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ACTION: Notice 15-Day Comment Period for Proposed Modifications to Regulation Text

SUBJECT: Government Claims Program Revised Regulations; Title 2, §§ 630 – 632.11

The rulemaking action proposes changes to Title 2, Government Claims Program (GCP) regulations. The proposed regulations and revisions will benefit claimants, legal professionals, state and local public entities, and GCP staff by reducing confusion and contradictions because the current regulations refer to statutes and forms which have been amended, in some cases, many times since the current regulations were published. The proposed regulations will also benefit the public by reducing the amount of paper necessary to file a claim, as well costs associated with the storage of processed claims. Finally, the proposed provisions will promote transparency by codifying GCP practices and procedures which are presently being used.

The Board has determined that the proposed regulations are not inconsistent or incompatible with existing state regulations. After performing a review of any related regulations, GCP has concluded that these are the only regulations dealing with claims against state entities. Therefore, these proposed regulations are neither inconsistent, nor incompatible, with existing state regulations. A 45-day public comment period was held from October 4, 2013 – November 18, 2013.

After considering comments received during the 45-day comment period and reviewing the regulations, the Board staff has made specific changes to the proposed regulation text and is initiating an additional 15-day comment period for the changes.

These new changes to the rulemaking are non-substantial changes, as defined by California Code of Regulations, title 1, section 40, and/or sufficiently related changes, as defined by California Code of Regulations, title 1, section 42.

15-DAY WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Any interested individual, or his or her authorized representative, may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action to the Board. The 15-day comment period will be held December 10, 2013 – December 24, 2013. The written comment period closes at 5:00 p.m. on December 24, 2013. The Board will consider only comments received at the Board's office by that time. Submit comments to:



Geoff Feusahrens, Regulations Analyst
Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board
400 R Street, Suite 500
Sacramento, CA 95811

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile (FAX) at (916) 491-6441 or by e-mail to regulations@vcgcb.ca.gov.

CONTACT PERSON

Inquiries concerning the proposed administrative action may be directed to:

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The backup contact person for these inquiries is:

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Please direct requests for copies of the amended text of the regulations, the updated informative digest, the amended Statement of Reasons, or other information upon which the rulemaking is based to Geoff Feusahrens at the above address.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS ON THE INTERNET

Copies of the amended Notice of 15-day comment period, updated informative digest, the amended Statement of Reasons, and the full text of the regulations as originally proposed with the newly proposed changes in underline and ~~strikeout~~ can be accessed through our website at www.vcgcb.ca.gov. Text shown in single underline and ~~strikeout~~ are made for the 45-day comment period. Double underline depicts additions made after the 45-day comment period. ~~Double strikeout type~~ depicts deletions made after the 45-day comment period.

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