

ITEM 10
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Workload Update and Tentative Agenda Items for the
February 2026, April 2026, and June 2026 Meetings (info)

I. The Commission's 40th Year

With this December hearing, the Commission completes its 40th year. In 1978, article XIII A was added to the California Constitution to limit the power of state and local governments to impose new taxes. In 1979, the voters adopted article XIII B of the California Constitution imposing spending limits on local governments' proceeds of taxes. In recognition of these tax and spend limitations, article XIII B, section 6 requires the state to provide a subvention of funds to reimburse local government for the costs of state-mandated new programs or increased levels of service. On January 1, 1985, the Commission on State Mandates was established to render sound quasi-judicial decisions regarding the application of article XIII B, section 6 to alleged unfunded state mandates and to provide an effective means of resolving disputes over the existence of state-mandated local programs.

We acknowledge the dedication and service of our Commission members and the staff members who have served the Commission for the past 40 years.

II. Workload¹ (info)

A. COMPLETED WORKLOAD SUMMARY

Type of Caseload	Completed in 2024/2025	Completed in 2025/2026
Test Claims	7	2
Parameters & Guidelines	7	0
Parameters & Guidelines Amendments	0	0
Requests for Reconsideration	0	0
Statewide Cost Estimates	5	1
Request to Review Claiming Instructions	0	0
Requests for Mandate Redetermination ²	0	0
Requests for Mandate Redetermination to be Amended, Set Aside, or Reinstated, as Directed by the Legislature or Court Action	0	0
Requests for Mandate Redetermination Reconsideration Based on Court Action	0	0
Incorrect Reduction Claims	1	0

¹ As of December 1, 2025.

² Requests for Mandate Redetermination require a two-hearing process.

Type of Caseload	Completed in 2024/2025	Completed in 2025/2026
Appeal of Executive Director Decisions	1	0
Order to Set Aside a Test Claim, Parameters and Guidelines or Incorrect Reduction Claim Decision	1	0

B. COMMISSION WORKLOAD REPORT

Type of Action	Pending on 7/1/2025	Filed Since 7/1/2025	Completed Since 7/1/2025	Pending on 12/1/2025
Test Claims	39 ³	0	2	37 ⁴
Parameters and Guidelines	1	2 ⁵	0	3
Joint Reasonable Reimbursement Methodologies	0	0	0	0
Pending Requests To Jointly Develop Legislatively Determined Mandates	0	0	0	0
Requests for Reconsideration	0	0	0	0
Requests to Review Claiming Instructions	0	0	0	0
Statewide Cost Estimates	6	0 ⁶	1	5
Test Claims to be Reconsidered, Amended, Set Aside, or Reinstated, as Directed by the Legislature or Court Action	0	0 ⁷	0	0

³ This includes one matter that was filed prior to July 1, 2025 but was deemed incomplete and was not cured and issued for comment until after July 1, 2025.

⁴ There are 37 total pending Test Claims. 37 are local agency Test Claims, all but five (24-TC-03, 24-TC-04, 24-TC-05, 24-TC-06, and 24-TC-07) regarding National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits. There are no school district test claims.

⁵ A test claimant may file proposed parameters and guidelines, or Commission staff may prepare and issue draft expedited parameters and guidelines upon the adoption of an approved test claim or expiration of a joint reasonable reimbursement methodology.

⁶ Statewide cost estimates are not filed but are issued by the Commission after the initial claims are received by the State Controller's Office.

⁷ Orders to set aside a test claim decision are not filed but are issued by the Commission following receipt from the court or the legislature.

Type of Action	Pending on 7/1/2025	Filed Since 7/1/2025	Completed Since 7/1/2025	Pending on 12/1/2025
Parameters and Guidelines to be Amended, Set Aside, or Reinstated, as Directed by the Legislature or Court Action	0	0	0	0
Proposed Amendments to Parameters and Guidelines	0	0 ⁸	0	0
Requests for Mandate Redetermination ⁹	0	0	0	0
Requests for Mandate Redetermination to be Reconsidered, Amended, Set Aside, or Reinstated, as Directed by the Legislature or Court Action	0	0	0	0
Incorrect Reduction Claims	1	0	0	1
Incorrect Reduction Claims to be Reconsidered Based on Court Action	0	0	0	0
Appeals of Executive Director's Decisions	0	0	0	0
Order to Set Aside a Test Claim, Parameters and Guidelines or Incorrect Reduction Claim Decision	0	0	0	0
Regulatory Actions Pending	0	1	1	0
Applications for Findings of Significant Financial Distress	0	0	0	0

III. TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS (info)

The tentative agenda items include those matters on which staff are currently working. According to Commission regulations, no matter is set for hearing until the draft proposed decision issues. Thus, the items listed below are subject to change based on, among other things, Commission workload, staffing, litigation, requests for extensions of

⁸ An affected local or state agency may file proposed parameters and guidelines amendments for any of the reasons specified by section 1183.17 of the Commission's regulations or Commission staff may be issue them upon the adoption of new test claim decision under the mandate redetermination process.

⁹ Requests for Mandate Redetermination require a two-hearing process.

time to file comments on draft proposed decisions, hearing postponements, informal conferences, and the complexity of the matters.

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A. Test Claims

1. *California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region, Order No. R8-2010-0036, 10-TC-10*
County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino County Flood Control District, and Cities of Big Bear Lake, Chino, Chino Hills, Colton, Fontana, Highland, Montclair, Ontario, and Rancho Cucamonga, Claimants
2. *California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, Order No. R2-2015-0049, 16-TC-03*
City of Union City, Claimant
3. *California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, Order No. R9-2017-0077, Sections A.1, A.3, and A.5, 17-TC-05*
City of San Juan Capistrano and County of San Diego, Claimants
4. *California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, Order No. R4-2021-0105, 22-TC-01*
County of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Claimants
5. *Stops: Notification by Peace Officers, 24-TC-03*
County of Los Angeles, Claimant
6. *Child Physical Abuse and Neglect Exams, 24-TC-05*
County of Santa Clara, Claimant
7. *Emergency Shelters: Persons with Pets, 24-TC-06*
County of Sacramento, Claimant

B. Parameters and Guidelines

1. *California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, Order No. R4-2012-0175, 13-TC-01 and 13-TC-02*
County of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County Flood Control District; and Cities of Agoura Hills, Bellflower, Beverly Hills, Carson, Cerritos, Commerce, Downey, Huntington Park, Lakewood, Manhattan Beach, Norwalk, Pico Rivera, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, San Marino, Santa Clarita, Santa Fe Springs, Signal Hill, South El Monte, Vernon, Westlake Village, and Whittier, Claimants
2. *Internet Websites and Email Addresses, 24-TC-04*
County of Santa Clara

C. Statewide Cost Estimates

1. *California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, Order No. R2-2009-0074, 10-TC-02, 10-TC-03, and 10-TC-05*
2. *Lead Sampling in Schools: Public Water System No. 3710020, 17-TC-03-R2*

D. Incorrect Reduction Claims

1. *Child Abduction and Recovery*, 24-4237-I-04
County of Sacramento, Claimant
2. *Child Abduction and Recovery*, 25-4237-I-05
County of Los Angeles, Claimant