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**FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS**

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS

TITLE 8: Sections 6050, 6051, 6052, 6054 and 6056 of the General Industry Safety Orders

Diving Operations**MODIFICATIONS AND RESPONSE TO COMMENTS RESULTING FROM
THE 45-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There are no modifications to the information contained in the Initial Statement of Reasons.

Summary of and Responses to Written and Oral Comments:I. Written Comments

Abby Lopez, Assistant Regional Administrator, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, San Francisco Regional Office by letter dated April 14, 2025.

Comment:

The commenter commented that the “proposed occupational safety and health standard appears to be at least as effective as the federal standards.”

Response:

The Board thanks Ms. Lopez for her comment and appreciates her participation in the Board’s rulemaking process.

Andrew Solomon, Marine Operations Manager, California Science Center Foundation, by letter dated March 26th, 2025.

Paul Dimeo, Dive Safety Officer, Aquarium of the Pacific, by letter dated April 14, 2025.

George Z. Peterson, Director of Dive Programs, Monterey Bay Aquarium, by email sent April 17, 2025.

Comment:

The commenters commented in support of the amendments to the regulation and urged the Board to adopt the regulation as proposed.

Response:

The Board thanks the commenters for their comments and appreciates their participation in the Board's rulemaking process.

II. Oral Comments

Oral comments received at the April 17, 2025 Public Hearing in Los Angeles, California.

Paul Dimeo, Dive Safety Officer, representing the Aquarium of the Pacific.

George Z. Peterson, Director of Dive Programs, representing Monterey Bay Aquarium.

Andrew Solomon, Marine Operations Manager, representing California Science Center Foundation.

Comment:

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Response:

The Board thanks the commenters for their comments and appreciates their participation in the Board's rulemaking process.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON

None.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

None.

DETERMINATION OF MANDATE

These standards do not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board invited interested persons to present statements or arguments with respect to alternatives to the proposed standard. No alternative considered by the Board would be: (1) more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed, or (2) would be as effective as and less burdensome to affected private persons than the adopted action, or (3) would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law. Board staff were unable to come up with any alternatives or no alternatives were proposed by the public that would have the same desired regulatory effect.