

STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM: Changes to the Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program Regulations.

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Background: The enactment of SB 742 in 2008, required a total revision of the regulations that govern the Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program (Grants Program). The OHMVR Division worked with the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) to ensure the regulatory process was adhered to.

In 2009, OHMVR Division worked with the OAL on a regulatory change process to modify various provisions within the regulations. These changes were effected in order to clarify issues and problems that were identified by OHMVR Division staff.

In a continual effort to ensure that the Grants Program is evolving in a manner that will benefit the State of California, at the conclusion of the 2009/10 grant cycle, OHMVR Division staff identified areas in the regulations that required additional clarity or revision. The OHMVR Division is working with the OAL in the regulatory process on these changes.

Report: An update on the proposed regulations change process will be provided by the Grants Manager.

Status: The 45-day public comment period ended on 10/11/10. The final rulemaking package will be submitted to the OAL on 11/24/10.

Commission action: For information only.