

**CALIFORNIA ARCHITECTS BOARD  
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE  
NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Architects Board (Board) is proposing to take the action described in the Informative Digest. Any person interested may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the action proposed at a hearing to be held at the office of the **California Architects Board, 2420 Del Paso Road, Sequoia Room, Sacramento, California, 95834, on August 6, 2012 at 10:30 a.m.** Written comments, including those sent by mail, facsimile, or e-mail to the addresses listed under Contact Person in this Notice, must be received by the Board at its office no later than 5:00 p.m. on **August 6, 2012** or must be received by the Board at the hearing.

The Board, upon its own motion or at the instance of any interested party, may thereafter adopt the proposals substantially as described below or may modify such proposals if such modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. With the exception of technical or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified proposal will be available for 15 days prior to its adoption from the person designated in this Notice as contact person and will be mailed to those persons who submit written or oral testimony related to this proposal or who have requested notification of any changes to the proposal.

Authority and Reference: Pursuant to the authority vested by section 5630 of the Business and Professions Code (BPC), and to implement, interpret or make specific BPC section 5630, the Board is considering changes to Division 26 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) as follows:

INFORMATIVE DIGEST

A. Informative Digest

BPC section 5630 authorizes the Board to adopt, amend, or repeal rules and regulations, in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act that are reasonably necessary in order to carry out the provisions of law relating to the practice of landscape architecture. BPC section 5630 also authorizes the Board to establish criteria for approving schools of landscape architecture.

B. Policy Statement Overview/Anticipated Benefits of Proposal

**Amend Section 2620.5 – Requirements for an Approved Extension Certificate Program**

This proposal would retain the Board's existing extension certificate program requirements and do the following: 1) amend subsection 2620.5(a) to remove the outdated reference to section 94900 of the Education Code; 2) amend subsections

2620.5(g) and (h) to clearly specify the responsibilities of the program director and his/her qualifications; 3) update and modify the names of the areas of study and clearly identify where public health, safety, and welfare issues are addressed in the course syllabus in subsections 2620.5(i) and (k); 4) amend subsection 2620.5(m) to allow instructional personnel to hold a certificate from an approved extension certificate program; 5) add a new subsection 2620.5(n) that requires extension certificate programs to submit an annual report in writing with specified information based on the date of the most recent Board approval; 6) allows the Board to evaluate changes to any of the items specified in the report or changes to the program; 7) requires the program to undergo a Board review every seven years in order to gain Board approval; and 8) allows the Board to conduct a review prior to the seven year deadline based on information received in the program's annual report.

Anticipated benefits of this regulatory action:

This regulatory proposal will bring the extension certificate program requirements up-to-date with current standards of the practice of landscape architecture.

C. Consistency and Compatibility with Existing State Regulations

This Board has evaluated this regulatory proposal and it is not inconsistent nor incompatible with existing state regulations.

FISCAL IMPACT ESTIMATES

Fiscal Impact on Public Agencies Including Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State: none

Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies: none

Local Mandate: none

Cost to Any Local Agency or School District for Which Government Code Sections 17500 - 17630 Require Reimbursement: none

Business Impact: The Board has made an initial determination that the proposed regulatory action would have no significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

The following studies/relevant data were relied upon in making the above determination:  
N/A

Cost Impact on Representative Private Person or Business: The Board is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

Effect on Housing Costs: None

Effect on Small Business: The Board has determined that the proposed regulation would not affect small businesses. The proposed regulation sets forth, by regulation, the Board's amended approval standards for university extension programs in landscape architecture.

## RESULTS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

Impact on Jobs/New Businesses: The Board has determined that this regulatory proposal will not have any impact on the creation of jobs or new businesses or the elimination of jobs or existing businesses or the expansion of businesses in the State of California.

Benefits of Regulation: The Board has determined that this regulatory proposal will have the following benefits to health and welfare of California residents, worker safety, and state's environment: This regulatory proposal benefits the health and welfare of California residents because it updates the extension program certificate requirements to include curriculum that addresses the principles of health, safety, and welfare.

## CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

The Board must determine that no reasonable alternative which it considered to the regulation or that has otherwise been identified and brought to its attention would either be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective as and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposal described in this Notice or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

Any interested person may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the above determinations at the above-mentioned hearing or during the written comment period.

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND INFORMATION

The Board has prepared an initial statement of reasons for the proposed action and has made available all the information upon which the proposal is based.

## TEXT OF PROPOSAL

Copies of the exact language of the proposed regulations and of the initial statement of reasons, and all of the information upon which the proposal is based, may be obtained at the hearing or prior to the hearing upon request from the California Architects Board, Landscape Architects Technical Committee at 2420 Del Paso Road, Suite 105, Sacramento, California 95834, or by telephoning the contact person listed below.

AVAILABILITY AND LOCATION OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND RULEMAKING FILE

All the information upon which the proposed regulations are based is contained in the rulemaking file, which is available for public inspection by contacting the person, named below.

You may obtain a copy of the final statement of reasons once it has been prepared, by making a written request to the contact person named below (or by accessing the Website listed below).

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Website Access: Materials regarding this proposal can be found at [www.latc.ca.gov](http://www.latc.ca.gov).