

**TITLE 16. STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL BOARD
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

HEARING DATE: February 19, 2019

SUBJECT MATTER OF PROPOSED REGULATION: WDO Inspection Reporting Fee Increase

SECTION AMENDED: California Code of Regulations, Title 16, section 1997

INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS UPDATED INFORMATION: The Initial Statement of Reasons is included in the rulemaking file.

The maximum filing fee the Board can charge pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 8674(n) was increased from \$3.00 to \$5.00 effective January 1, 2019 by Stats 2018, Ch. 572, section 16 "SB 1481".

The publication date for the "Structural Pest Control Fund Analysis of Fund Condition" is February 8, 2018.

In the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, on the second page, and in the third paragraph of the Policy Statement / Overview section, the Board wishes to note that the word "committees" should be capitalized.

DETERMINATION OF LOCAL MANDATE: The proposed regulation does not impose a mandate on any local agencies or school districts.

SUMMARY AND RESPONSE TO EACH OBJECTION OR RECOMMENDATION: The Board received no objections or recommendations pertaining to the proposed regulation during the comment period.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES: The Board has determined that no proposed or considered alternative would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulation is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the adopted regulation or would be more cost effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

The Board made this determination because none of the options available to the Board would be as effective at increasing revenue while simultaneously being minimally burdensome. Because of the high volume of WDO Inspections that are performed in California a fee increase of \$0.50 per inspection will be maximally effective at increasing revenue while being minimally burdensome due to the relatively small per-inspection increase.

SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT: The Board has determined that no alternative to the proposed regulation would decrease any adverse economic impact on small businesses. The Board made

this determination because the proposed fee increase is only \$0.50 on a per-inspection basis and any alternative that would be as effective in raising revenue would be more burdensome to small businesses.