Jordan Wilson (530) 448–2465 Jordan.Wilson@fire.ca.gov
Tulare	11/10/26 6:00 p.m.	Three Rivers Memorial Building 43490 Sierra Drive Three Rivers, CA 93271	Dave Shy (559) 280–5077 david.shy@fire.ca.gov
Tuolumne	12/01/26 10:00 a.m.	Baseline Fire Center 16809 New Peoria Flat Road Jamestown, CA 95327	Jeff Cox (209) 419–2893 Jeffrey.Cox@fire.ca.gov
Ventura	11/12/26 10:00 a.m.	Ventura County Fire Department Headquarters – Sequoia Room 2400 Conejo Spectrum Street Thousand Oaks, CA 91320	Mike Worford Mike.Worford@venturacounty.gov (805) 947–8544
Yolo	N/A		
Yuba	N/A		

If an additional public hearing is held, the SFM will provide notice of the hearing in accordance with the requirements of Gov. Code sec. 11346.8(a), in addition to posting the information on the OSFM website.

The public hearing facilities are accessible to persons with mobility impairments. If any special assistance is required (i.e., interpreter), please notify the contact person named in this notice at least 15 days prior to the public hearing for the county you wish to attend.

In accordance with Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(18), the full text of a regulation changed pursuant to Government Code Section 11345.8 will be available for at least 15 days prior to the date on which the agency adopts, amends, or repeals the resulting regulation.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(15) and 11346.4(a).

Any interested person or his/her authorized representative may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action. Written comments will be accepted for 60 days beginning November 9, 2026 through January 8, 2027. All written comments received by the end of January 8, 2027, will be considered and responded to as part of the compilation of the rulemaking file and are subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act (Gov. Code Section 7920.000, et seq.). Written comments and questions should be directed at:

- **Email:** Title19Regulations@fire.ca.gov **(include in the subject line of the email "Public Comment: FHSZ SRA 2026 Regulations").**
- **To view the FHSZ online viewer and additions to FHSZ in SRA, please visit:** https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/b1a11874c83d4a93962823162e5b02e7.
- **To comment on the FHSZ in SRA additions, please visit:** https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/a750b381b5034f7d83cfde179bafa504.
- **US Mail postmarked no later than January 8, 2027 to:**

  CAL FIRE / Office of the State Fire Marshal
  P.O. Box 944246
  Sacramento, California 94244–2460
  Attention: Chris Ramey, Deputy Chief

- **Hand delivered or sent by courier no later than January 8, 2027 to:**

  California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
  Office of the State Fire Marshal
  C/O: Rudy Baltazar
  California Natural Resources Building
  715 P Street, 9th floor
  Sacramento, CA 95814

Pursuant to Government Code Section 11346.9(a)(3), the OSFM shall respond to comments submitted during the comment period containing objections and/or recommendations specifically directed at the OSFM's proposed action or to the procedures followed by the agency in proposing or adopting the action.

In accordance with Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(18), the full text of a regulation changed pursuant to Government Code Section 11345.8 will be available for at least 15 days prior to the date on which the agency adopts, amends, or repeals the resulting regulation.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

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

Under the authority of PRC sections 4202–4204, OSFM is amending, Article 1, Chapter 15, to Title 19 California Code of Regulations. References include sections 4202–4204 of the Public Resources Code.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST — POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

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

The OSFM is proposing amendments to the regulation in 19 CCR, Section 2201, which designates FHSZ in SRA. Within this section is a referenced map titled "State Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones." This map is being updated as part of the proposal pursuant to PRC Sections 4201– 4204.

FHSZs are geographical areas (lands) designated pursuant to PRC sections 4201–4204 and classified as Very High, High, or Moderate in SRA. Each zone is assigned one of these ratings to reflect the degree of severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in the zone.

The zones are designated so that measures may be identified which will reduce the potential for losses to life, property, and resources from wildfire. Building standards are effectuated by the proposed FHSZ map, meaning some building code requirements will depend on the hazard zone in which the building is located.

While OSFM maps fire hazard severity for the entire State, the map/zones proposed for adoption in this regulation apply only to the SRA.

The forms and documents incorporated by reference in Title 19 have also been included in this rulemaking file as follows:

- Map entitled "State Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones."

Summary of Effect

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

The designation of a FHSZ allows the people of California to take measures that will reduce the potential for losses to life, property, and resources from wildfire.

Summary of Existing Laws and Regulations

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

PRC sections 4202–4204, the SFM, shall classify lands in the SRA into FHSZs based on multiple factors and shall adopt regulations reflecting such designation. The statutes also require periodic review of the map and updating by the SFM when required. The current regulation designates FHSZ's in the SRA by a map incorporated by reference

Comparable Federal Regulations or Statutes

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

There are no comparable federal statutes or regulations.

Rulemaking Objective

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

PRC Section 4204 requires the SFM to periodically review and revise the FHSZ designations and ratings in the SRA. If the review results in revisions to the designations or ratings, the OSFM is required to transmit the proposed regulations to each impacted county and hold a public hearing, compliant with PRC Section 4203. This regulation was last updated with a new map incorporated by reference effective April 1, 2024. On July 1, 2025, the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection updated the boundaries of the SRA. Based on these updates, there is substantial evidence that the current FHSZ classifications must be updated to effectuate the purpose of PRC Sections 4201 and 4202.

Anticipated Benefits

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

The broad objective of the proposed rulemaking is to ensure that the people of California understand the degree of severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in the zone in which they live and can identify and implement the measures that will reduce the potential for losses to life, property, and resources from wildfire. The anticipated benefit will enhance public safety and protect California's vital natural resources and wildlife.

Evaluation of Consistency

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

After conducting a review of any and all other regulations that would relate to FHSZs in the SRA, the SFM concluded that this proposed rulemaking is the only rulemaking that concerns the designation of FHSZs in the SRA. The SFM has determined this proposed regulation is not inconsistent or incompatible with existing regulations.

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

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

There are no other matters prescribed by statute applicable to the OSFM, or to any specific regulation. There are no other matters to identify.

FISCAL IMPACT

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(6) and 11346.5(a)(5).

The OSFM has made the following initial determinations concerning the adoption of the proposed regulations regarding fiscal impact:

1. Mandate on local agencies or school districts: None.
2. Costs or savings to any state agency: None.
3. Cost to any local agency or school district that must be reimbursed in accordance with Government Code Sections 17500 through 17630: None.
4. Other non–discretionary cost or saving imposed on local agencies: None.
5. Costs or savings in federal funding to the State of California: None.

SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT DIRECTLY AFFECTING BUSINESS, INCLUDING ABILITY TO COMPETE

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.3(a) and 11346.5(a)(8).

The Office of the State Fire Marshal has made an initial determination that the proposed action will have no significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including ability to compete.

COST IMPACTS ON REPRESENTATIVE PERSON OR BUSINESS

Reference: Government Code Section 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.

RESULTS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS/ASSESSMENT

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(10) and 11346.3(b).

Creation or Elimination of Jobs

The SFM concludes that the proposed regulatory action, within the State of California, would have no significant adverse economic impact and adoption of these regulations will not create or eliminate jobs within California.

Creation of New Businesses or Elimination of Existing Businesses

The SFM concludes that the proposed regulatory action, within the State of California, would have no significant adverse economic impact and adoption of these regulations will not create new businesses or eliminate existing businesses within California.

Expansion of Business

The SFM concludes that the proposed regulatory action, within the State of California, would have no significant adverse economic impact and adoption of these regulations will not affect the expansion of businesses currently doing business within California.

Benefits of the Regulation to the Health and Welfare of California Residents, Worker Safety, and the Environment

The SFM has assessed that this regulatory proposal will benefit the public health and welfare of California residents, enhance public safety, and benefit the environment by protecting California's vital natural resources and wildlife.

The proposed regulatory action will not affect worker safety.

BUSINESS REPORT

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(11) and 11346.3(d).

The proposed regulations do not create any reporting requirements.

EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS

Reference: 1 California Code of Regulations 3(a)(b).

The SFM has determined that the proposed regulations will not have a substantial effect on small businesses. Based on our fiscal impact analysis, no impacts to businesses were identified; therefore, no associated impacts to small businesses are anticipated. The SFM has also not identified any alternatives that would lessen any potential adverse effects on small businesses, as none are expected.

These proposed regulations simply update the State Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones map incorporated by reference in 19 CCR section 2201. The amendment revises the existing fire hazard severity zone designations and classifications in accordance with Public Resources Code sections 4201–4204, and does not impose requirements that would affect small businesses.

EFFECT ON HOUSING COSTS

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

The proposed regulations were determined to have no significant effect on housing costs.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

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

The OSFM has determined that no reasonable alternative considered by OSFM or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of OSFM 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.

AVAILABILITY STATEMENTS

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(16), 11346.5(a)(18), 11346.5(a)(19) and 11346.5(b).

Availability of Rulemaking Documents

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

The OSFM will make the entire rulemaking file available for inspection and copying throughout the rulemaking process at its office at the above Sacramento 715 P Street address. As of the date of this notice being published in the Notice Register, the rulemaking file consists of this notice, the proposed text of the regulations, the initial statement of reasons, and supporting information. Requests for copies of any modified regulations should be directed to the contact person at the address listed below.

Availability of Changed or Modified Text

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

After holding a public hearing, if requested, and considering all timely and relevant comments received, the OSFM may adopt the proposed regulations substantially as described in this notice. If the OSFM 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 OSFM adopts the regulations as revised. Requests for copies of any

modified regulations should be directed to the contact person at the address listed below. The OSFM 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

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

Upon completion pursuant to Government Code Section 11346.9(a), requests for copies of the Final Statement of Reasons (FSOR) should be directed to the contact person at the address listed below. Upon completion of the FSOR, it will also be made available on the website linked below.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS ON THE INTERNET

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.4(a)(6) and 11346.5(a)(20).

Copies of the Notice of Proposed Action, the Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR), the text of proposed regulations in underline and strikeout, documents incorporated by reference and all information upon which this rulemaking is based may be accessed through the SFM website at: http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/divisions/code–development–and–analysis/title–19–development/.

PLAIN ENGLISH DETERMINATION

The proposed regulations were prepared pursuant to the standard of clarity provided in Government Code Section 11349 and the plain English requirements of Government Code Sections 11342.580 and 11346.2(a)(1). The proposed regulations were written to be easily understood by the parties that will use them.

CONTACT PERSON

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

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

Rudy Baltazar, Assistant Chief
CAL FIRE / Office of the State Fire Marshal
Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance
715 P Street, Suite 900, Sacramento, CA 95814
FHSZinformation@fire.ca.gov
916–633–7655
Jena Garcia, Deputy State Fire Marshal III (Supervisor)
CAL FIRE / Office of the State Fire Marshal
Code Development and Analysis
715 P Street, Suite 900, Sacramento, CA 95814
Title19Regulations@fire.ca.gov
(916) 531–7650

TITLE 22. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG) BOARD REQUIREMENTS

The Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) proposes to amend Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations Section 100605 as described below in the Informative Digest.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing is not scheduled. Pursuant to Government Code Section 11346.8, any interested person, or their duly authorized representative, may request a public hearing. CSD must receive the written request no later than 15 days prior to the closing of the public comment period. Requests for public hearing should be sent to:

Department of Community Services and Development
Attention: Legal
2389 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95833
Email: Web.Info@csd.ca.gov

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

Statements or arguments relating to the proposals may be submitted in writing or via email to the address/email listed above. All comments must be received by December 21, 2026.

It is requested that all comments contain the regulation package identifier "**CSBG Board Requirements**" in the subject line to facilitate timely identification and review.

Please note: Public comments should not include any personal or medical information, as your written and oral comments, and attachments become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request under the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code, § 6250 et seq.).

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

This proposal is made pursuant to the authority vested in CSD by Sections 12087, 12735, 12738, and 12781 of the Government Code. This proposal is intended to interpret, implement, and make specific Government Code Section 12751, and Section 9910 of Title 42 of the United States Code.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

Congress adopted the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Act (Sections 9901 to 9926 of Title 42 of the United States Code (42 U.S.C.)) to provide assistance to State and local communities through community action agencies and other neighborhood–based organizations to reduce poverty, revitalize low–income communities, and empower low–income families and communities to become fully self–sufficient. Under California Government Code (GOV) Section 12735(c), the Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) is the administering agency for the federally funded CSBG Program. Under GOV Section 12738, CSD has the authority to create regulations necessary to administer the CSBG.

Community Action Agencies (CAAs) are the primary subrecipients of California's CSBG funds. These CAAs use CSBG funds to provide a range of services to lessen the causes of poverty in their communities. GOV Section 12751 and 42 U.S.C. Section 9910, require each CAA to have a tripartite board of directors. Under Section 12751, one–third of the members of the board of directors need to be elected public officials, one–third need to be democratically selected to represent the local low–income populations, and one–third need to be members of major groups with interests in the community.

Currently, Section 100605 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations (22 CCR) requires each CAA's tripartite board of directors to have at least twelve, and at most thirty, members. Many CAAs in the State struggle to keep the minimum of 12 board members. Filling seats requires advertising for board member applicants, screening applicants, and training new board members. The proposed changes would allow CAAs to have smaller, nine–member, tripartite boards, so that they can focus their agencies' time and CSBG funds on providing services to their community.

Similarly, Division 11 of Tittle 22 of the California Code of Regulations does not require that CAAs update CSD on their board composition, and alert CSD if anyone has left the board. Nor do the regulations explain how quickly a CAA would need to fill any vacancies in their board. The proposed changes would require CAAs to give CSD basic information about their tripartite board's makeup, and tell CSD, within thirty days, if there is a change to the board's composition. The proposed language would also establish clear standards for CAAs to comply with when filling board vacancies.

Anticipated Benefits of the Proposed Amendments

The proposed amendment to the regulations will decrease the administrative burden on CAAs and establish clear standards for enforcement of board composition requirements.

FORMS/DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

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

EVALUATION OF INCONSISTENCY OR INCOMPATIBILITY WITH EXISTING STATE REGULATIONS (GOVERNMENT CODE, § 11346.5(A)(3)(D))

During the development of this proposed regulatory action, the Department conducted a search of any similar regulations on this topic and concluded these regulations are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing state regulations.

MANDATED BY FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATIONS (GOVERNMENT CODE, §§ 11346.2 & 11346.9)

Not Applicable.

OTHER STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS (GOVERNMENT CODE, § 11346.5(A)(4))

None.

DISCLOSURE REGARDING THE PROPOSED ACTION

The Community Services Block Grant has no state or local matching of administrative funds. The grant award to the State and subsequently the subrecipients, is all formula based. These regulations will not impact the formula or the award amounts. Based on this, CSD has made the following initial determinations:

Local Mandate (Gov. Code, § 11346.5(a)(5)):

Under Government Code sections 11346.5, subdivision (a)(5), the Department has determined that the proposed regulatory action would not impose a mandate on any local agency or school district that requires reimbursement by the State under Government

Code, title 2, division 4, part 7 (commencing with section 17500).

Fiscal Impacts (Gov. Code, § 11346.5(a)(6)):

The determination of the Department concerning the costs or savings incurred by public agencies and private persons and businesses in reasonable compliance with the proposed regulatory action are presented below.

Cost to any local agency or school district requiring reimbursement under section 17500 et seq.:

The Department has determined that the proposed regulatory action would not create costs or savings to any local agency or school district.

Cost or savings to any state agency:

The Department has determined that the proposed regulatory action would not create costs or savings to any state agency.

Other non–discretionary costs or savings on local agencies:

The Department has determined that the proposed regulatory action would not create costs or savings to any other nondiscretionary cost or savings to state or local agencies.

Cost or savings in Federal funding to the State:

The Department has determined that the proposed regulatory action would not create costs or savings in federal funding to the State.

Housing Costs (Gov. Code, § 11346.5(a)(12)):

In accordance with Government Code Section 11346.5, subdivision (a)(12), the Department has made the initial determination that the proposed regulatory action will not have a significant effect on housing costs.

Significant Statewide Adverse Economic Impact Directly Affecting Business, Including Ability to Compete with Business in Other States (Gov. Code, §§ 11346.3(A), 11346.5(A)(7), and 11346.5(A)(8)):

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

STATEMENT OF RESULTS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS/ASSESSMENT (GOVERNMENT CODE, § 11346.5(A)(10))

(A) *The creation of jobs within the State of California.*

The Department does not anticipate that this regulatory action would have an impact on the creation of jobs within the State of California.

(B) *The elimination of jobs within the State of California.*

The Department does not anticipate that this regulatory action would have an impact on the elimination of jobs within the State of California.

(C) *The creation of new business within the State of California.*

The Department anticipates that this regulatory action would have an impact on the creation of new business within the State of California.

(D) *The elimination of existing businesses within the State of California.*

The Department does not anticipate that this regulatory action would have an impact on the elimination of existing businesses within the State of California.

(E) *The expansion of businesses currently doing business within the State of California.*

The Department does anticipate that this regulatory action would have an impact on the expansion of business within the State of California.

(F) *The benefits of the regulation to the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety, and the state's environment.*

The Department anticipates that this regulatory action would contribute to the health and welfare of California residents receiving CSBG services. Ensuring compliant board governance for CAAs and reducing burden on staff will support CAAs in accomplishing their CSBG service goals.

COST IMPACTS ON REPRESENTATIVE PRIVATE PERSONS OR BUSINESS (GOVERNMENT CODE, § 11346.5(A)(9))

In developing this regulatory proposal, Department staff evaluated the potential economic impacts on representative private persons or business. The Department is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

BUSINESS REPORT (GOVERNMENT CODE, §§ 11346.5(A)(11); 11346.3(D))

In accordance with Government Code sections 11346.5, subdivisions (a)(11) and 11346.3, subdivision (d), the Department finds that any reporting requirements of the proposed regulatory action which may apply to businesses are necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the State of California.

EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS
(1 CCR § 4(A) AND (B))

The Department has determined under California Code of Regulations, title 1, section 4, that the proposed regulatory action would not affect small businesses. CAAs are either local governments or nonprofit organizations and therefore do not meet the definition of a small business.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

In accordance with Gov. Code § 11346.5, subdivision (a)(13), CSD 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, 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 than the proposed action. CSD invites interested persons to present statements or arguments with respect to alternatives to the proposed regulations during the written comment period or at any hearing scheduled to take statements or arguments that are relevant to the proposed action.

CONTACT PERSONS

Questions regarding this proposed regulatory action may be directed to the Department's representatives at 2389 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95833:

Amy Barnett, Chief Counsel, 916–550–3235
Patrick DaSilva Telles, Staff Counsel,
916–570–7146

TEXT OF PROPOSAL

Individuals may request copies of the proposed text (the "express terms") of the regulations, the initial statement of reasons, the modified text of the regulations, if any, or other information upon which the rulemaking is based to, CSD, 2389 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95833. These documents are also located on the CSD Website at https://www.csd.ca.gov/Pages/CSBGProgram.aspx.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS/AVAILABILITY OF CHANGED OR MODIFIED TEXT

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

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

Upon its completion, Final Statement of Reasons (FSOR) shall be available, and copies may be requested from the agency contact persons in this notice or may be accessed on the Department's Internet web site listed below.

INTERNET ACCESS

This notice, the ISOR, the proposed regulation text, and all subsequent regulatory documents, including the FSOR, when completed, are available on the Department's website for this rulemaking https://www.csd.ca.gov/Pages/CSBGProgram.aspx.

GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

The Department of Developmental Services (Department) proposes to amend the Early Intervention Services regulations as described below after considering all comments, objections, and recommendations.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Department will hold a public hearing to consider proposed amendments to the regulations for Early Intervention Services. To participate via Zoom, please access the webpage for Emergency and Proposed Regulations at https://www.dds.ca.gov/transparency/laws–regulations/emergency–and–proposed–

regulations/ and follow the instructions on how to register to participate via Zoom.

DATE: January 07, 2027
TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Zoom or DDS Headquarters

The Department will have limited seating available in the California Room at 1215 O Street, Suite 110, Sacramento, CA 95814 for those wishing to participate in person. To request a reasonable accommodation, please contact Cristina Tsuji at regulations@dds.ca.gov or (916) 651–0363 by 3:30 p.m. on December 24, 2026.

Please register using the link below and indicate whether you intend to participate via Zoom or in person.

https://cal–dds.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Av5DxeRETA–5NDK3UQcMBA

Participants will be given instructions on how to provide oral comments once they have accessed the hearing. The hearing will proceed on the date noted above until all testimony is submitted or by 12:00 p.m., whichever is later. At the hearing, any person may present oral or written statements or arguments relevant to the proposed action described in the Informative Digest. The Department requests, but does not require, that persons who make oral comments at the hearing also submit a written copy of their testimony via electronic submittal as described below.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD AND SUBMITTAL OF COMMENTS

The public comment period for this regulatory action will begin on November 06, 2026, and closes on January 07, 2027. To ensure consideration, your comment must be received by the Department no later than January 07, 2027. When commenting, please indicate the proposed rulemaking action to which your comment refers.

Any interested person or their representative may, orally or in writing, submit comments relevant to the proposed action described in the Informative Digest. The Department requests but does not require that a person who makes an oral comment at the hearing also prepares and submits a written copy of their testimony. Furthermore, the Department requests but does not require that all written statements on this proposed rulemaking action be submitted at least 10 days prior to the hearing so that Department staff have sufficient time to consider each comment. The Department encourages members of the public to bring any suggestions for modifications to the proposed regulatory action to staff's attention in advance of the hearing.

For consideration, any written comments shall be submitted as follows:

Mail or Hand Delivery:

Department of Developmental Services
Legislation and Regulations Branch
RE: **Early Intervention Services Regulations**
1215 O Street, M.S. 9–10
Sacramento, CA 95814; or

Electronic Submittal:

https://www.dds.ca.gov/transparency/laws–regulations/emergency–and–proposed–regulations/

It is requested that all comments contain the regulation package identifier **"Early Intervention Services Regulations"** in the subject line to facilitate timely identification and review.

Please note: Public comments should not include any personal or medical information, as your written and oral comments, and attachments become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request under the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code, § 7920.000 et seq.).

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Authority: Government Code (Gov. Code) sections 11152, 95001, 95009 and 95028 authorize the Department to adopt these regulations; Welfare and Institutions Code (Welf. & Inst. Code) sections 4405, 4514, 4626, 4627, 4648, 4681.1, 4689.7, 4695.2, 4712, 4748, 4866 and 5328.

Reference: These regulations implement, interpret, or make specific the following provisions:

- Education Code: sections 49065, 56321, 56325, 56343 and 56344.
- Government Code: sections 95003, 95004, 95007, 95014, 95016, 95018, 95020, 95022 and 95028.
- Health and Safety Code: sections: 1250 and 1502.
- Penal Code: sections: 240.242, 243.4, 245, 264.1, 273, 285, 286, 288, 289, 311.3, 311.4, 647, 11165.1, 11165.2, 11165.3 and 11165.6
- Welfare & Institutions Code: sections 4501, 4502, 4503, 4504, 4512, 4514, 4517, 4520, 4543, 4546, 4622, 4626, 4627, 4642, 4643.5, 4646, 4646.5, 4647, 4648, 4648.12, 4681.1, 4689.7, 4691, 4693, 4695, 4695.2, 4705, 4712, 4740–4748, 4791, 4851, 5328, 5329, 12305.81, 15610.57, 15610.63 and 17710.
- Title 5, California Code of Regulations (CCR): sections 3001 and 3030.
- Title 20, United States Code (U.S.C.): sections 1232, 1400–1420, 1432, 1435, 1436, 1439, 1440, 1476 and 1480.

- Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR): sections 99.7, 300.402, 300.561, 300.562, 300.564, 300.565, 300.566, 300.567, 300.569, 300.571, 300.576, 303.1, 303.9, 303.10, 303.12, 303.13, 303.14, 303.16, 303.18, 303.20, 303.22, 303.24, 303.25, 303.26, 303.27, 303.29, 303.31, 303.113, 303.174, 303.209, 303.300, 303.302, 303.321, 303.322, 303.340, 303.342, 303.343, 303.344, 303.345, 303.346, 303.401, 303.402, 303.403, 303.404, 303.405, 303.406, 303.420, 303.421, 303.422, 303.423, 303.425, 303.430, 303.432, 303.460, 303.510–303.512, 303.520, 303.522, 303.523, 303.524 and 303.527.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST AND POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

Sections Affected:

The Department proposes amendment of CCR, title 17, sections 50401, 52000, 52020, 52022, 52040, 52060, 52082, 52084, 52086, 52100, 52102, 52104, 52106, 52107, 52108, 52110, 52111, 52112, 52120, 52121, 52122, 52140, 52160, 52161, 52162, 52164, 52165, 52166, 52167, 52168, 52169, 52170, 52171, 52172, 52173, 52174, 52175, 54302, 54505, and 56002.

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

The California Early Intervention Services Act (Gov. Code section 95000 et seq.) establishes California's early intervention services system, known as Early Start, for eligible infants and toddlers under three years of age and their families. The Department serves as the State's lead agency for Early Start. Regional centers and local educational agencies coordinate and provide services according to their respective responsibilities under state and federal law.

Part C of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) (20 U.S.C. section 1431 et seq.) and its implementing regulations in title 34, CFR, part 303 establish requirements for identifying eligible infants and toddlers, conducting evaluations and assessments, developing individualized family service plans (IFSPs), providing early intervention services, planning transitions, and protecting parental rights and confidential information. Existing title 17 regulations implement these requirements and the California Early Intervention Services Act. Senate Bill 188 (Stats. 2022, chapter 49) amended California law concerning Early Start eligibility, service coordination, and transition. These changes include a 25–percent developmental delay threshold, separate consideration of expressive and receptive communication, recognition of fetal alcohol syndrome as an established risk condition, and at least quarterly IFSP reviews. Assembly Bill 162 (Stats. 2024, chapter 47) amended Gov. Code section 95020 regarding the frequency and modality of IFSP meetings. The proposed amendments require IFSP meetings to be conducted consistently with that section.

The Department proposes to amend title 17, division 2, chapters 1, 2, and 3 of CCR to reflect these statutory changes, update provisions addressing federal Part C requirements, and clarify responsibilities throughout the Early Start system. The proposed amendments would:

- Add and update definitions of early intervention services, participating entities, parents, and other terms used in administering Early Start.
- Update eligibility provisions to reflect the 25–percent developmental delay threshold, separate expressive and receptive communication areas, and fetal alcohol syndrome as an established risk condition.
- Require quarterly IFSP reviews and clarify meeting procedures and parental participation, establish at least seven calendar days' advance written notice before IFSP meetings with an exception for parent–requested meetings on shorter notice, and update consent, and documentation requirements.
- Address the timely initiation of services identified in an IFSP.
- Update transition planning, notification, referral, and coordination procedures for toddlers approaching their third birthday, including toddlers referred shortly before that birthday.
- Require opportunities for families to provide feedback on the transition process and require Early Start Programs to use that feedback to improve policies, procedures, and training.
- Update provisions concerning procedural safeguards, records, confidentiality, and complaints.
- Make conforming changes to regional center definitions in provisions governing research, vendorization, conflicts of interest, and residential services.
- The proposal also updates terminology, cross–references, and formatting to improve clarity and consistency.

Comparable Federal Regulation or Statute

Comparable federal law includes Part C of IDEA, title 20, U.S.C., section 1431 et seq., and its implementing regulations in title 34, CFR, part 303. Relevant provisions address early intervention services, evaluation and assessment, IFSP development and implementation, transition, parental consent, prior written notice, and dispute resolution.

The proposal incorporates federal requirements and establishes additional state standards. These include IFSP reviews every three months, a minimum seven–calendar–day written notice period for IFSP

meetings with a parent–requested exception, and a requirement to arrange, provide, or purchase IFSP services within 45 days of parental consent. Proposed section 52161 also requires prior written notice by certified mail at least 30 days before specified proposed or refused actions. By comparison, 34 CFR section 303.421 requires prior written notice a reasonable time before the action and does not specify a 30–day period or certified–mail delivery.

Documents Incorporated by Reference

None.

Policy Statement Overview

Objectives:

The proposed amendments are intended to align the regulations with current California law and applicable federal Part C requirements and provide clear, consistent guidance for administering Early Start statewide. Specifically, the amendments seek to support accurate eligibility determinations, timely service planning and delivery, regular review of developmental needs, meaningful family participation, protection of parental rights, and coordinated transitions to appropriate services when toddlers leave Early Start.

The amendments also seek to clarify the responsibilities of regional centers and local educational agencies (LEAs) and establish consistent terminology and procedures for families, service coordinators, and providers.

Anticipated Benefits of the Proposed Regulations:

The proposed amendments are anticipated to benefit the health and welfare of eligible California infants and toddlers by supporting accurate identification of developmental needs and timely access to appropriate early intervention services. Updated eligibility provisions and service definitions will help families and professionals understand who qualifies for Early Start and the services available.

Quarterly IFSP reviews will support timely adjustments to services as developmental needs and family priorities change. Clearer notice, participation, consent, and documentation requirements will help families understand their rights and participate meaningfully in decisions about services.

Updated transition procedures will strengthen coordination among families, regional centers, and LEAs and reduce the risk of service gaps when toddlers leave Early Start. Family feedback will help Early Start Programs identify and address opportunities to improve the transition process.

Consistent definitions and clearer procedures will also support more uniform implementation throughout the State.

Evaluation of Inconsistency or Incompatibility with Existing State Regulations

During the development of this regulatory proposal, the Department reviewed existing state regulations and determined that the proposed amendments are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with current state regulations.

MANDATED BY FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATIONS

California must maintain an early intervention system that complies with Part C of IDEA and title 34, CFR, part 303, as a condition of receiving federal Part C funding. Portions of the proposed amendments implement or clarify these federal requirements. Other amendments implement state law or establish additional state standards, including specific notice and service timeframes. The proposed regulatory action is therefore not exclusively mandated by federal law.

OTHER STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

None.

DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE PROPOSED ACTION

The Department has made the following initial determinations:

Local Mandate

Under Gov. Code section 11346.5(a)(5), the Department has determined that the proposed regulations do not impose a mandate on any local agency or school district that requires reimbursement by the State under Gov. Code, title 2, division 4, part 7, commencing with section 17500.

Fiscal Impact Estimates

The determination of the Department concerning the costs or savings incurred by public agencies and private persons and businesses in reasonable compliance with the proposed regulatory action are presented below.

Cost to any local agency or school district requiring reimbursement under sections 17500 et seq.:

The Department has determined that the proposed regulatory action would not create costs or savings to any local agency or school district.

Cost or savings to any state agency:

The Department has determined that the proposed regulatory action would create minor indeterminate costs absorbed by the Department.

Other non–discretionary costs or savings on local agencies:

The Department has determined that the proposed regulatory action would not create costs or savings or any other nondiscretionary cost or savings to local agencies.

Cost or savings in federal funding to the State Gov. Code 11346.5(a)(6):

The Department has determined that the proposed regulatory action would create minor indeterminate costs absorbed by the Department.

Housing Costs

In accordance with Gov. Code section 11346.5(a)(12), the Department has made the initial determination that the proposed regulatory action will not have an effect on housing costs.

Significant Adverse Economic Impact on Business, Including Ability to Compete with Business in Other States

The Department has made an initial determination that the proposed regulatory action would not have a statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states, or on representative private persons.

The proposed amendments primarily update eligibility, service planning, coordination, notice, transition, and procedural requirements for Early Start Programs. Although service providers may be affected, the Department does not anticipate that these changes will result in a significant statewide adverse economic impact on businesses.

STATEMENT OF RESULTS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS/ASSESSMENT

(A) *The creation of jobs within the State of California.*

The Department cannot determine whether the proposed regulatory action will result in the creation of jobs within California.

(B) *The elimination of jobs within the State of California.*

The Department does not anticipate that this regulatory action would have an impact on the elimination of jobs within the State of California.

(C) *The creation of new business within the State of California.*

The Department does not anticipate that this regulatory action would have an impact on the creation of new business within the State of California.

(D) *The elimination of existing businesses within the State of California.*

The Department does not anticipate that this regulatory action would have an impact on the elimination of existing businesses within the State of California.

(E) *The expansion of businesses currently doing business within the State of California.*

The Department does not anticipate that this regulatory action would have an impact on the expansion of business within the State of California.

(F) *The benefits of the regulation to the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety, and the state's environment.*

The proposed regulations benefit the health and welfare of California infants and toddlers by improving access to early intervention services strengthening family participation and helping children develop essential skills. Pursuant to Gov. Code section 11346.5(a)(10), this proposed rulemaking action will not affect worker safety or the State's environment.

COST IMPACTS ON REPRESENTATIVE PRIVATE PERSONS OR BUSINESS

In developing this regulatory proposal, the Department's staff evaluated the potential economic impacts on representative private persons or business. The Department is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed rulemaking action and anticipates minor indeterminate costs that will be absorbed by the Department.

DETERMINATION OF EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS

The Department has determined that there is no significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting small businesses because these regulations pertain only to regional centers working under the Department and the LEAs which are funded through the California Department of Education.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

In accordance with Gov. Code section 11346.5(a)(13), 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 provisions of law. During the public hearing and written comment period, the Department invites interested persons to present state-

ments or arguments with respect to alternatives to the proposed regulation.

CONTACT PERSONS

Inquiries concerning the substance of the proposed regulatory action may be directed to Rachel Nerland, CPS II, (916) 654–1571 or Ryan Digman, CPS III, (916) 654–3627.

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

The Department has compiled a record for this rulemaking action which includes all the information upon which the proposal is based, including an Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR) for the proposed regulatory action and the proposed regulation text.

Copies of the proposed ISOR and the full text of the proposed regulatory language, may be accessed on the Department's website listed below, or may be obtained upon request to Cristina Tsuji, Legislation and Regulations Analyst, (916) 651–0363, 1215 O Street, M.S. 9–10, Sacramento, California, 95814.

Further, the agency representative to whom nonsubstantive inquiries concerning the proposed administrative action, including requests for inspecting the rulemaking record, may be directed is Cristina Tsuji, Legislation and Regulations Analyst, at Regulations@dds.ca.gov or by phone at (916) 651–0363.

AVAILABILITY OF CHANGED OR MODIFIED TEXT

The Department may adopt or make modifications to the proposed regulatory action as described in this notice after considering all timely and relevant comments received during the 45–day comment period. If modifications that are substantially related are made by the Department, the notice of modified text and modified text with the changes clearly indicated will be made available to the public for at least 15 days before the Department adopts the regulation as revised. Copies of any modified text will be sent to anyone who commented on the first 45–day package or who otherwise has filed a request for notice of regulatory actions with the Department pursuant to Gov. Code section 11346.4(a)(1). You may request to receive copies of any modified regulations from the contact person indicated above. The Department will accept written comments on the modified regulations for 15 days after the date on which they are made publicly available.

AVAILABILITY OF FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Upon its completion, the Department will post the Final Statement of Reasons (FSOR) on the Department's website listed below. Please direct requests for copies to the contact person(s) listed above.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS ON THE INTERNET

Copies of the Notice of Proposed Action, the ISOR, the proposed regulation text, and all subsequent regulatory documents, including the FSOR, when completed, are available on the Department's website for this rulemaking at https://www.dds.ca.gov/transparency/laws–regulations/emergency–and–proposed–regulations/.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

CALIFORNIA ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION NUMBER 2080–2026–011–01

Project: Green Diamond Resource Company — Habitat Conservation Plan for Marbled Murrelet

Location: Humboldt and Del Norte counties

Applicant: Green Diamond Resource Company

Background

Green Diamond Resource Company (GDRCo) developed a fifty–year Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) (Project) (effective September 12, 2026) that supports the issuance of authorizations from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) that allows for limited take of marbled murrelet (*Brachyramphus marmoratus*; hereafter MAMU) incidental to GDRCo's forest management activities on their commercial timberlands. The HCP covers 380,457 acres of land spread throughout the Coast Range in California.

GDRCo's HCP covers timber operations and related management activities including, but not limited to: growing, harvesting, and transporting timber; timber stand regeneration and improvements; road and landing construction and maintenance; fuel break construction and maintenance; and monitoring and research (e.g., for spotted owls) (Project Activities).

The Project Activities described above are expected to incidentally take[1] MAMU where those activities take place within the Coast Range ecological subregion (Project Area). In particular, MAMU could be incidentally taken as a result of habitat modification and lost reproduction. MAMU is designated as a threatened species pursuant to the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) (16 U.S.C. § 1531 et seq.) and an endangered species pursuant to the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) (Fish & Game Code, § 2050 et seq.). (See Cal. Code Regs., title 14, § 670.5, subdivision (a)(5)(P).)

MAMU individuals are documented as present within the Project Area and there is unoccupied but potentially suitable MAMU habitat within and adjacent to the Project Area. Because of the presence of MAMU, proximity of the nearest documented MAMU, and the presence of suitable MAMU habitat within the Project Area, the Service determined that MAMU is reasonably certain to occur within the Project Area and that Project Activities are expected to result in the incidental take of MAMU.

Because the Project is expected to result in take of a species designated as threatened under the federal ESA, GDRCo prepared an HCP in support of an application for an incidental take permit (ITP) pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(b) of the ESA. The ITP requires GDRCo to fully implement and comply with all conservation measures listed in the HCP for avoidance, minimization, and mitigation of impacts to MAMU. On September 12, 2026, the Service issued a biological opinion (Service file Number AFWO–2024–0146093) (BO). The BO describes the Project, requires GDRCo to comply with terms of the BO and its associated incidental take statement (ITS), and incorporates additional measures.

On September 15, 2026, the Director of the Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) received a notice from GDRCo requesting a determination pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2080.1 that the HCP and ITP and related ITS and its associated BO are consistent with CESA for purposes of the Project and the anticipated incidental take of MAMU. (Cal. Reg. Notice Register 2026, Number 38–Z, p. 1313.)

Determination

CDFW has determined that the HCP and ITP, as well as the ITS and its associated BO, is consistent with CESA as to the Project and MAMU because the mitigation measures contained in the HCP and ITP, as well as the conditions in the ITS and its associated BO meet the conditions set forth in Fish and Game Code section 2081, subdivisions (b) and (c), for authorizing incidental take of CESA–listed species. Specifically, CDFW finds that: (1) take of MAMU will be incidental to an otherwise lawful activity; (2) the mitigation measures identified in the HCP and ITP, and the ITS and its associated BO, will minimize and fully mitigate the impacts of the authorized take; (3) adequate funding is ensured to implement the required avoidance minimization and mitigation measures and to monitor compliance with, and effectiveness of those measures; and (4) the Project will not jeopardize the continued existence of MAMU. The mitigation measures in the HCP and ITP, along with the ITS and its associated BO, that will be implemented by GDRCo include, but are not limited to, the following:

Avoidance, Minimization, and Mitigation Measures

1) **Protect all known Occupied Reserves.** Occupied Reserves are areas on GDRCo ownership that are known to, currently or historically, support MAMU occupied behaviors. There are currently 24 known Occupied Reserves in the Plan Area totaling 541 acres. No timber harvest will be permitted in the Occupied Reserves, except for salvaging of downed trees for the purpose of reopening roads blocked by down trees, for the life of the ITP (50 years).

2) **Protect all Suitable Habitat Reserves.** Suitable Habitat Reserves are areas identified by modeling to have characteristics that would suggest they could support occupied behaviors of marbled murrelet. There are currently 96 different Suitable Habitat Reserves in the Plan Area totaling 946.4 acres.

3) **Provide Occupied Reserve Buffers.** GDRCo will provide 300–foot buffers around 541.3 acres of Occupied Reserves which, including Adjacent Habitat Reserves, totals approximately 1,539.7 acres of buffers. Only restoration forestry will be permitted in Occupied Reserve Buffers after approval from CDFW and USFWS.

4) **Provide Adjacent Habitat Buffers.** GDRCo will provide 300–foot buffers around all suitable habitat located on adjacent ownerships, totaling approximately 705 acres.

5) **Provide Deed Restrictions on Suitable Habitat.** GDRCo will provide deed restrictions on 36.3 acres of Suitable Habitat Reserves and on 76.3 acres of Occupied Reserves as the Assurance Reserve.

6) **Implement Monitoring Procedures.** GDRCo will implement the following:

[1] Pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 86, "'Take' means hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill, or attempt to hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill." See also *Environmental Protection Information Center v. California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection* (2008) 44 Cal.4th 459, 507 (for purposes of incidental take permitting under Fish and Game Code section 2081, subdivision (b), "'take'…means to catch, capture or kill").

- Monitor Project Activities around Occupied Reserves and buffers to ensure these areas are not encroached;
- Monitor vegetation in buffers before and after selection harvest treatments to assess whether and to what extent suitable nesting habitat for murrelets develops;
- Monitor Project Activities around Suitable Habitat Reserves;
- Monitor MAMU in Suitable Habitat Reserves following the plan in Appendix E of the HCP;
- Monitor and review any increased habitat suitability in buffers and will report the change in habitat suitability in the performance report at the end of the permit term (Murrelet Plan Section 6.3.2.4 and Appendix E of the HCP);
- GDRCo may choose to identify, manage and monitor additional areas in their ownership during the permit term. GDRCo may evaluate these voluntarily retained and recruited stands for inclusion within Suitable Habitat Reserves as appropriate;
- Monitor, track, and report any incidental take that occurs during the harvest of marginal habitat annually and throughout the permit term;
- Monitor, track and report indirect incidental take from the implementation of Project Activities adjacent to marginal habitat and Suitable Habitat Reserves during the permit term; and,
- Review Timber Harvest Plans to ensure compliance with all applicable processes, provisions, and measures from the Murrelet Plan.

Reporting and Adaptive Management

GDRCo will provide reports for each year of Murrelet Plan implementation beginning the first full year after the ITP is issued. Each annual report is due by March 31 of the following year, and the annual report is based upon the previous calendar year. The annual reports will include all monitoring and any scheduled field reviews described in HCP Section 5.3.7. See HCP Section 6.4.3 for a list of required elements for the annual reviews. GDRCo will also provide a Performance Review (Murrelet Plan Section 6.3.2.4) in Year 49 of the permit term. GDRCo established a process in the Murrelet Plan to address uncertainties and to determine appropriate adaptive management. GDRCo's adaptive management process includes an assessment to identify the cause(s) of the issue, identification of the relationship between the management activity and the cause of the issue, and identification of potential management changes to improve conditions. GDRCo will work closely with the Service and CDFW to identify and implement feasible adaptive management. Murrelet Plan Section 6.3.2 provides some situations where adaptive management may be needed and possible measures that can be implemented as appropriate. Further, GDRCo has reserved 473 acres of marginal habitat as the Adaptive Management Reserve Account if needed to compensate for any situations that arise during the permit term.

Financial Security

GDRCo has executed and provided CDFW with a letter of credit (Number 00656115) in the sum of $26,900.00 to ensure funding for full implementation of the HCP and ITP along with the BO and its associated ITS. CDFW has determined that the sum provided by GDRCo adequately ensures funding for the mitigation and monitoring for this Project.

Conclusion

Pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2080.1, take authorization under CESA is not required for the Project for incidental take of MAMU, provided GDRCo implements the Project as described in the HCP and ITP as well as the ITS and its associated BO, including adherence to all measures contained therein. If there are any substantive changes to the Project, including changes to the mitigation measures, or if the Service amends or replaces the HCP and ITP or the ITS and its associated BO, GDRCo shall be required to obtain a new consistency determination or a CESA incidental take permit for the Project from CDFW. (See generally Fish & Game Code, §§ 2080.1, 2081, subdivisions (b) and (c)).

In making this determination, CDFW acknowledges that the HCP and ITP, along with the ITS and its associated BO, address MAMU, a species designated as threatened under the ESA, and endangered under CESA. This species is known to occur within the Project area. The Service determined in the BO and ITS that, for purposes of the ESA, mortality or injury to individual MAMU is unlikely but that the authorized take of habitat could result in limited mortality of eggs, nestlings, and juveniles. The Service authorized such take under the ESA, requiring GDRCo to implement various avoidance and minimization measures for the species. GDRCo is aware that, for purposes of CESA, take of MAMU as defined by state law is prohibited, except as authorized by the Fish and Game Code. (See generally Fish & Game Code, §§ 86, 2080.)

CDFW's determination that the HCP and ITP, along with the ITS and its associated BO are consistent with CESA is limited to MAMU.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

FISH AND GAME CODE SECTION 1653 CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION REQUEST FOR HIGHLAND CREEK BERM REPAIR PROJECT (TRACKING NUMBER: 1653–2026–193–001–R2) LAKE COUNTY

California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) received a Request to Approve on October 21, 2026, that Tom Lajcik (Applicant) proposes to carry out a habitat restoration or enhancement project pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1653. The proposed project involves reconstructing a failed berm to restore hydrologic and ecological function within the tributary. The proposed project will be carried out on Highland Creek, located in Lakeport, Lake County, California.

On June 2, 2026, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received a Notice of Intent (NOI) to comply with the terms of, and obtain coverage under, the General 401 Water Quality Certification Order for Small Habitat Restoration Projects (General 401 Order) for the Highland Creek Berm Repair Project. The Regional Water Board determined that the Project, as described in the NOI, was categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review (section 15333 — Small Habitat Restoration Projects) and met the eligibility requirements for coverage under the General 401 Order. The Regional Water Board issued a Notice of Applicability (WDID Number 5A17CR00202) for coverage under the General 401 Order on June 26, 2026.

The Applicant is requesting a determination that the project and associated documents are complete pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1653 subdivision (d). If CDFW determines the project is complete, the Applicant will not be required to obtain an incidental take permit under Fish and Game Code section 2081 subdivision (b) or a Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement under Fish and Game Code section 1605 for the proposed project.

In accordance with Fish and Game Code section 1653 subdivision (e), if CDFW determines during the review, based on substantial evidence, that the request is not complete, the Applicant will have the opportunity to submit under Fish and Game Code section 1652.

FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF PETITION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the provisions of Fish and Game Code Section 2073.3, the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission), on October 21, 2026, received a petition from Morgan A. Stickrod and Tito Abbo, to add Nipomo Mesa manzanita (*Arctostaphylos nipumu*) to the list of endangered species under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA).

Nipomo Mesa manzanita is small shrub that typically reaches two to three meters in height and spans less than 10 meters in width. Its branches have loose, peeling bark, and the newer twigs are fuzzy with short hairs. The leaves are small, bright green, and oval–shaped. In spring, the plant produces small flower clusters that develop into smooth, round fruits. The epithet ‘nipumu’ is a Northern Chumash word meaning ‘of the big house’ and refers to the Nipomo Mesa in southern San Luis Obispo County where this shrub is endemic.

Pursuant to Section 2073 of California Fish and Game Code, the Commission referred the petition to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) for review pursuant to Section 2073.5 of said code. It is anticipated that the Department’s evaluation and recommendation relating to the petition will be received by the Commission at its December 15–16, 2026 meeting.

For information about the petition or to submit information to the Department relating to the petitioned species, interested parties may contact the Department’s Native Plant program by mail at California Department of Fish and Wildlife, at P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, California 94244–2090, or by email at NativePlants@wildlife.ca.gov.

RULEMAKING PETITION DECISIONS

COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING

RE: FORMAL PETITION UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE § 11340.6 TO AMEND 5 CCR § 80025.2

The Commission on Teacher Credentialing received a Petition for Rule Making (Petition) from Marisa Shavonne Marquez (Petitioner) on September 25, 2026, requesting amendment of Title 5, California

Code of Regulations, section 80025.2, governing the Emergency Substitute Teaching Permit for Prospective Teachers. The Commission on Teacher Credentialing has the authority, pursuant to Education Code section 44225, to establish standards, requirements, scope, and authorization of credentials and permits.

The Petitioner respectfully requests the Commission on Teacher Credentialing amend the regulatory language to include a requirement that before an employing local educational agency uses holders of the Emergency Substitute Teaching Permit for Prospective Teachers, the agency must document actual staffing need for use of substitute teachers who have not yet earned a baccalaureate degree. The reason for the request, as provided by the Petitioner, includes that *"The present structure warrants reconsideration because the Emergency 30–Day Substitute Teaching Permit requires a baccalaureate or higher degree and requires the employing agency to maintain a completed Statement of Need for the school year, while section 80025.2 permits substitute service by individuals who have not yet earned a baccalaureate degree without an equivalent employer–level showing of need."* The Petitioner requests that in considering the Petition, the Commission examine available data concerning this permit type, including but not limited to the number of active permits, permit use across the state, substitute fill rates and unfilled assignments, recruitment efforts, and availability of authorized substitutes who possess baccalaureate degrees.

The Commission on Teacher Credentialing has considered the Petition and issues the following decision pursuant to Government Code section 11340.7, as it requires the agency to comply with the rulemaking requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA). This includes crafting regulatory text, drafting the initial statement of reasons, drafting the notice, arranging a date and venue for a public hearing, receiving approval from the Commission to commence formal rulemaking, and submitting rulemaking package to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for publication in the Notice Register.

The petition was received on September 25, 2026, and the agency would have until October 25, 2026, to complete this process. Without conducting critical preliminary rulemaking tasks, the Commission on Teacher Credentialing cannot effectively and appropriately evaluate whether each provision suggested in the petition is appropriate. Additionally, the research requested within the Petition cannot be accomplished within this limited timeframe as this data is not currently available to Commission staff and would require extensive collaboration to compile and evaluate such data from educational partners statewide.

Based on the foregoing, the Commission on Teacher Credentialing has determined that it must and hereby does, deny the Petition. The denial of the Petition at this time in no way limits the Commission on Teacher Credentialing's ability to further explore the issues posed in the Petition and potential regulatory amendments to section 80025.2. Rather, denying the Petition allows the agency to consider the recommendations provided in a thoughtful manner that allows for more robust participation from educational partners and the public. Commission staff are currently evaluating potential regulatory amendments to other substitute permit types in an upcoming rulemaking package, projected to be presented to the Commission at its February 2027 meeting. Staff will evaluate section 80025.2, as part of this future rulemaking package, to consider the implications of the suggestions provided in the Petition. The final language will be developed and considered through the applicable Regular Rulemaking processes.

Interested parties have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing and may do so by contacting: Ann Harris by email at regulations@ctc.ca.gov, or by mail at Commission on Teacher Credentialing, Attention: Ann Harris, 651 Bannon Street, Suite 601, Sacramento, CA 95811.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mary Vixie Sandy, Ed.D.

Executive Director

cc: Office of Administrative Law

FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

NOTICE OF REGULATION CHANGE PETITION DECISIONS, OCTOBER 2026

REGARDING PETITION FROM BEVERLY PARAS REQUESTING TO UPDATE REGULATIONS FOR COYOTES IN URBAN CITIES, DEFINITIONS, INTERVENTION, FEEDING, REPORTING, AND EDUCATION

April 17, 2026

Beverly Paras

[address on file]

Sent via email to [address on file]

Re: Petition for regulation change (Tracking Number 2025–16)

Dear Beverly Paras:

The California Fish and Game Commission recently took action related to the petition for regulation change you submitted to the Commission (Tracking

Number 2025–16) requesting to update regulations for coyotes in urban cities, including definitions, intervention, feeding, reporting, and education. Your petition requested that Section 472 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations be amended. You cited the Commission's authority to take the requested action as sections 200, 202, and 203 of the California Fish and Game Code.

At its February 11–12, 2026 meeting, the Commission considered and denied your petition, based on rationale for each of the proposed regulatory elements: (1) definitions are only necessary in regulation when they have a regulatory effect; (2) intervention protocols are more appropriate as California Department of Fish and Wildlife policy to allow case–by–case flexibility, rather than fixed regulation; (3) attractants (e.g., feeding) are more appropriate for local ordinances than statewide regulation, and leaving food that attracts wildlife is already prohibited in existing regulation; (4) reporting of wildlife sightings can already be reported through the Department's Wildlife Incident Reporting System; and (5) education is best addressed through outreach and education programs, not through regulation.

Your original petition, as well as written materials in support of the Commission's decision, may be found in the materials for the Commission's February 2026 meeting at https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=241269&inline. You may also find a link to the meeting minutes — the video recording — of the February 2026 meeting on the Commission website at https://fgc.ca.gov/Meetings/2026.

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Sincerely,

/s/

Melissa Miller–Henson
Executive Director

March 6, 2026
Michael Rescino
[address on file]
Sent via email to [address on file]

REGARDING PETITION FROM MICHAEL RESCINO REQUESTING TO RESTRICT RECREATIONAL HOOP NET DEPLOYMENT AND RETRIEVAL NORTH OF POINT ARGUELLO TO THE PERIOD BETWEEN SUNRISE AND SUNSET ONLY

Re: Petition for regulation change (Tracking Number 2025–18)

Dear Michael Rescino:

The California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) recently took action related to the petition for regulation change you submitted to the Commission (Tracking Number 2025–18) requesting to restrict recreational hoop net deployment and retrieval north of Point Arguello to the period between sunrise and sunset only. Your petition requested that Section 29.80 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations be amended. You cited the Commission's authority to take the requested action as Sections 200, 205, 399, 7075 and 7078 of the California Fish and Game Code.

At its February 10–11, 2026 meeting, the Commission considered and denied your petition. In reaching its decision, the Commission relied on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's enforcement observations, which indicate that gear loss, entanglement risk, safety issues, and poaching have not been identified as significant concerns associated with nighttime hoop net use north of Point Arguello. The Commission also determined that adding additional time–based restrictions would introduce unnecessary complexity to existing hoop net regulations, without providing clear conservation, safety, or enforcement benefits.

To reconsider the petition in the future, north of Point Arguello, the Commission would need documented evidence of the types of problems described in the petition — such as gear loss, entanglement events, nighttime safety issues, or poaching or enforcement challenges — that are specifically attributable to nighttime recreational hoop net use north of Point Arguello. The Commission encourages petitioners to first discuss any observed concerns and available information with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and then follow up with Commission staff before submitting a new regulation change petition.

Your original petition, as well as written materials in support of the Commission's decision, may be found in the materials for the Commission's February 2026 meeting at https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=241256&inline. You

may also find a link to the meeting minutes — the video recording — of the February meeting on the Commission website at https://fgc.ca.gov/Meetings/2026.

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Sincerely,

/s/

Melissa Miller–Henson

Executive Director

REGARDING PETITION FROM PHILLIP SANDERS REQUESTING TO MODIFY REGULATIONS ON THE NAPA–SONOMA MARSHES WILDLIFE AREA TO ALLOW BICYCLE USE ON ROADS AND LEVEES DURING WATERFOWL SEASON
MAY 13, 2026

Phillip Sanders

[address on file]

Sent via email to [address on file]

Re: Petition for regulation change (Tracking Number 2025–12)

Dear Phillip Sanders:

Thank you very much for your call earlier tonight; great to hear you are following the petition process and, specifically, your request that would make it permissible for you and your son to use bikes during waterfowl season.

As you are aware, the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) recently took action related to the petition for regulation change you submitted to the Commission (Tracking Number 2025–12) requesting to modify regulations on the Napa–Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area to allow bicycle use on roads and levees during waterfowl season. Your petition requested that these sections of Title 14 be affected: none identified. You cited the Commission's authority to take the requested action as Section 200 of the California Fish and Game Code.

At its April 15–16, 2026 meeting, the Commission considered and granted your petition. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has included your request as part of its recommendations to the Commission in the "Department lands" rulemaking, currently under discussion in the Commission Wildlife Resources Committee (WRC). While you are welcome to participate in the discussion at tomorrow's WRC meeting, you accurately assessed that the requested action is well on its way to being considered by the Commission in the upcoming rulemaking. If you change your mind, information on participating is available on the Commission website at https://fgc.ca.gov/Meetings/2026.

Your original petition, as well as written materials in support of the Commission's decision, may be found in the materials for the Commission's April 2026 meeting at https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=243872&inline. You may also find a link to the meeting minutes — the video recording — of the April 2026 meeting on the Commission website at https://fgc.ca.gov/Meetings/2026.

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Sincerely,

/s/

Melissa Miller–Henson

Executive Director

REGARDING PETITION FROM MATT PARKER, COUNTY OF SISKIYOU, REQUESTING TO REVISE DEER TAG FEE STRUCTURE

June 9, 2026

Matt Parker, Natural Resources Project Coordinator

County of Siskiyou, Natural Resources Department

[address on file]

Sent via email to [address on file]

Re: Petition for regulation change (Tracking Number 2021–006)

Dear Matt Parker:

The California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) took action related to the petition for regulation change you submitted to the Commission (Tracking Number 2021–006) requesting to revise the deer tag fee structure. Your petition requested that subsection (c)(1) of Section 702, Title 14, California Code of Regulations be amended. You cited the Commission's authority to take the requested action as Division 1, Chapter 2, sections 200, 203 and 1050 of the California Fish and Game Code.

At its April 15–16, 2026 meeting, the Commission considered and denied your petition based on the sheer volume of deer tags and applicants, the projected development cost to incorporate into the current licensing system new draw modules with multiple–choice applications, and an anticipated reduction of revenue to the Big Game Management Account that is relied upon to conserve and manage big game species and their habitats.

Your original petition, as well as written materials in support of the Commission's decision, may be found in the materials for the Commission's April 2026 meeting at https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=243872&inline. You may also find a link to the meeting minutes — the video recording — of the April 2026 meeting on the Commission website at https://fgc.ca.gov/Meetings/2026.

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Sincerely,

/s/

Melissa Miller–Henson

Executive Director

REGARDING PETITION FROM ANDY REYNOLDS REQUESTING TO EXPAND TROUT PROTECTIONS FOR MIDDLE PIRU CREEK

June 9, 2026

Andy Reynolds

[address on file]

Sent via email to [address on file]

Re: Petition for regulation change (Tracking Number 2024–11)

Dear Andy Reynolds:

The California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) took action related to the petition for regulation change you submitted to the Commission (Tracking Number 2024–11), on behalf of 85 anglers in southern California. Your petition requested to expand trout protections to encompass all of Middle Piru Creek, update and add new signage, and implement low flow restrictions and closures during the hottest times of the day at certain times of year. Your petition requested that Section 7.50 of Title 14, California Code of Regulations be amended. You cited the Commission's authority to take the requested action as sections 200, 204, 265, 270, 315 and 399 of the California Fish and Game Code.

At its April 15–16, 2026 meeting, the Commission considered and denied your petition based on input from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife that current angling pressure in the proposed area appears low, largely due to difficult access and limited entry points, and does not represent a limiting factor for population sustainability.

Your original petition, as well as written materials in support of the Commission's decision, may be found in the materials for the Commission's April 2026 meeting at https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=243872&inline. You may also find a link to the meeting minutes — the video recording — of the April 2026 meeting on the Commission website at https://fgc.ca.gov/Meetings/2026.

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Sincerely,

/s/

Melissa Miller–Henson

Executive Director

REGARDING PETITION FROM DALE TOBIASSEN TO CREATE A "NIGHT USE STAMP" FOR REGION 2, TYPE C WILDLIFE AREAS FOR NIGHT HUNTING AND FISHING WITH A VALID LICENSE

September 11, 2026

Dale Tobiassen

[address on file]

Sent via email to [address on file]

Re: Petition for regulation change (Tracking Number 2023–01)

Dear Dale Tobiassen:

The California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) recently took action related to the petition for regulation change you submitted to the Commission (Tracking Number 2023–01) regarding your request to create a "Night Use Stamp" for Region 2, Type C Wildlife Areas, for night hunting and fishing with a valid license. Your petition requested that Sec-

tion 550.5 of Title 14, California Code of Regulations, be amended. You cited the Commission's authority to take the requested action as sections 200, 1050, 1530, 1764, 1765, 3031 and 10504 of the California Fish and Game Code.

At its August 12–13, 2026 meeting, the Commission considered and denied your petition due to public safety and staffing concerns in the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department), described in a memo to the Commission (see enclosure). However, the Commission requested that the Department work with you and other hunting groups to explore potential non–regulatory solutions that would increase hunting opportunity at night.

Your original petition, as well as written materials in support of the Commission's decision, may be found in the materials for the Commission's August 2026 meeting at https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=247102&inline. You may also find a link to the meeting minutes — the video recording — of the August 2026 meeting on the Commission website at https://fgc.ca.gov/Meetings/2026.

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Sincerely,

/s/

Melissa Miller–Henson
Executive Director

REGARDING PETITION FROM AKIRA LINCOME TO ALLOW FOR THE POSSESSION OF CERTAIN PRIMATE SPECIES AS SERVICE ANIMALS FOR DISABLED INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT REQUIRING A RESTRICTED SPECIES PERMIT

September 11, 2026
Akira Lincome
[address on file]
Sent via email to [address on file]

Re: Petition for regulation change (Tracking Number 2026–06)

Dear Akira Lincome:

The California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) recently took action related to the petition for regulation change you submitted to the Commission (Tracking Number 2026–06) requesting to allow for the possession of certain primate species as service animals for disabled individuals without requiring a restricted species permit. Your petition requested that Section 671(2)(a) of Title 14, California Code of Regulations, be amended. You cited the Commission's authority to take the requested action as sections 2118 and 2120 of the California Fish and Game Code, and Section 671 of Title 14, California Code of Regulations.

At its August 12–13, 2026 meeting, the Commission considered and denied your petition, stating that allowing primates in homes would risk public safety, strain community resources and rescue organizations, present animal welfare and ethical concerns, potentially pose public health risks, and exacerbate poaching and international wildlife trafficking.

Your original petition, as well as written materials in support of the Commission's decision, may be found in the materials for the Commission's August 2026 meeting at https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=247102&inline. You may also find a link to the meeting minutes — the video recording — of the August 2026 meeting on the Commission website at https://fgc.ca.gov/Meetings/2026.

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Sincerely,

/s/

Melissa Miller–Henson
Executive Director

REGARDING PETITION FROM EVELYN FEHLING TO ALLOW MINORS AGED 15 OR OLDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REHABILITATION OF RABIES VECTOR SPECIES (E.G., BATS)

September 11, 2026

Evelyn Fehling

[address on file]

Sent via email to fehlingevelyn@icloud.com

Re: Petition for regulation change (Tracking Number 2026–11)

Dear Evelyn Fehling:

The California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) recently took action related to the petition for regulation change you submitted to the Commission (Tracking Number 2026–11) requesting to allow minors aged 15 or older to participate in the rehabilitation of rabies vector species (e.g., bats). Your petition requested that sections 650(i)(2) and 679 of Title 14, California Code of Regulations, be amended. You cited the Commission's authority to take the requested action as sections 200, 703, 1002, 1002.5 and 2120 of the California Fish and Game Code.

At its August 12–13, 2026 meeting, the Commission considered and denied your petition because your request is already allowed in current regulations. For a more detailed explanation, see Agenda Item 15 (particularly Exhibit A8) in the materials for the August meeting, available at https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=247102&inline.

Your original petition, as well as written materials in support of the Commission's decision, may be found in the materials for the Commission's August 2026 meeting at the above link. You may also find a link to the meeting minutes — the video recording — of the August 2026 meeting on the Commission website at https://fgc.ca.gov/Meetings/2026.

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Sincerely,

/s/

Melissa Miller–Henson

Executive Director

REGARDING PETITION FROM SHANNON EDDY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LARGE–SCALE SOLAR ASSOCIATION TO ALLOW TAKE OF WESTERN SPADEFOOT (SPEA HAMMONDII) FOR CERTAIN QUALIFYING SOLAR PROJECTS

September 11, 2026

Shannon Eddy, Executive Director

Large–Scale Solar Association [address on file]

Brendan Cummings, Conservation Director

Center for Biological Diversity [address on file]

Sent via email to [addresses on file]

Re: Petition for regulation change (Tracking Number 2026–12)

Dear Shannon Eddy and Brendan Cummings:

As you are aware, the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) recently took action related to the petition for regulation change you submitted to the Commission (Tracking Number 2026–12) requesting to allow take of western spadefoot (Spea hammondii) for certain qualifying solar projects. Your petition requested that Sections 749.15 of Title 14, of the California Code of Regulations be amended. You cited the Commission's authority to take the requested action as Sections 399, and 2084 of the California Fish and Game Code.

At its August 12–13, 2026 meeting, the Commission granted your petition. At that same meeting, the Commission approved an emergency regulation under the authority of California Fish and Game Code Section 2084, establishing a framework to allow take of western spadefoot for certain solar projects. We would like to thank you for your collaboration both with each other, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Commission and its staff during the development of this regulation that we anticipate will result in benefits for both the solar industry and western spadefoot.

Your original petition, as well as written materials in support of the Commission's decision, may be found in the materials for the Commission's August 2026 meeting at https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=247102&inline. You may also find a link to the meeting minutes — the video recording — of the August 2026 meeting on the Commission website at https://fgc.ca.gov/Meetings/2026.

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If you have any questions about your petition, please feel free to contact Commission Wildlife Advisor Ari Cornman at 916–653–4899 or fgc@fgc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

Melissa Miller–Henson

Executive Director

REGARDING PETITION FROM JAMES SMITH TO REVISE SERVICING RECREATIONAL HOOP NET GEAR NORTH OF POINT ARGUELLO FROM INTERVALS OF EVERY TWO HOURS TO EVERY FIVE HOURS

September 16, 2026

James Smith

[address on file]

Sent via email to [address on file}

Re: Petition for regulation change (Tracking Number 2026–07)

Dear Captain Smith:

The California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) recently took action related to the petition for regulation change you submitted to the Commission (Tracking Number 2026–07) requesting to revise servicing recreational hoop net gear north of Point Arguello from intervals of every two hours to intervals of every five hours. Your petition requested that Section 29.80(2) of Title 14, California Code of Regulations, be amended. You cited the Commission's authority to take the requested action as sections 200, 205, 265, 270, 275, 399, 705 and 7078 of the California Fish and Game Code.

At its August 12–13, 2026 meeting, the Commission considered and denied your petition. In reaching its decision, the Commission noted that the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) plans to initiate a broader review of recreational crab regulations by late 2027, which may include consideration of potential changes to hoop–net gear requirements. The Commission expects that the Department will work directly with affected stakeholders as it develops any proposed amendments, and encourages you to participate in the Department's regulatory review process and engage in Commission Marine Resources Committee discussions when the topic is scheduled.

Your original petition, as well as written materials in support of the Commission's decision, may be found in the materials for the Commission's August 2026 meeting at https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=247098&inline. You may also find a link to the meeting minutes — the video recording — of the August 2026 meeting on the Commission website at https://fgc.ca.gov/Meetings/2026.

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Sincerely,

/s/

Melissa Miller–Henson

Executive Director

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.

California Student Aid Commission
File # 2026–0917–07
Reporting of Program Data

In this certificate of compliance pursuant to Government Code section 11346.1(e), the California Student Aid Commission makes permanent amendments to reporting requirements for enrollment, persistence and graduation data.

Title 05
Amend: 30040, 30041, 30041.5, 30042
Filed 10/27/2026
Effective 10/27/2026
Agency Contact:
Synequeen Alasa–as (916) 464–6411

Department of Food and Agriculture
File # 2026–0910–01
Section 3280 Japanese Beetle Exterior Quarantine

In this certificate of compliance pursuant to Government Code section 11346.1(e), the Department of Food and Agriculture amends the Japanese beetle exterior quarantine area to remove Oregon.

Title 03
Amend: 3280
Filed 10/21/2026
Effective 10/21/2026
Agency Contact: Rachel Avila (916) 698–2947

State Water Resources Control Board
File # 2026–1012–03
Fiscal Year 2026–27 Water Rights Fees

In this deemed emergency rulemaking action, the State Water Resources Control Board amends the Water Rights fees.

Title 23
Adopt: 1040.5
Amend: 1040, 1044, 1063, 1064, 1066
Filed 10/22/2026
Effective 10/22/2026
Agency Contact: Sarah Fong (916) 341–5129

Office of the State Public Defender
File # 2026–0925–05
Conflict–of–Interest Code

This is a Conflict–of–Interest code that has been approved by the Fair Political Commission and is being submitted for filing with the Secretary of State and printing only.

Title 02
Amend: 38000–38000.10
Filed 10/27/2026
Effective 11/26/2026
Agency Contact:
Lady Diana Gutierrez (916) 322–2676

Air Resources Board
File # 2026–0914–01
Advanced Payment Regulation

This section 100 action pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 1, section 100, by the California Air Resources Board repeals provisions restricting grantees from providing advance payments received to other entities. This change is based on statutory changes made through Assembly Bill 3017 (Chapter 664, Statutes of 2024).

Title 17
Amend: 91043
Filed 10/21/2026
Agency Contact:
Roberta "Bobbi" Ruch (279) 208–7881

Department of Motor Vehicles
File # 2026–0918–01
Commemorative Collegiate License Plate Program

In this section 100 action pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 1, section 100, the Department of Motor Vehicles adds additional statutory exclusions to its list of requirements for commemorative collegiate license plates which differ from its specialized license plate regulations.

Title 13
Amend: 161.06
Filed 10/26/2026
Agency Contact: Randi Calkins (916) 282–7294

Department of Pesticide Regulation
File # 2026–0914–03
School Site and Child Day Care Facility Pesticide Use Reporting Form

In this action pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 1, section 100, the Department of Pesticide Regulation amends its School Site and Child Day Care Facility Pesticide Use Reporting form, which is incorporated by reference in section 6625 of Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations, to update font size, punctuation, and underlining.

Title 03
Amend: 6625
Filed 10/21/2026
Agency Contact: Lauren Otani (916) 445–5781

Department of Social Services
File # 2026–0909–04
RCFE Rate Increase

In this section 100 action pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 1, section 100, the Department of Social Services changes the pronouns used in the regulations, removes subsections to cross–referenced sections, and updates its Handbook. It also updates its requirement for Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE) that increase the rates of fees or rate structures for services to provide no less than 90 days prior written notice to the resident or the resident's representatives, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 1569.655(a).

Title 22
Amend: 87507
Filed 10/21/2026
Agency Contact: R. Lee McNish (916) 584–0566

Department of Food and Agriculture
File # 2026–0917–01
Hydrilla Eradication Area

In this rulemaking action, the Department of Food and Agriculture increases the Hydrilla Eradication Area to cover the entire state of California.

Title 03
Amend: 3962
Filed 10/27/2026
Effective 01/01/2027
Agency Contact: Rachel Avila (916) 698–2947

Department of Insurance
File # 2026–0915–04
Long–Term Solvency Planning

In this regular rulemaking action, the Department of Insurance implements regulations which require all insurers to maintain a portfolio of risk mitigation technologies used by their policyholders and any analyses the insurers have undertaken of the past or anticipated future performance of these strategies and which require insurers writing nationwide direct annual premiums exceeding $50 million across all lines of insurance to maintain and keep current an assessment of emerging risks and opportunities that are material to their business.

Title 10
Adopt: 2319.7
Filed 10/26/2026
Effective 10/26/2026
Agency Contact: Randi Bovard (916) 610–0964

Department of Motor Vehicles
File # 2026–0914–02
Termination of Suspension

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) rulemaking action amends Application for Termination of Action form DL 4006 to direct a driver to submit the form by email only when seeking DMV action to terminate a driver's license suspension or revocation of an individual's driver's license when that driver resides in another state, the mandatory suspension or revocation period has expired, and the driver can provide satisfactory evidence of out–of–state residency.

Title 13
Amend: 124.92
Filed 10/26/2026
Effective 01/01/2027
Agency Contact: Randi Calkins (916) 282–7294

CCR CHANGES FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE

SECTIONS FILED JULY 1, 2026, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

All regulatory actions filed by OAL during this period are listed below by California Code of Regulations titles, then by date filed with the Secretary of State, with the Manual of Policies and Procedures changes adopted by the Department of Social Services listed last. For further information on a particular file, contact the person listed in the Summary of Regulatory Actions section of the Notice Register published on the first Friday more than nine days after the date filed.

Title 02

07/20/2026	AMEND: 2299.01, 2299.02, 2299.03, 2299.04, 2299.05, 2299.06, 2299.07, 2299.08, 2299.09
07/27/2026	AMEND: 2292, 2293
07/29/2026	AMEND: 2270, 2271
09/03/2026	AMEND: 549
09/10/2026	ADOPT: 649.29.1, 649.29.2 AMEND: 649.26
09/14/2026	AMEND: 211, 211.2
09/22/2026	ADOPT: 18420.5
09/22/2026	ADOPT: 18450.12 AMEND: 18401
09/23/2026	AMEND: 18360.1, 18360.2, 18360.3
09/25/2026	AMEND: 1896.4, 1896.5, 1896.6, 1896.8, 1896.12, 1896.13, 1896.16, 1896.81, 1896.84
09/28/2026	ADOPT: 1859.78.10 AMEND: 1859.2, 1859.71.3, 1859.77.1, 1859.78.5, 1859.79, 1859.83, 1859.163.1, 1859.163.5, 1859.164.2, 1859.167.1, 1859.168

Title 03

07/14/2026	AMEND: 6805
08/19/2026	AMEND: 3422
08/31/2026	ADOPT: 1308, 1309 AMEND: 839
09/08/2026	AMEND: 3700
09/09/2026	ADOPT: 3591.34
09/10/2026	AMEND: 3282
09/16/2026	AMEND: 1380.19, 1430.26, 1430.27
09/17/2026	REPEAL: 3409
09/17/2026	AMEND: 3287
09/21/2026	ADOPT: 3290

Title 04

07/27/2026	AMEND: 15719, 15731
07/28/2026	REPEAL: 55.1
07/31/2026	AMEND: 10092.1, 10092.2, 10092.5, 10092.7, 10092.8, 10092.9
08/05/2026	AMEND: 10170.2, 10170.5, 10170.6, 10170.14
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