

**TITLE 16. DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Dental Board of California (hereinafter "Board") is proposing to take the action described in the Informative Digest. Any person interested may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the action proposed at a hearing to be held at:

**Department of Consumer Affairs
2005 Evergreen Street, 1st Floor Hearing Room
Sacramento, California 95815
Monday, April 29, 2013
10:00 a.m.**

Written comments, including those sent by mail, facsimile, or e-mail to the addresses listed under Contact Person in this Notice, must be received by the Board at its office not later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 29, 2013 or must be received by the Board at the hearing. The Board, upon its own motion or at the instance of any interested party, may thereafter adopt the proposals substantially as described below or may modify such proposals if such modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. With the exception of technical or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified proposal will be available for 15 days prior to its adoption from the person designated in this Notice as contact person and will be mailed to those persons who submit written or oral testimony related to this proposal or who have requested notification of any changes to the proposal.

Authority and Reference: Pursuant to the authority vested by Sections 315, 315.2, 315.4, and 1614 of the Business and Professions Code and Section 11400.20 of the Government Code, to implement, interpret or make specific Sections 315, 315.2, 315.4 of the Business and Professions Code and Sections 11400.20 and 11425.50(e) of the Government Code, the Board is considering changes to Division 10 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations as follows:

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW:

The Board currently regulates approximately 73,300 licensees; consisting of 38,000 dentists, 34,000 registered dental assistants, and 1,300 registered dental assistants in extended functions. In addition, the Board has the responsibility for setting the duties and functions of approximately 50,000 unlicensed dental assistants. The Board's highest priority is the protection of the public when exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. The primary methods by which the Board achieves this goal are: issuing licenses to eligible applicants; investigating complaints against licensees and disciplining licensees for violations of the Dental Practice Act (Act); monitoring licensees whose licenses have been placed on probation; and managing the Diversion Program for licensees whose practice may be impaired due to abuse of dangerous drugs or alcohol.

Existing law, Business and Professions Code (Code) Section 1614 authorizes the Board to adopt, amend, or repeal such rules and regulations as may be reasonably necessary to enable the Board to carry into effect the provisions of the Dental Practice Act.

Existing law, Code Section 315, established the Substance Abuse Coordination Committee (SACC) within the Department of Consumer Affairs (Department) and required the SACC to formulate uniform and specific standards in sixteen specified areas for each healing arts boards to use in dealing with substance-abusing licensees, whether or not a board chooses to have a formal diversion program.

Existing law, Code Section 315.2, specifies that a healing arts board within the Department is required to order a licensee to cease practice if the licensee tests positive for any substance that is prohibited under the terms of the licensee's probation or diversion program. The cease practice order pursuant to this section does not constitute disciplinary action and is not subject to adjudicative hearings.

Existing law, Code section 315.4, authorizes healing arts boards within the Department to order a licensee on probation or in a diversion program to cease practice for major violations and when the board orders a licensee to undergo a clinical diagnostic evaluation pursuant to the uniform and specific standards adopted and authorized under section 315. The cease practice order pursuant to this section does not constitute disciplinary action and is not subject to adjudicative hearings.

Existing law, Government Code Section 11400.20, authorizes an agency to adopt regulations to govern an adjudicative proceeding.

Existing law, Government Code Section 11425.50(e), specifies that a penalty may not be based on a guideline, criterion, bulletin, manual, instruction, order, standard of general application or other rule unless it has been adopted as a regulation.

Existing law, California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 1018 specifies that the Board shall consider the disciplinary guidelines entitled *Dental Board of California Disciplinary Guidelines With Model Language, Revised 08/30/2010* in reaching a decision on a disciplinary action under the Administrative Procedures Act.

There is not an existing federal regulation or statute comparable to this proposal.

The main purpose for this proposal is to amend Section 1018 and adopt Section 1018.01 of Article 4.5 of Chapter 1 of Division 10 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations. Additionally, the Board proposes adopting the document entitled *Uniform Standards Related to Substance-Abusing Licensees with Standard Language for Probationary Orders, New February 28, 2013*, which has been incorporated by reference in the proposed adoption of Section 1018.01. This proposal would adopt the uniform standards established by the SACC and would adopt standard language for probationary orders to be used by an Administrative Law Judge if an individual is determined to be a substance abuser after a formal adjudicative hearing. The Board will

use the *Uniform Standards Related to Substance-Abusing Licensees with Standard Language for Probationary Orders, New February 28, 2013* in addition to the Board's *Dental Board of California Disciplinary Guidelines With Model Language, Revised 08/30/2010* (Disciplinary Guidelines) when taking action to suspend, revoke, or place a license on probation when the individual has been determined to be a substance abuser. The proposed language is necessary to aid the Board in the discipline of substance abusing licensees to provide better public protection to the people of California.

The Board is proposing the following changes:

Amend the title of Article 4.5 of Chapter 1 of Division 10 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (Disciplinary Guidelines and Uniform Standards for Substance-Abusing Licensees):

This proposal would amend the title of Article 4.5. The title would be changed from "Disciplinary Guidelines" to "Disciplinary Guidelines and Uniform Standards for Substance-Abusing Licensees".

Amend Section 1018 of Article 4.5 of Chapter 1 of Division 10 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (Disciplinary Guidelines and Exceptions for Uniform Standards Related to Substance-Abusing Licensee):

This proposal would amend Section 1018 to specify that, in addition to the Board's Disciplinary Guidelines, the Board is required to use the *Uniform Standards Related to Substance-Abusing Licensees with Standard Language for Probationary Orders, New February 28, 2013* for each individual determined to be a substance abuser.

Adopt Section 1018.01 of Article 4.5 of Chapter 1 of Division 10 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (Uniform Standards for Substance-Abusing Licensees):

This proposal would adopt Section 1018.01 relative to uniform standards for substance-abusing licensees. This section would adopt the document entitled *Uniform Standards Related to Substance-Abusing Licensees with Standard Language for Probationary Orders, New February 28, 2013*, which has been incorporated by reference. This section would require the terms and conditions contained in the document entitled *Uniform Standards Related to Substance-Abusing Licensees with Standard Language for Probationary Orders, New February 28, 2013*, be used in any probationary order of the Board that affects a licensee determined to be a substance abuser after notice and hearing conducted in accordance with Chapter 5, Part 1, Division 3, Title 2 of the Government Code (commencing with sections 11500 et seq.). This proposal would specify that the proposed provisions contained in section 1018.01 would not prohibit the Board from imposing additional terms or conditions of probation that are specific to a particular case or that are derived from the Board's Disciplinary Guidelines that would provide greater public protection.

Adopt the *Uniform Standards Related to Substance-Abusing Licensees with Standard Language for Probationary Orders, New February 28, 2013*, that is incorporated by reference in Section 1018.01 of Article 4.5 of Chapter 1 of Division 10 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations:

This proposal would adopt the document entitled *Uniform Standards Related to Substance-Abusing Licensees with Standard Language for Probationary Orders, New February 28, 2013*, which has been incorporated by reference in Section 1018.01(a). The proposed adoption of the document includes the following:

- Standard language to be included in every probationary order for a licensee determined to be a substance abuser pursuant to Section 1018.01.
- Additional probationary terms and conditions to be used in lieu of any similar standard or optional term or condition proposed by the Board's Disciplinary Guidelines. Those terms and conditions are:
 - (1) Notification to Employer: This condition of probation requires the probationer to notify their employer, supervisor, or contractor, or prospective employer or contractor of the Decision and Accusation. This condition also contains other specified requirements relative to providing notification.
 - (2) Supervised Practice: This condition of probation requires the probationer to comply with specified supervised practice requirements. The probationer is responsible for all costs associated with such supervision.
 - (3) Drugs and Alcohol Testing: This condition of probation requires the probationer to comply with specified drug and alcohol testing requirements. The probationer is responsible for all costs associated with such testing.
 - (4) Abstain from Use of Alcohol, Controlled Substances, and Dangerous Drugs: This condition of probation requires the probationer to abstain completely from the use of alcohol, controlled substances, and dangerous drugs unless lawfully prescribed as specified.
 - (5) Facilitated Group Support Meetings: This condition of probation requires the probationer to attend facilitated group support meetings as specified. The probationer is responsible for all costs associated with attending such meetings.
 - (6) Clinical Diagnostic Evaluation: This condition of probation requires the probationer to undergo a clinical diagnostic evaluation as specified. The probationer is responsible for all costs associated with such evaluation.

- (7) Drug or Alcohol Abuse Treatment Program: This condition of probation requires the probationer to undergo a drug or alcohol abuse treatment program as specified. The probationer is responsible for all costs associated with such treatment programs.

Anticipated Benefits of Proposal:

The benefit from these proposed regulations will be to provide maximum protection to the California consumers against licensees who are found to be in violation of the law or who do not demonstrate the competency necessary to perform their duties due to substance abuse. These benefits are a direct result of the Board's statutorily mandated priority (Code Section 1601.2). The protection of the public is the highest priority of the Board in exercising licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. The proposed adoption of these additional probation conditions will ensure that individuals who have been determined to be substance abusers will be effectively disciplined in a manner that will protect the public. Additionally, these probation conditions provide the Board with an effective tool to discipline substance abusers who are in violation of the Act.

Consistency and Compatibility with Existing State Regulations:

Based on an initial evaluation, the Board does not believe that the proposed regulation is inconsistent or incompatible with existing state regulations. Existing Board regulation regarding its Disciplinary Guidelines (Cal. Code of Regs., Title 16, Section 1018) provide recommended penalties for those found in violation of the Act; such recommended penalties are included for violations involving substance abuse. This proposal has been written in a manner consistent with the Board's existing Disciplinary Guidelines to clearly indicate to the Administrative Law Judge that *Uniform Standards Related to Substance-Abusing Licensees with Standard Language for Probationary Orders, New February 28, 2013* conditions of probation should be used in lieu of similar standard or optional terms or conditions contained in the Board's Disciplinary Guidelines. However, this proposal does not preclude the Administrative Law Judge or the Board from imposing additional terms and conditions of probation that are specific to a particular case as provided in the Board's Disciplinary Guidelines.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE:

The document entitled *Uniform Standards Related to Substance-Abusing Licensees with Standard Language for Probationary Orders, New February 28, 2013*, has been incorporated by reference in the proposed adoption of Section 1018.01.

FISCAL IMPACT ESTIMATES

Fiscal Impact on Public Agencies Including Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State: None

Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies: None

Local Mandate: None

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

Business Impact/Significant Statewide Adverse Economic Impact Directly Affecting Business, Including Ability to Compete:

The Board has made an initial determination that the proposed regulation may have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the inability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

The following types of businesses would be affected:

- Businesses owned by licensees of the Board who face disciplinary action due to substance abuse; and
- Businesses that employ licensees of the Board who face disciplinary action due to substance abuse.

A license that has been revoked, suspended, reprimanded, or placed on probation may cause a significant fiscal impact on the business where the licensee worked depending on the nature and severity of the violation. A business owned by a licensee who faces disciplinary action may incur a significant fiscal impact depending on the nature and severity of the violation. The Board does not maintain data relating to the number or percentage of licensees who own a business; therefore, the number or percentage of businesses that may be impacted cannot be predicted. The Board only has authority to take administrative action against a licensee and not a business. Accordingly, the initial or ongoing costs for a small business owned by a licensee who is the subject of disciplinary action cannot be projected. Businesses operated by licensees who are in compliance with the law will not incur any fiscal impact.

The Board has not considered proposed alternatives that would lessen any adverse economic impact on businesses and invites you to submit such proposals. Submissions may include the following considerations:

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

The rulemaking file includes the facts, evidence, documents, testimony, and/or other evidence which supports this determination.

Cost Impact on Representative Private Person or Business:

Specifically, this proposal would impact individuals and businesses owned by licensees who face disciplinary action because they have been determined to be a substance abuser. The Board currently regulates approximately 73,300 licensees; consisting of 38,000 dentists (DDS), 34,000 registered dental assistants (RDA), and 1,300 registered dental assistants in extended functions (RDAEF). The average salary of a practicing DDS in California is approximately \$150,000 per year and the average salary of a practicing RDA in California is approximately \$35,000 per year.

A license that has been revoked, suspended, reprimanded, or placed on probation may cause a significant fiscal impact on the business where the licensee worked depending on the nature and severity of the violation. A business owned by a licensee who faces disciplinary action may incur a significant fiscal impact depending on the nature and severity of the violation. The Board does not maintain data relating to the number or percentage of licensees who own a business; therefore the number or percentage of businesses that may be impacted cannot be predicted. The Board only has authority to take administrative action against a licensee and not a business. Accordingly, the initial or ongoing costs for a small business owned by a licensee who is the subject of disciplinary action cannot be projected. Businesses operated by licensees who are in compliance with the law will not incur any fiscal impact.

The terms and conditions contained in the document entitled *Uniform Standards Related to Substance-Abusing Licensees with Standard Language for Probationary Orders, New February 28, 2013* will be used in any probationary order of the Board affecting an individual determined to be a substance abuser as provided by the proposed adoption of Section 1018.01. The probationer is responsible for costs associated with the terms and conditions of their probation. For the purposes of this analysis, the estimated fiscal and economic impact of the proposed conditions of probation will be based on five (5) and seven (7) year terms of probation.

The costs to the probationer associated with Condition (1) Notification to Employer would be minor and absorbable. Probationers may incur nominal costs associated with providing notification to the employer of the Decision or Accusation. Additionally, the probationer may incur nominal costs associated with providing the names, physical addresses, mailing addresses, and telephone numbers of all employers and supervisors, or contractors, as well as the facility or facilities where the probationer practices. This regulation does not specifically state the manner of how a probationer is to provide the specified information. Licensees may choose from a variety of methods to notify the Board, including email, or mailing a letter. A licensee may incur nominal costs associated with mailing their letter to the Board.

The costs to the probationer associated with Condition (4) Abstain from Use of Alcohol, Controlled Substances and Dangerous Drugs would be minor and absorbable. There is no cost associated with abstaining from the use of alcohol, drugs, controlled substances, and dangerous drugs. Probationers may incur nominal costs associated with providing the Board with specified information regarding lawful prescription

medications lawfully prescribed by a physician and surgeon, dentist, or nurse practitioner for a bona fide illness or condition. This regulation does not specifically state the manner of how a probationer is to provide the specified information. Licensees may choose from a variety of methods to notify the Board, including email, or mailing a letter. A licensee may incur nominal costs associated with mailing their letter to the Board.

The probationer will incur significant fiscal impact associated with paying for costs associated with the following conditions of probation:

- Probation Condition (2) Supervised Practice;
- Probation Condition (3) Drug and Alcohol Testing;
- Probation Condition (5) Facilitated Group Support Meetings;
- Probation Condition (6) Clinical Diagnostic Evaluation; and
- Probation Condition (7) Drug or Alcohol Abuse Treatment Program.

Probation Condition (2) Supervised Practice specifies that all costs of supervision shall be paid by the probationer. The fee a supervisor may charge a probationer can vary. The Board estimates a supervisor may charge a probationer a fee of \$0 to \$200 per month for services. For the purposes of this analysis, the Board estimates a probationer will incur a cost of \$100 per month for supervised practice. This cost would translate to \$1,200 annually or \$6,000 over the course of a 5-year probation term, and \$8,400 over the course of a 7-year probation term.

Probation Condition (3) Drug and Alcohol Testing specifies that all costs of the testing shall be paid by the probationer. The rate associated with the drug test and collection fee varies based on the rate charged by the collection company. The Board would contract with a specific drug testing collection agency. The probationer would be required to submit to testing through the Board-contracted agency. The Board estimates that the probationer would be charged an estimated fee of \$100 per drug test. This would include the average fee for urine analysis (\$50) and average collection fee (\$50). The proposed regulation specifies that the probationer would be tested at least fifty-two (52) times during the first year of probation; at least thirty-six (36) times during the second through fifth years of probation; and at least once (1) per month after the fifth year as long as there have not been any positive results during the previous five years. The Board estimates the probationer would incur a cost of \$433.33 per month for the first year of probation, \$300 per month for years two through five, and \$100 per month for years six through seven. This would equate to an approximate cost of \$5,200 for the first year, \$3,600 per year for the second through fifth year, and \$1,200 per year for the six through seventh year. The probationer would pay approximately \$19,600 to comply with this condition over the course of a 5-year probation term and approximately \$22,000 to comply with this condition over the course of a 7-year probation term.

Probation Condition (5) Facilitated Group Support Meetings specifies that all costs associated with facilitated group support meetings shall be paid by the probationer. The rate associated with support meetings varies based on the support group facilitator and

frequency. The charge to attend meetings may vary from \$50 to \$160 per week. For the purposes of this analysis, the Board estimates the probationer will incur a cost of \$100 per week to attend facilitated group support meetings twice a week. This cost would translate to approximately \$433.33 per month or \$5,200 annually. A probationer would pay approximately \$26,000 over the course of a 5-year probation term, and \$36,400 over the course of a 7-year probation term.

Probation Condition (6) Clinical Diagnostic Evaluation specifies that all costs associated with such evaluation shall be paid by the probationer. The costs associated with clinical diagnostic evaluation may vary from \$3,000 to \$10,000 based upon the provider and how extensive the evaluation. There can be a significant difference in cost between a 3-day evaluation and a 10-day evaluation. For the purposes of this analysis, the Board estimates the probationer will incur a cost of \$5,000 per evaluation. Additionally, when a probationer is ordered to undergo a clinical diagnostic evaluation, the probationer is also required to cease practice for a minimum of thirty (30) days. Probationers will incur lost wages as a result of a cease practice order. The Board estimates a DDS probationer will lose approximately \$12,500 in wages (\$150,000/12 months) for every 30-day cease practice order. The Board estimates a RDA probationer will lose approximately \$2,917 in wages (\$35,000/12 months) for every 30-day cease practice order.

Probation Condition (7) Drug or Alcohol Abuse Treatment Program specifies that all costs associated with the completion of such program shall be paid by the probationer. The costs associated with completing a drug or alcohol abuse treatment program may vary from \$10,000 to \$35,000 depending on the treatment program, facility, insurance, and length of program. However, county facilities and The Salvation Army offer treatment programs on a sliding scale or at no cost. For the purposes of this analysis, the Board estimates the probationer will incur a cost of \$20,000 per treatment.

Assuming that the probationer is only ordered to undergo one (1) clinical diagnostic evaluation and one (1) drug and alcohol abuse treatment program during the first year or probation, the Board estimated a probationer will pay approximately \$36,600 during the first year of probation, \$10,000 each year for the second through fifth year of probation, and \$7,600 each year for the sixth through seventh year of probation to comply with the terms of probation. This would equate to an approximate total cost to the probationer of \$76,600 to comply with a 5-year probation term and \$91,800 to comply with a 7-year probation term. Over the course of a 5-year probation term a DDS earning \$150,000 per year would pay approximately 10% of their total income towards the costs of complying with the proposed conditions of probation; and, a RDA earning \$35,000 per year would pay approximately 44% of their total income towards the costs of complying with the proposed conditions of probation. Over the course of a 7-year probation term a DDS earning \$150,000 per year would pay approximately 9% of their total income towards the costs of complying with the proposed conditions of probation; and, a RDA earning \$35,000 per year would pay approximately 37% of their total income towards the costs of complying with the proposed conditions of probation.

- DDS \$150,000 Earned Annually x 5 Years = \$750,000
\$76,600 Total Probation Costs / \$750,000 Earned over 5 Years = Approx. 10%
- RDA \$35,000 Earned Annually x 5 Years = \$175,000
\$76,600 Total Probation Costs / \$175,000 Earned over 5 Years = Approx. 44%
- DDS \$150,000 Earned Annually x 7 Years = \$1,050,000
\$91,800 Total Probation Costs/ \$1,050,000 Earned over 7 Years = Approx. 9%
- RDA \$35,000 Earned Annually x 7 Years = \$245,000
\$91,800 Total Probation Costs / \$245,000 Earned over 7 Years = Approx. 37%

Effect on Housing Costs: None

EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS

The Board has determined that the proposed regulation may affect small businesses. The Board only regulates activities that appear to affect small businesses as defined in California Government Code Section 14837.

A license that has been revoked, suspended, reprimanded, or placed on probation may cause a significant fiscal impact on the small business where the licensee worked depending on the nature and severity of the violation. A small business owned by a licensee who faces disciplinary action may incur a significant fiscal impact depending on the nature and severity of the violation. The Board does not maintain data relating to the number or percentage of licensees who own a small business; therefore, the number or percentage of small businesses that may be impacted cannot be predicted. The Board only has authority to take administrative action against a licensee and not a small business. Accordingly, the initial or ongoing costs for a small business owned by a licensee who is the subject of disciplinary action cannot be projected. Small businesses operated by licensees who are in compliance with the law will not incur any fiscal impact.

Probationers are required to provide specified information to the Board as required by each term and condition of probation. This regulation does not specifically state the manner of how a probationer is to provide the specified information. Licensees may choose from a variety of methods to notify the Board, including email, or mailing a letter. A licensee may incur nominal costs associated with mailing their letter to the Board.

RESULTS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT/ANALYSIS:

Impact on Jobs/Businesses:

The Board has determined that this regulatory proposal will impact the creation or elimination of jobs, the creation of new business or elimination of existing businesses, and the expansion of businesses currently doing business within the State of California because a license that has been revoked, suspended, reprimanded, or placed on

probation may cause a significant fiscal impact on the business where the licensee worked depending on the nature and severity of the violation. A business owned by a licensee who faces disciplinary action may incur a significant fiscal impact depending on the nature and severity of the violation. The Board does not maintain data relating to the number or percentage of licensees who own a business; therefore, the number or percentage of businesses that may be impacted cannot be predicted. The Board only has authority to take administrative action against a licensee and not a business. Accordingly, the initial or ongoing costs for a small business owned by a licensee who is the subject of disciplinary action cannot be projected. Businesses operated by licensees who are in compliance with the law will not incur any fiscal impact.

Benefits of Regulation:

The Board has determined that this regulatory proposal will protect the health and welfare of California residents by providing maximum protection to the California consumers against licensees who are found to be in violation of the law or who do not demonstrate the competency necessary to perform their duties due to substance abuse. These benefits are a direct result of the Board's statutorily mandated priority (Code Section 1601.2). The protection of the public is the highest priority of the Board in exercising licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. The proposed adoption of these additional probation conditions will ensure that individuals who have been determined to be substance-abusing licensees will be effectively disciplined in a manner that will protect the public. Additionally, these probation conditions provide the Board with an effective tool to discipline substance-abusing licensees who are in violation of the Dental Practice Act.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

The Board must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered to the regulation or that has otherwise been identified and brought to its attention would either 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 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 proposal described in this Notice.

Any interested person may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the above determinations at the above-mentioned hearing.

INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND INFORMATION

The Board has prepared an initial statement of the reasons for the proposed action and has available all the information upon which the proposal is based.

TEXT OF PROPOSAL

Copies of the exact language of the proposed regulations and of the initial statement of reasons, and all of the information upon which the proposal is based, may be obtained at the hearing or prior to the hearing upon request from the Dental Board of California at 2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1550, Sacramento, California 95815 or by accessing the Board's website at <http://www.dbc.ca.gov/lawsregs/index.shtml>.

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

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

You may obtain a copy of the final statement of reasons once it has been prepared, by making a written request to the contact person named below or by accessing the website listed below.

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Website Access: Materials regarding this proposal can be found at the Board's Web site at: <http://www.dbc.ca.gov/lawsregs/index.shtml>