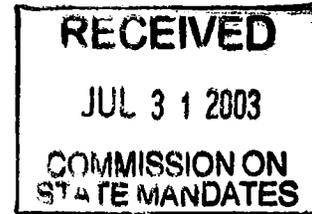




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Date: July 31, 2003

To: Paula Higashi, Executive Director
Commission on State Mandates
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From: Division of the State Architect
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Subject: **NOTICE OF COMPLETE TEST CLAIM FILING AND SCHEDULE FOR COMMENTS – ESSENTIAL SERVICES BUILDINGS; 02-TC-38**

The Division of the State Architect (DSA) received notification of the Test Claim referenced above and the accompanying request to comment on the claim.

While the DSA promulgates regulations under the Essential Services Buildings Seismic Safety Act, our administration of the Act is limited to state essential services buildings. The claim made by the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District is for essential services buildings under the authority of the local building department as defined in the law and regulations.

As DSA does not regulate the building in question, we decline to make a formal response as to the validity to the claim.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephan Castellanos'.

Stephan Castellanos, FAIA
State Architect