

**FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS
TITLE 27, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS
AMENDMENTS TO
SECTION 25302, SCIENCE ADVISORY BOARD
SECTION 25304, FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE**

UPDATE OF INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

A public comment period was provided from October 25 to December 9, 2013. One written submission was received. This comment generally was supportive but requested a change to the proposed regulation.

After review of the comment received, Section 25302(b)(2)(i) of the regulation was amended to identify several sub-specialties of research experience that are particularly relevant to the work of the Scientific Advisory Board members. On January 14, 2014, OEHHA provided a notice of the changes made to the proposed regulation amending the required qualifications for appointment to the Developmental and Reproductive Toxicant (DART) Identification Committee. An additional public comment period was provided from January 24 to February 10, 2014. No public comments were received.

SUMMARY AND RESPONSE TO COMMENT RECEIVED DURING THE COMMENT PERIOD OF OCTOBER 25, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 9, 2013.

One comment was received from F. Jay Murray, Ph.D., DABT from Murray & Associates. This comment supported the proposal but expressed concern that the omission of the subspecialties of developmental toxicology, reproductive toxicology and teratology from the Developmental and Reproductive Toxicant Identification Committee requirements might be perceived as de-emphasizing these core areas of expertise. These subspecialties were implicitly included in the proposed regulation under the more general specialties listed.

Response: The regulatory language was amended to explicitly add these subspecialties.

ALTERNATIVES DETERMINATION

These amendments clarify the existing regulation that describes the qualifications needed to serve on the Scientific Review Board expert committees and delete duplicative requirements for financial disclosure for committee members. OEHHA is not aware of any reasonable alternatives to this regulatory action,

other than to retain the existing regulations. OEHHA has rejected that alternative because updating these regulations will further the health protective purposes of the Act by ensuring that the members of the expert committees have sufficient expertise to carry out the functions of the committees and by eliminating redundant provisions of the financial disclosure requirements.

In accordance with Government Code, section 11346.9(a)(4), OEHHA has determined that no reasonable alternative considered by OEHHA or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of OEHHA 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 amendments described in this Notice.

LOCAL MANDATE DETERMINATION

OEHHA has determined that these regulatory actions will not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts nor does it require reimbursement by the State pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with the Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code. OEHHA has also determined that no nondiscretionary costs or savings to local agencies or school districts will result from this regulatory action. It should be noted that all state and local government agencies are expressly exempt from Proposition 65. Thus, these regulatory amendments will not impose any mandate on local agencies or school districts.