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DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION  
WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

March 28, 2016  
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(No testimony was offered.)

1 PUBLIC HEARING

2 OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

3 MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2016, 10:00 A.M.

4 MS. URBINA: Good morning, everybody. Thank you for  
5 coming today. My name is Lindsey Urbina and I am an  
6 Industrial Relations Counsel with the Division of Workers'  
7 Compensation. This is the public hearing for the proposed  
8 amendments to the WCIS Regulations. There are copies of  
9 proposed regulations over on the side table and please make  
10 sure you signed in today and indicated whether you would like  
11 to give any testimony here this morning.

12 I would like to introduce other members of our DIR  
13 staff here today: We have Kathleen Estrada who is filling in  
14 for Maureen Gray, our regulations coordinator, and we also  
15 have Glenn Shor, John Gordon and Genet Daba here from our  
16 Research Unit.

17 When you come to testify this morning, if you could  
18 please give your business card to myself or to Kathleen. That  
19 would be very helpful. We do not unfortunately have a hearing  
20 reporter here this morning. There has been some sort of  
21 emergency, but we are recording everything and we will be able  
22 to create a hearing transcript from the tape recording. If  
23 you have any written testimony that you would like to give,  
24 could you also hand in these written comments either to myself  
25 or to Kathleen Estrada. I will call the names of anyone who

1 has checked that they would like to give testimony this  
2 morning and I will also just, you know, poll the audience to  
3 see if anyone would like to give testimony.

4 The hearing will continue as long as there are people  
5 present who wish to comment on the regulations up until five  
6 o'clock. If the hearing continues into the lunch hour, we  
7 will take at least an hour's break for lunch. Written  
8 comments can be given up until five o'clock today either via  
9 fax, via email to our regulations coordinator's mailbox or by  
10 hand delivery up on the 17th floor of this building.

11 The purpose of this hearing is to receive comments on  
12 the proposed amendments to the regulations and we welcome any  
13 comments that you have about them including to the two guides  
14 that are affected. All comments, both given here today and  
15 submitted in writing, will be considered by the Administrative  
16 Director in determining what revisions we may make to the  
17 regulations going forward. Please restrict the subject matter  
18 of your comments to the regulations at hand and any  
19 suggestions that you have for changing these proposed  
20 regulations. We will not enter into any discussion or give  
21 responses to comments this morning, although I may ask for  
22 clarification or ask you to elaborate further on any points  
23 you may wish to present. Again, when you come up to give  
24 testimony, please give your business card to myself or to  
25 Kathleen so that we can get a correct spelling of your name

1 for the transcript.

2 If you do come up to give testimony, please speak into  
3 the microphone which is at the podium over here to my right,  
4 and please identify yourself for the record.

5 Let's see. I will go ahead and look at the sign-in  
6 sheet. We have got a few people signed in, but nobody has  
7 indicated that they wish to give testimony. Is there anyone  
8 present who would like to give oral testimony this morning?  
9 Nobody. Okay. Well, what we can do, in the event that nobody  
10 wishes to make testimony, to give testimony at this time, why  
11 don't we take a recess until 10:20 just to make sure, you  
12 know, that there is nobody trying to get here that would like  
13 to give testimony. We will take a brief recess until 10:20 to  
14 see if anyone shows up that would like to give oral testimony.  
15 If anyone has any written comments, feel free to give that to  
16 myself or Kathleen. Thank you.

17 (Whereupon a recess was taken.)

18 MS. URBINA: Good morning. We are going back on the  
19 record. It's about 10:20. Now we just took a 15-minute  
20 recess to see if anybody joined the Hearing a little bit late  
21 who might want to give oral testimony this morning.

22 Is there anyone in the audience who would like to give  
23 oral testimony or comments at this time? Okay. If nobody  
24 wants give to give oral testimony this morning, this Hearing  
25 will now be closed. However, the public still has the

1 opportunity to file written comments up until 5:00 p.m. today  
2 and those comments can be delivered by fax, by email, or you  
3 can hand them to myself or Kathleen or deliver them up to the  
4 17th floor of this building up until five o'clock today.

5 Thank you so much for coming and for any input that you  
6 have given us. The hearing is now closed. Thank you.

7 (Proceedings adjourned at 10:25 a.m.)

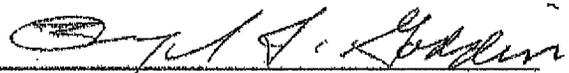
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I, Sheryl L. Goddin, Official Hearing Reporter for the State of California, Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Workers' Compensation, do hereby certify that the audio tape sent to me for transcription of the foregoing matter is a full, true and correct transcript, recorded on the date and in the matter described on the first page thereof.

  
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SHERYL L. GODDIN  
Official Hearing Reporter  
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Dated: April 8, 2016  
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