

About the Office of Administrative Law

Established July 1, 1980, the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) ensures that agency regulations are clear, necessary, legally valid, and available to the public. Since its creation, OAL has been and continues to be responsible for reviewing administrative regulations proposed by over 200 state agencies for compliance with the standards set forth in California’s Administrative Procedure Act (APA), for transmitting these regulations to the Secretary of State and for publishing regulations in the California Code of Regulations.

OAL assists state regulatory agencies through a formal training program, as well as through other less formal methods, to understand and comply with the Administrative Procedure Act. OAL also accepts petitions challenging alleged underground regulations—those rules issued by state agencies which meet the Administrative Procedure Act’s definition of a “regulation” but were not adopted pursuant to the APA process and are not expressly exempt.

OAL also oversees the publication and distribution, in print and on the Internet, of the California Code of Regulations and the California Regulatory Notice Register.

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Other Information

Office of Administrative Law’s State Leadership Accountability Act (SLAA) Reports

- [2023 SLAA Report](#)
 - [2021 SLAA Report](#)
 - [2019 SLAA Report](#)
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OAL’s Tribal Consultation Policy memorializes OAL’s commitment to open and respectful communications with California’s Indian Tribes. [Tribal Consultation Policy](#)

As part of the Governor's Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 2012, effective July 1, 2013, the Office of Administrative Law is now part of the Government Operations Agency.