

Chapter 1456 - OFFICE OF REGULATION SERVICES

1456 PROGRAM PURPOSE AND CONTACTS

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Program Purpose

The mission of the Office of Regulation Services (ORS) is to ensure compliance with seismic provisions of the Field Act and Access for the disabled to public schools, community colleges, and state buildings through superior, efficient and timely design, and construction review.

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1456.1 STATUTORY AUTHORITY

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1. By authority of Education Code Sections 39140*39159 and 81130*81147 (Field Act), the DGS reviews the design: (a) of all new public school buildings, and (b) if the cost exceeds \$20,000 the reconstruction or alteration of, or addition to, such buildings.
2. By authority of Health and Safety Code Sections 16002*16023 (Essential Services Buildings Seismic Safety Act of 1986), DGS reviews the design and observes the construction, alteration, or addition to any state-owned or state-leased essential services building for structural safety. The DGS further observes the implementation and administration of the Act by local jurisdiction.
3. Authority under Chapter 7 of the Government Code states that all buildings, structures, sidewalks, and curbs, and related facilities constructed by use of state funds or where funds of counties, municipalities, or other political subdivisions are utilized for the construction of elementary, secondary, or community college projects shall be accessible to and usable by the physically disabled.

1456.2 MAJOR POLICIES AND FUNCTIONS

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Major Policies

1. Design and Construction Review of Public Schools and Community Colleges
2. Code and Regulation Development
3. Product Evaluation and Approval
4. Laboratory Evaluation and Acceptance
5. Design and Construction Review of Essential Services Buildings
6. Examinations and Approval of Construction Inspectors

7. Seminars and Workshops for Process Information Dissemination

Major Functions

1. **Plan Review** provides structural safety, access compliance and fire/life safety design review services and manages consultants doing plan review.
 2. **Construction Review** provides construction oversight and guidance to project inspectors.
 3. **Quality, and Code Development and Research** provides operations research, technical quality control, training, code research, code development, and establishes documentation standards.
 4. **Professional Policy** provides advocacy and interpretation of the laws and regulations relating to the structural safety of, disabled access to, and fire/life safety of public schools and other buildings. Additionally, ORS provides advocacy and interpretation of the laws and regulations for state historic buildings.
 5. **Special Projects** provides catastrophic response management, review and acceptance of manufacturer's structural products, inspector approval, testing laboratory acceptance, and other mandated or desired special projects.
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1456.3 SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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The following publications are available from ORS:

1. California Accessibility Reference Manual
2. California State Structural Safety Interpretive Manual
3. Class Size Reduction Workshop Manual
4. Field Act Cost Impact Study
5. Improving the Plan Check Process
6. Post Earthquake Damage Evaluation and Reporting Procedures
7. Relocatable Classroom Approvals Workshop Manual
8. State Historical Building Code
9. Successful Plan Review

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