

## **Notice Of Intention To Amend The Conflict Of Interest Code Of The Department Of Industrial Relations By The Director Of Industrial Relations: California Code Of Regulations, Title 8, Division 1, Chapter 8, Subchapter 5, Section 17000 And Appendix**

The Director of the Department of Industrial Relations (“Director”) proposes to adopt a regulation amending the Department’s Conflict of Interest Code, as required by Government Code sections 87306 and 87306.5. The amendment repeals the existing listing of Disclosure Categories and listing of Designated Positions in the Appendix, and adopts new listings of Disclosure Categories and of Designated Positions. The Code is located in section 17000, in Subchapter 5 of Chapter 8, Division 1 of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations.

### **OBTAINING COPIES**

Copies of the proposed amendment are available to interested persons on request. Copies may be obtained

By writing to:

Linda Tejada  
Division of Workers’ Compensation  
Department of Industrial Relations  
P.O. Box 420603  
San Francisco, CA 94142-0603

By telephoning and requesting a copy:

415-703-4671

By an in person visit to the offices of the Department of Industrial relations at:

Office of the Director – 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
455 Golden Gate Avenue  
San Francisco, California

The proposed amendment may also be viewed on the Department’s website. The Internet address of the Department’s website is: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/>

### **SUBMITTING COMMENTS**

Any person may submit written comments, including statements, argument, or contentions regarding the proposed amendment. Any timely submitted written comments must be considered by the Director before the proposed amendment is finally adopted. Any written comments should be submitted to:

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Department of Industrial Relations  
P.O. Box 420603  
San Francisco, CA 94142-0603

Written comments may also be submitted in person by delivering to the Department of Industrial relations at:

Linda Tejada  
Department of Industrial Relations  
Division of Workers' Compensation  
455 Golden Gate Avenue – 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Francisco, California

In order for any written comments to be considered by the Department before it amends the Conflict of Interest Code, they must be actually received in the offices of the Department by 5:00 PM, August 22, 2003.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:**

Inquiries concerning the proposed amendment to the Conflict of Interest Code may be made to:

Linda Tejada  
Division of Workers' Compensation  
Department of Industrial Relations  
P.O. Box 420603  
San Francisco, CA 94142-0603

Telephone: (415) 703-4671

The Department has prepared a written explanation of the reasons changes in the designations and the disclosures responsibilities, and has available all information upon which the proposed changes are based.

**REQUESTING A PUBLIC HEARING:**

Any interested person may request that the Department hold a public hearing on the proposed amendment to the Conflict of Interest Code, by submitting a written request to the Department by mail at:

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Division of Workers' Compensation  
Department of Industrial Relations  
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San Francisco, CA 94142-0603

or in person at:

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A request for a public hearing must be actually received in the offices of the Department by 5:00 PM, August 22, 2003.

## **FINDINGS:**

The adoption of the proposed amendment to the Conflict of Interest Code will not impose a cost or savings on any state agency, local agency or school district that is required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code. The adoption will not result in any non-discretionary cost or savings to local agencies. The adoption will not result in any cost or savings in federal funding to the state. The adoption will not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts. The adoption will not have any potential cost impact on private persons or businesses, including small businesses.

The Department has determined that no alternative considered by the Department would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the amendment is proposed or would be more effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed amendment.

## **SUMMARY OF AFFECTED PROVISIONS OF EXISTING CODE AND PROPOSED CHANGES**

No substantive section of the existing code is being changed. The Appendix, which lists disclosure categories and designates employees is being changed. The only change is in the chart of designated employees which reflects that the Office of the Director-Legal has discontinued use of the Supervising Workers' Compensation Consultant class and has incorporated the Special Investigator series into the work unit.