State of California
Office of Administrative Law

In re:
Department of Food and Agriculture

Regulatory Action:

Title 03, California Code of Regulations

Amend sections: 3962

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF REGULATORY ACTION

Government Code Section 11349.3

OAL Matter Number: 2026-0917-01

OAL Matter Type: Regular (S)

In this rulemaking action, the Department of Food and Agriculture proposes to increase the Hydrilla Eradication Area to cover the entire state of California.

OAL approves this regulatory action pursuant to section 11349.3 of the Government Code. This regulatory action becomes effective on 1/1/2027.

Date: October 27, 2026

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AGENCY WITH RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: Department of Food and Agriculture

AGENCY FILE NUMBER (If any):

A. PUBLICATION OF NOTICE (Complete for publication in Notice Register)

1. SUBJECT OF NOTICE	TITLE(S)	FIRST SECTION AFFECTED	2. REQUESTED PUBLICATION DATE

3. NOTICE TYPE	4. AGENCY CONTACT PERSON	TELEPHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER (Optional)
☐ Notice re Proposed Regulatory Action ☐ Other			

OAL USE ONLY	ACTION ON PROPOSED NOTICE	NOTICE REGISTER NUMBER	PUBLICATION DATE
	☐ Approved as Submitted ☐ Approved as Modified ☐ Disapproved/ Withdrawn	2026, 31-Z	7/31/26

B. SUBMISSION OF REGULATIONS (Complete when submitting regulations)

1a. SUBJECT OF REGULATION(S): Hydrilla Eradication Area

1b. ALL PREVIOUS RELATED OAL REGULATORY ACTION NUMBER(S):

2. SPECIFY CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE(S) AND SECTION(S) **(Including title 26, if toxics related)**

SECTION(S) AFFECTED (List all section number(s) individually. Attach additional sheet if needed.)

ADOPT:

AMEND: 3962

TITLE(S): 3

REPEAL:

3. TYPE OF FILING

- ☒ Regular Rulemaking (Gov. Code §11346)
- ☐ Certificate of Compliance: The agency officer named below certifies that this agency complied with the provisions of Gov. Code §§11346.2-11347.3 either before the emergency regulation was adopted or within the time period required by statute.
- ☐ Emergency Readopt (Gov. Code, §11346.1(h))
- ☐ Changes Without Regulatory Effect (Cal. Code Regs., title 1, §100)
- ☐ Resubmittal of disapproved or withdrawn nonemergency filing (Gov. Code §§11349.3, 11349.4)
- ☐ File & Print
- ☐ Print Only
- ☐ Emergency (Gov. Code, §11346.1(b))
- ☐ Resubmittal of disapproved or withdrawn emergency filing (Gov. Code, §11346.1)
- ☐ Other (Specify) _____

4. ALL BEGINNING AND ENDING DATES OF AVAILABILITY OF MODIFIED REGULATIONS AND/OR MATERIAL ADDED TO THE RULEMAKING FILE (Cal. Code Regs. title 1, §44 and Gov. Code §11347.1)

5. EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGES (Gov. Code, §§ 11343.4, 11346.1(d); Cal. Code Regs., title 1, §100)

- ☒ Effective January 1, April 1, July 1, or October 1 (Gov. Code §11343.4(a))
- ☐ Effective on filing with Secretary of State
- ☐ §100 Changes Without Regulatory Effect
- ☐ Effective other (Specify) _____

6. CHECK IF THESE REGULATIONS REQUIRE NOTICE TO, OR REVIEW, CONSULTATION, APPROVAL OR CONCURRENCE BY, ANOTHER AGENCY OR ENTITY

- ☐ Department of Finance (Form STD. 399) (SAM §6660)
- ☐ Fair Political Practices Commission
- ☐ State Fire Marshal
- ☐ Other (Specify) _____

7. CONTACT PERSON	TELEPHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER (Optional)	E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional)
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8. I certify that the attached copy of the regulation(s) is a true and correct copy of the regulation(s) identified on this form, that the information specified on this form is true and correct, and that I am the head of the agency taking this action, or a designee of the head of the agency, and am authorized to make this certification.

SIGNATURE OF AGENCY HEAD OR DESIGNEE: Victoria Hornbaker — Digitally signed by Victoria Hornbaker Date: 2026.09.16 15:58:38 -07'00'

DATE:

TYPED NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNATORY: Victoria Hornbaker, Director Plant Health & Pest Prevention Services Division

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Amend the following:

3 CCR § 3962

§ 3962. Hydrilla Eradication Area.

(a) Proclamation of Eradication Area. The area ~~portions of the State of California~~ described as follows, within which a certain pest, *Hydrilla verticillata,* is known to exist, are hereby proclaimed to be eradication areas with respect to said pest:

(1) The entire state of California.~~counties of Calaveras, Imperial, Lake, Madera, Mariposa, Nevada, Shasta, Tulare and Yuba.~~

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Note: Authority cited: Sections 407 and 5322, Food and Agricultural Code. Reference: Sections 5322, 5761 and 6048, Food and Agricultural Code.