



July 29, 2003



Ms. Paula Higashi
Executive Director
Commission on State Mandates
980 Ninth Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Higashi:

The Department of Finance has received your letter dated July 11, 2003, requesting our review of the test claim submitted by the Clovis Unified School District, asking the Commission to determine whether specified costs incurred under referenced sections of the Education Code, Title 2 Regulations, statutes and executive orders are reimbursable State mandated costs (Claim No. CSM-02-TC-43 "Hazardous Materials Assessments"). Due to the coordination involved in performing this analysis, and the numerous activities for which the school district is seeking reimbursement, we are requesting representation from the Attorney General's Office. As a result, we respectfully request an extension of at least 30 days to prepare our response.

As required by the Commission's regulations, we are including a "Proof of Service" indicating that the parties included on the mailing list which accompanied your July 11, 2003, letter have been provided with copies of this letter via either United States Mail or, in the case of other State agencies, Interagency Mail Service.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Walt Schaff, Principal Program Budget Analyst at (916) 445-0328, or Keith Gmeinder, state mandates claims coordinator for the Department of Finance, at (916) 445-8913.

Sincerely,

Jeannie Oropeza
Program Budget Manager

Attachment

PROOF OF SERVICE

Test Claim Name: Hazardous Materials Assessments
Test Claim Number: CSM-02-TC-43

I, the undersigned, declare as follows:

I am employed in the County of Sacramento, State of California, I am 18 years of age or older and not a party to the within entitled cause; my business address is 915 L Street, 7th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.

On July 29, 2003, I served the attached recommendation of the Department of Finance in said cause, by facsimile to the Commission on State Mandates and by placing a true copy thereof: (1) to claimants and nonstate agencies enclosed in a sealed envelope with postage thereon fully prepaid in the United States Mail at Sacramento, California; and (2) to state agencies in the normal pickup location at 915 L Street, 7th Floor, for Interagency Mail Service, addressed as follows:

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on July 29, 2003, at Sacramento, California.



Jennifer Nelson