

FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS  
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE  
SUBMISSION OF REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO  
Title 3, California Code of Regulations  
Section 3658  
Plants

Update of Initial Statement of Reasons/Policy Statement Overview

The initial statement of reasons/policy statement overview is still valid.

Summary of and Response to Objections or Comments Regarding the Regulations

No public hearing was held or requested. The summary of and response to each objection or comment received during the written comment period are as follows:

No written comments were received during the public comment period.

Mandate on Local Agencies and School Districts

The Department of Food and Agriculture has determined that the amendment of Section 3658 does not impose a new mandate on the local agencies or school districts. This is an ongoing program authorized by the Legislature to combat Pierce's disease and its vectors with existing funding derived from the Pierce's Disease Management Account. The Legislature authorized these funds to be allocated to those local public entities that develop Pierce's disease work plans that conform to statutory standards and are approved by the Department of Food and Agriculture.

The Department has also determined that the amended regulations will involve no additional costs or savings to any state agency because funds for state costs are already appropriated, no nondiscretionary costs or savings to local agencies or school districts, no reimbursable savings to local agencies or costs or savings to school districts under Section 17561 of the Government Code, funds for reimbursement for costs to local agencies have already been appropriated, and will be allocated under the approved work plans, and no

costs or savings in federal funding to the State. To the extent that local agencies incur costs as a result of their continuing enforcement of and compliance with this amended regulation, the local agencies may recover those costs by establishing an acceptable Pierce's disease work plan that qualifies for allocation of funds appropriated by the Legislature for this purpose.

The Department has determined that the proposed action will not have a significant adverse economic impact on housing costs. The Department of Food and Agriculture finds that the amendment of this regulation may have an adverse economic impact on some California businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. The economic impact on those California businesses is not expected to be significantly adverse when balanced against the protection provided to those businesses from costs or losses due to Pierce's disease or the GWSS.

#### Assessment

The Department has made an assessment that this amendment to the regulations would not (1) create or eliminate jobs within California, (2) create new business or eliminate existing businesses within California, or (3) affect the expansion of businesses currently doing business within California.

#### Alternatives Considered

The Department of Food and Agriculture has determined that no alternative considered would 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 than the proposed action.