

ITEM 8
FINAL STAFF ANALYSIS
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PARAMETERS AND GUIDELINES

Public Resources Code Sections 40148, 40196.3, 42920-42928
Public Contract Code Sections 12167 and 12167.1

Statutes 1999, Chapter 764 (A.B. 75)
Statutes 1992, Chapter 1116 (A.B. 3521)

State Agency Model Integrated Waste Management Plan (February 2000)

Integrated Waste Management
00-TC-07

Santa Monica and South Lake Tahoe Community College Districts, Co-claimants

On Remand from the Sacramento County Superior Court
State of California, Department of Finance, California Integrated Waste Management Board
v. Commission on State Mandates, et al.
(Case No. 07CS00355)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Background

The test claim statutes at issue in this case require community college districts to develop and adopt, in consultation with the Integrated Waste Management Board, an integrated waste management plan. Each community college is required to divert from landfills at least 25 percent of generated solid waste by January 1, 2002, and at least 50 percent by January 1, 2004.

Parameters and guidelines were adopted by the Commission in March 2005. The parameters and guidelines do not identify any offsetting cost savings for avoided disposal costs as a result of the mandate to divert solid waste. In addition, the offsetting revenues identified in the parameters and guidelines are limited by Public Contract Code sections 12167 and 12167.1; revenues that do not exceed \$2000 are continuously appropriated by the Legislature for the expenditure by the community colleges on this program, and revenues exceeding \$2000 can be used only upon appropriation by the Legislature.

The Department of Finance and the Integrated Waste Management Board filed a petition for writ of mandate in March 2007, asking the court to set aside the Commission's decision granting the test claim and to require the Commission to issue a new Statement of Decision and parameters and guidelines that give full consideration to the community colleges' cost savings (e.g. avoided landfill disposal fees) and revenues (from recyclables) by complying with the test claim statutes. They contended that the Commission did not properly account for all the offsetting cost savings

from avoided disposal costs, or offsetting revenues from the sale of recyclable materials in the Statement of Decision or parameters and guidelines.

On May 29, 2008, the Sacramento County Superior Court issued its Ruling on Submitted Matter, finding that the Commission's rationale for the treatment of cost savings and revenues in the parameters and guidelines was erroneous and required that the parameters and guidelines be amended.

With regard to cost savings, the court found that the reduction or avoidance of costs resulting from solid waste diversion activities represent savings that must be offset and deducted from the claim for costs incurred as a result of the mandated activities in accordance with Public Contract Code section 12167 and 12167.1. Cost savings may be calculated from the calculations of annual solid waste disposal reduction or diversion that community colleges must annually report to the Board pursuant to Public Resources Code section 42926, subdivision (b)(1).¹ The court further concluded that offsetting savings are limited by Public Contract Code section 12167 and 12167.1, which require community colleges to deposit cost savings into the Integrated Waste Management Account in the Integrated Waste Management Fund. These funds may, on appropriation by the Legislature, be spent by the Board to offset integrated waste management plan implementation costs. The cost savings that do not exceed \$2000 annually are continuously appropriated for the colleges to spend to offset implementing and administering the costs of the integrated waste management plan. Cost savings in excess of \$2000 annually are available for this same purpose when appropriated by the Legislature.²

The court further concluded that revenues from the sale of recyclable materials are free from the limitations of Public Contract Codes section 12167 and 12167.1. Thus, community colleges are required to identify and offset the total amount of revenue received from the sale of recyclable materials.³

Accordingly, the court's ruling is that a writ of mandate would issue requiring the Commission to correct the errors through an amendment to the parameters and guidelines. The court's decision does not affect the Statement of Decision.

The judgment and a writ of mandate were issued on June 30, 2008, ordering the Commission to:

1. Amend the parameters and guidelines in Test Claim No. 00-TC-07 to require community college districts claiming reimbursable costs of an integrated waste management plan under Public Resources Code section 42920, et seq. to identify and offset from their claims, consistent with the directions for revenue in Public Contract code sections 12167 and 12167.1, cost savings realized as a result of implementing their plans.
2. Amend the parameters and guidelines in Test Claim No. 00-TC-07 to require community college districts claiming reimbursable costs of an integrated waste management plan under Public Resources Code section 42920, et seq. to identify

¹ Ruling, page 7.

² Ruling, pages 8-9.

³ Ruling, page 10.

and offset from their claims all of the revenue generated as a result of implementing their plans, without regard to the limitations or conditions described in sections 12167 and 12167.1 of the Public Contract Code.

In compliance with the writ, a draft staff analysis and proposed amendments to the parameters and guidelines tracking the language in the court's judgment and writ were issued for comment. On August 26, 2008, the Integrated Waste Management Board filed comments, requesting that the Commission include additional language in Section VIII of the parameters and guidelines addressing offsetting cost savings. The Commission has not received any comments from the community college districts.

Comments from the Integrated Waste Management Board

The Integrated Waste Management Board requests that the parameters and guidelines include the following two changes to the offsetting cost savings section:

1. Claimants should be required to provide offsetting savings information *whether or not* the amount of offsetting savings generated in a fiscal year exceeds the \$2000 continuous appropriation. The Board argues as follows: "We understand that these amounts would not offset the costs until the appropriation were to occur, but if the information is not provided in the first instance, the Legislature will not be in a position to make the additional appropriation." The Board proposes the following change (reflected in strike-through language):

Any offsetting savings the claimant experiences in the same program as a result of the same statutes or executive orders found to contain the mandate shall be deducted from the costs claimed.

Reduced or avoided costs realized from implementation of the community college districts' Integrated Waste Management plans shall be identified and offset from this claim as cost savings, consistent with the directions for revenue in Public Contract Code sections 12167 and 12167.1. Subject to the approval of the California Integrated Waste Management Board, cost savings by a community college that do not exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000) annually are continuously appropriated for expenditure by the community college for the purpose of offsetting Integrated Waste Management program costs. Cost savings exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000) annually may be available for expenditure by the community college only when appropriated by the Legislature. ~~To the extent so approved or appropriated and applied to the college,~~ these amounts shall be identified and offset from the costs claimed for implementing the Integrated Waste Management Plan.

2. Additional guidance should be provided in Section VIII of the parameters and guidelines to assist claimants in determining what would be considered a cost savings that should be offset. The Board proposes the following language:

Claimants shall analyze the following items in determining what to include in their claims:

Staffing:

Through the implementation of the program being claimed a reduction in staff hours (PYs) can be achieved. In order to determine any cost increases or decreases the claimant will need to evaluate the total staff required to implement the program being claimed prior to AB 75 and the staff needed to implement and operate the current program. All values identified must be calculated based on a conversion to the dollar values for the particular year being claimed.

Overhead:

Costs incurred for overhead, such as benefits, for the PYs identified under “staffing.”

Materials:

Through the implementation of the program being claimed a reduction or elimination of supplies and materials may have been achieved. This could include, and is not limited to: White office paper, mixed office paper, cardboard, printed catalogs, postage, envelopes, and other office supplies.

Storage:

Through the implementation of this program being claimed a reduction or elimination of storage of supplies and materials may have been achieved. The elimination of storage is a cost savings that must be allotted to offset any costs association to the implementation of the identified program(s) being claimed by the claimant.

Transportation Costs:

The transportation of supplies and waste materials has a cost. The claimant should determine how many trips staff was making to purchase, pick-up and deliver supplies needed for the program being claimed and the current level of the activity.

Claimant should also consider the cost incurred or avoided for the collection of waste materials associated with the activity being claimed.

Equipment:

Any costs associated with new/replacement equipment, including any costs avoided for maintenance of obsolete equipment.

Sale of Commodities:

This would include any and all revenues generated due to the sale of materials collected through the implementation of the specific program being claimed. This could include, but is not limited to white office paper, mixed office paper, cardboard, beverage containers, ferrous and nonferrous metals, glass, plastic, resale of used text books, compost, mulch, and firewood.

Avoided disposal fees:

Through the implementation of the AB 75 program(s) a facility will see a direct reduction in the amount of materials that would have been placed into a landfill or a trash dumpster on the campus. These direct savings are to be credited to the program based on today's disposal costs.

Sale of obsolete equipment:

Proceeds of any sales of obsolete equipment.

Other revenue related to program:

Dependent on the particular program or activity being submitted to the Commission for reimbursement several other factors can and will generate a cost savings.

The Board argues that "this change is consistent with the Commission's statutes which provide that the 'reasonable reimbursement methodology' used should identify the costs to implement the mandate in a cost-efficient manner."

Discussion and Staff Analysis

Staff reviewed the Superior Court's writ and judgment, and comments from the Integrated Waste Management Board, and made the following changes to comply with the court's order.

I. Summary of the Mandate

Staff added a paragraph to describe the judgment and writ.

III. Period of Reimbursement

The court's decision in this case interprets the test claim statutes as a question of law. Thus, the amendments to the parameters and guidelines required by the court's writ apply retroactively to the original period of reimbursement.⁴ No changes were made to the initial date of reimbursement.

Staff, however, deleted a reference to filing "Estimated Reimbursement Claims" consistent with current law.

IV. Reimbursable Activities, F. Annual Recycled Material Reports

Staff deleted a reference to "Section VII. regarding offsetting revenues from recyclable materials" on page 10, section IV. F. The placement of this reference under one activity is inconsistent with the writ which requires community college districts claiming reimbursable costs of an integrated waste management plan under Public Resources Code section 42920 et seq. to identify and offset from their claims all of the revenue generated as a result of implementing their plans...."

VII. Offsetting Revenues and Reimbursements

Staff corrected this section to strike references to Public Contract Code sections 12167 and 12167.5 consistent with the judgment and writ.

⁴ *McManigal v. City of Seal Beach* (1985) 166 Cal.App.3d 975, 981.

VIII. Offsetting Cost Savings

A new section VIII. regarding offsetting cost savings has been added pursuant to the court's judgment and writ. Staff further finds, for the reasons below, that the requests of the Integrated Waste Management Board to amend the parameters and guidelines to further require community college districts to provide offsetting savings information in their claims *whether or not* the amount of offsetting savings generated in a fiscal year exceeds the \$2000 continuous appropriation, and to require community college districts to analyze additional categories of cost savings, goes beyond the scope of the test claim statutes, the court's judgment and writ, and the Commission's jurisdiction on remand.

A. The Board's request to require community college districts to provide offsetting savings information whether or not the offsetting savings generated exceeds the \$2000 continuous appropriation

The court's writ directs the Commission to amend the parameters and guidelines "to require community college districts claiming reimbursable costs of an integrated waste management plan under Public Resources Code section 42920, et seq. to identify and offset from their claims, consistent with the directions for revenue in Public Contract code sections 12167 and 12167.1, cost savings realized as a result of implementing their plans."

The Board requests that the Commission add language to the parameters and guidelines to "require community college districts to provide offsetting savings information whether or not the amount of offsetting savings generated in a fiscal year exceeds the \$2000 continuous appropriation." The Board argues as follows: "We understand that these amounts would not offset the costs until the appropriation were to occur, but if the information is not provided in the first instance, the Legislature will not be in a position to make the additional appropriation." The Board proposes the following change to the draft proposed parameters and guidelines (reflected in strike-through language):

Any offsetting savings the claimant experiences in the same program as a result of the same statutes or executive orders found to contain the mandate shall be deducted from the costs claimed.

Reduced or avoided costs realized from implementation of the community college districts' Integrated Waste Management plans shall be identified and offset from this claim as cost savings, consistent with the directions for revenue in Public Contract Code sections 12167 and 12167.1. Subject to the approval of the California Integrated Waste Management Board, cost savings by a community college that do not exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000) annually are continuously appropriated for expenditure by the community college for the purpose of offsetting Integrated Waste Management program costs. Cost savings exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000) annually may be available for expenditure by the community college only when appropriated by the Legislature. ~~To the extent so approved or appropriated and applied to the college,~~ these amounts shall be identified and offset from the costs claimed for implementing the Integrated Waste Management Plan.

The Commission's jurisdiction on this item is limited by the court's judgment and writ. The court interpreted Public Resources Code section 42925 and Public Contract Code sections 12167

and 12167.1, but did not direct the Commission in the writ to require community college districts to provide additional offsetting savings information when filing their claims.

Rather, as described below, the court interpreted the plain language of these statutes as requiring community college districts to deposit all cost savings resulting from their Integrated Waste Management plans in the Integrated Waste Management Account in the Integrated Waste Management Fund. The funds deposited in the Integrated Waste Management Account, upon appropriation by the Legislature, and approval of the Integrated Waste Management Board, may be appropriated for the expenditure by those community college districts for the purposes of offsetting program costs.

Public Resources Code section 42925, subdivision (a), states the following:

Any cost savings realized as a result of the state agency integrated waste management plan shall, to the extent feasible, be redirected to the agency's integrated waste management plan to fund plan implementation and administration costs, in accordance with Sections 12167 and 12167.1 of the Public Contract Code.

Public Contract Code section 12167 states:

Revenues received from this plan or any other activity involving the collection and sale of recyclable materials in state and legislative offices located in state-owned and state-leased buildings, such as the sale of waste materials through recycling programs operated by the California Integrated Waste Management Board or in agreement with the board, shall be deposited in the Integrated Waste Management Account in the Integrated Waste Management Fund and are hereby continuously appropriated to the board, without regard to fiscal years, until June 30, 1994, for the purposes of offsetting recycling program costs. On and after July 1, 1994, the funds in the Integrated Waste Management Account may be expended by the board, only upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the purpose of offsetting recycling program costs.

Public Contract Code section 12167.1 states:

Notwithstanding Section 12167, upon approval by the California Integrated Waste Management Board, revenues derived from the sale of recyclable materials by state agencies and institutions that do not exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000) annually are hereby continuously appropriated, without regard to fiscal years, for expenditure by those state agencies and institutions for the purposes of offsetting recycling program costs. Revenues that exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000) annually shall be available for expenditure by those state agencies and institutions when appropriated by the Legislature. Information on the quantities of recyclable materials collected for recycling shall be provided to the board on an annual basis according to a schedule determined by the board and participating agencies.

The court interpreted these statutes as follows:

By requiring the redirection of cost savings from state agency IWM plans to fund plan implementation and administration costs "in accordance with Sections 12167 and 12167.1 of the Public Contract Code," section 42925 assures that cost savings realized from state agencies' IWM plans are handled in a manner

consistent with the handling of revenues received from state agencies' recycling plans under the State Assistance for Recycling Markets Act. Thus, in accordance with section 12167, state agencies, along with California Community Colleges which are defined as state agencies for purposes of IWM plan requirements in Public Resources Code section 42920 et seq. [citations omitted], must deposit cost savings resulting from IWM plans in the Integrated Waste Management Account in the Integrated Waste Management Fund; the funds deposited in the Integrated Waste Management Account, upon appropriation by the Legislature, may be expended by the Integrated Waste Management Board for the purpose of offsetting IWM plan costs. In accordance with section 12167.1 and notwithstanding section 12167, cost savings from the IWM plans of the agencies and colleges that do not exceed \$2000 annually are continuously appropriated for expenditure by the agencies and colleges for the purpose of offsetting IWM plan implementation and administration costs; cost savings resulting from IWM plans in excess of \$2000 annually are available for such expenditure by the agencies and colleges when appropriated by the Legislature.⁵

Accordingly, the Board's request is not consistent with these statutes or the court's judgment and writ. Thus, the Commission does not have jurisdiction to make the changes requested by the Board.

However, staff proposes further clarifying amendments to the language contained in the draft proposed amendment. Staff finds that the language that states that "any offsetting savings the claimant experiences in the same program as a result of the same statutes or executive orders found to contain the mandate shall be deducted from the costs claimed," is overly broad and not consistent with the limitations in Public Contract Code sections 12167 and 12167.1. Thus, staff recommends that this language be deleted. Staff further recommends that the language in section VIII. of the parameters and guidelines track the statutory language of Public Contract Code sections 12167 and 12167 more closely and, thus, staff has added the language underlined below.

~~Any offsetting savings the claimant experiences in the same program as a result of the same statutes or executive orders found to contain the mandate shall be deducted from the costs claimed.~~

Reduced or avoided costs realized from implementation of the community college districts' Integrated Waste Management plans shall be identified and offset from this claim as cost savings, consistent with the directions for revenue in Public Contract Code sections 12167 and 12167.1. Pursuant to these statutes, community college districts are required to deposit cost savings resulting from their Integrated Waste Management plans in the Integrated Waste Management Account in the Integrated Waste Management Fund; the funds deposited in the Integrated Waste Management Account, upon appropriation by the Legislature, may be expended by the California Integrated Waste Management Board for the purpose of offsetting Integrated Waste Management plan costs. Subject to the approval of the California Integrated Waste Management Board, cost savings by a community college

⁵ Ruling, page 9.

that do not exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000) annually are continuously appropriated for expenditure by the community college for the purpose of offsetting Integrated Waste Management program costs. Cost savings exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000) annually may be available for expenditure by the community college only when appropriated by the Legislature. To the extent so approved or appropriated and applied to the college, these amounts shall be identified and offset from the costs claimed for implementing the Integrated Waste Management Plan.

B. *The Board's request to require community college districts to analyze specified categories of potential cost savings when filing their claims*

The Integrated Waste Management Board requests the Commission to add language to the parameters and guidelines requiring community college districts to analyze specified categories of potential cost savings in staffing, overhead, materials, etc., as a result of their diversion programs when filing their claims for reimbursement.

The Commission's jurisdiction on this item is limited by the court's judgment and writ. The court's judgment and writ do not direct the Commission to include the additional language requested by the Board in the parameters and guidelines.

The court agreed with the Board that community college districts are required by Public Resources Code section 42925, subdivision (a), to redirect any cost savings realized as a result of the diversion activities to fund the district's implementation and administration of the integrated waste management plan. But the court determined that the amount or value of cost savings is already available from the annual report the community colleges provide to the Board pursuant to Public Resources Code section 42926, subdivision (b).⁶ This report is required to include the district's "calculations of annual disposal reduction" and "information on the changes in waste generated or disposed of due to increases or decreases in employees, economics, or other factors." The court's writ requires the Commission to amend the parameters and guidelines as follows:

Amend the parameters and guidelines in Test Claim No. 00-TC-07 to require community college districts claiming reimbursable costs of an integrated waste management plan under Public Resources Code section 42920, et seq. to identify and offset from their claims, consistent with the directions for revenue in Public Contract code sections 12167 and 12167.1, cost savings realized as a result of implementing their plans.

The writ does not direct the Commission to amend the parameters and guidelines to require community college districts to analyze the potential categories of cost savings identified by the Board.

Staff notes, however, that on March 30, 2006, the Board filed a request to amend the parameters and guidelines pursuant to Government Code section 17557, requesting that the same language included in the Board's comments on this item be included in the parameters and guidelines. The Board's 2006 request is still pending with the Commission. Any action taken by the Commission under the 2006 request by the Board is governed by Government Code

⁶ Ruling, page 7.

section 17557. If the Board's request is approved, the amendments would be effective on July 1, 2005, pursuant to Government Code section 17557, subdivision (d), and, *unlike* the amendments made by the Commission under the court's writ, would not apply retroactively to the initial period of reimbursement for this claim (Jan. 1, 2000).

Accordingly, the proposed amendment to section VIII. of the parameters and guidelines is consistent with the court's ruling, judgment, and writ, and tracks the statutory language of Public Resources Code section 42925 and Public Contract Code sections 12167 and 12167.1.

IX. State Controller's Claiming Instructions

Staff added language to describe the duty of the State Controller and the rights of claimants when revised claiming instructions are issued after adoption of amended parameters and guidelines.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission adopt the proposed amendments to the parameters and guidelines, beginning on page 11.

Staff also recommends that the Commission authorize staff to make any non-substantive, technical corrections to the parameters and guidelines following the hearing.

Amended: September 26, 2008
Adopted: March 30, 2005

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I. SUMMARY OF THE MANDATE

On March 25, 2004, the Commission on State Mandates (Commission) adopted its Statement of Decision finding that Public Resources Code sections 40148, 40196.3, 42920-42928; Public Contract Code sections 12167 and 12167.1; and the State Agency Model Integrated Waste Management Plan (February 2000) require new activities, as specified below, which constitute new programs or higher levels of service for community college districts within the meaning of article XIII B, section 6, of the California Constitution, and impose costs mandated by the state pursuant to Government Code section 17514.

Specifically, the Commission approved this test claim for the increased costs of performing the following specific new activities:

- **Comply with the model plan (Pub. Resources Code, § 42920, subd. (b)(3) & State Agency Model Integrated Waste Management Plan, February 2000):** A community college must comply with the California Integrated Waste Management Board's (Board) model integrated waste management plan, which includes consulting with the Board to revise the model plan, as well as completing and submitting to the Board the following: (1) state agency or large state facility information form; (2) state agency list of facilities; (3) state agency waste reduction and recycling program worksheet, including the sections on program activities, promotional programs, and procurement activities; and (4) state agency integrated waste management plan questions.
- **Designate a solid waste reduction and recycling coordinator (Pub. Resources Code, § 42920, subd. (c)):** A community college must designate one solid waste reduction and recycling coordinator to perform new duties imposed by chapter 18.5 (Pub. Resources Code, §§ 42920 – 42928), including implementing the community college's integrated waste

management plan, and acting as a liaison to other state agencies (as defined by section 40196.3) and coordinators.

- **Divert solid waste (Pub. Resources Code, §§ 42921 & 42922, subd. (i)):** A community college must divert at least 25 percent of all its solid waste from landfill disposal or transformation facilities by January 1, 2002, through source reduction, recycling, and composting activities, and divert at least 50 percent of all solid waste from landfill disposal or transformation facilities by January 1, 2004, through source reduction, recycling, and composting.

A community college unable to comply with this diversion requirement may instead seek, until December 31, 2005, either an alternative requirement or time extension (but not both) as specified below:

- **Seek an alternative requirement (Pub. Resources Code, §§ 42927 & 42922, subds. (a) & (b)):** A community college that is unable to comply with the 50-percent diversion requirement must: (1) notify the Board in writing, detailing the reasons for its inability to comply; (2) request of the Board an alternative to the 50-percent requirement; (3) participate in a public hearing on its alternative requirement; (4) provide the Board with information as to (a) the community college's good faith efforts to effectively implement the source reduction, recycling, and composting measures described in its integrated waste management plan, and demonstration of its progress toward meeting the alternative requirement as described in its annual reports to the Board; (b) the community college's inability to meet the 50-percent diversion requirement despite implementing the measures in its plan; (c) the alternative source reduction, recycling, and composting requirement represents the greatest diversion amount that the community college may reasonably and feasibly achieve, and (d) relate to the Board circumstances that support the request for an alternative requirement, such as waste disposal patterns and the types of waste disposed by the community college.
- **Seek a time extension (Pub. Resources Code, §§ 42927 & 42923 subds. (a) & (c)):** A community college that is unable to comply with the January 1, 2002 deadline to divert 25 percent of its solid waste, must do the following pursuant to section 42923, subdivisions (a) and (c): (1) notify the Board in writing, detailing the reasons for its inability to comply; (2) request of the Board an alternative to the January 1, 2002 deadline; (3) provide evidence to the Board that it is making a good faith effort to implement the source reduction, recycling, and composting programs identified in its integrated waste management plan; and (4) provide information to the Board that describes the relevant circumstances that contributed to the request for extension, such as lack of markets for recycled materials, local efforts to implement source reduction, recycling and composting programs, facilities built or planned, waste disposal patterns, and the type of waste disposed of by the community college.

(5) The community college must also submit a plan of correction that demonstrates that it will meet the requirements of Section 42921 [the 25 and 50 percent diversion requirements] before the time extension expires, including the source reduction, recycling, or composting steps the community college will implement, a date prior to the expiration of the time extension when the requirements of Section 42921 will be met, the existing programs that it will modify, any new programs that will be implemented to meet those requirements, and the means by which these programs will be funded.

- **Report to the Board (Pub. Resources Code, §§ 42926, subd. (a) & 42922, subd. (i)):** A community college must annually submit, by April 1, 2002 and by April 1 each subsequent year, a report to the Board summarizing its progress in reducing solid waste. The information in the report is to encompass the previous calendar year and shall contain, at a minimum, the following as outlined in section 42926, subdivision (b): (1) calculations of annual disposal reduction; (2) information on the changes in waste generated or disposed of due to increases or decreases in employees, economics, or other factors; (3) a summary of progress implementing the integrated waste management plan; (4) the extent to which the community college intends to use programs or facilities established by the local agency for handling, diversion, and disposal of solid waste. (If the college does not intend to use those established programs or facilities, it must identify sufficient disposal capacity for solid waste that is not source reduced, recycled or composted.) (5) For a community college that has been granted a time extension by the Board, it shall include a summary of progress made in meeting the integrated waste management plan implementation schedule pursuant to section 42921, subdivision (b), and complying with the college's plan of correction, before the expiration of the time extension. (6) For a community college that has been granted an alternative source reduction, recycling, and composting requirement by the Board pursuant to section 42922, it shall include a summary of progress made towards meeting the alternative requirement as well as an explanation of current circumstances that support the continuation of the alternative requirement.
- **Submit recycled material reports (Pub. Contract Code, § 12167.1):** A community college must annually report to the Board on quantities of recyclable materials collected for recycling.

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1. amend the parameters and guidelines in Test Claim No. 00-TC-07 to require community college districts claiming reimbursable costs of an integrated waste management plan under Public Resources Code section 42920, et seq. to identify and offset from their claims, consistent with the directions for revenue in Public Contract code sections 12167 and 12167.1, cost savings realized as a result of implementing their plans; and
2. amend the parameters and guidelines in Test Claim No. 00-TC-07 to require community college districts claiming reimbursable costs of an integrated waste management plan under Public Resources Code section 42920, et seq. to identify and offset from their claims all of the revenue generated as a result of implementing their plans, without regard to the limitations or conditions described in sections 12167 and 12167.1 of the Public Contract Code.

II. ELIGIBLE CLAIMANTS

Community college districts that incur increased costs as a result of this mandate are eligible to claim reimbursement.

III. PERIOD OF REIMBURSEMENT

Government Code section 17557 states that a test claim must be submitted on or before June 30 following a given fiscal year to establish eligibility for that fiscal year. The test claim for this mandate was filed on March 9, 2001. Therefore, costs incurred for compliance with Public Contract Code sections 12167 and 12167.1 (Stats. 1992, ch. 1116) are eligible for reimbursement on or after July 1, 1999. However, because of the statute's operative date, all other costs incurred pursuant to Statutes 1999, chapter 764 are eligible for reimbursement on or after January 1, 2000.

Seeking an alternative diversion goal or time extension (Pub. Resources Code, §§ 42922, 42923, and 42927) is reimbursable until December 31, 2005.

Actual costs for one fiscal year should be included in each claim. ~~Estimated costs for the subsequent year may be included on the same claim, if applicable.~~ Pursuant to Government Code section 17561, subdivision (d), all claims for reimbursement of initial years' costs shall be submitted within 120 days of the issuance of the claiming instructions by the State Controller.

If the total costs for a given fiscal year do not exceed \$1000, no reimbursement shall be allowed, except as otherwise allowed by Government Code section 17564.

IV. REIMBURSABLE ACTIVITIES

To be eligible for mandated cost reimbursement for any fiscal year, only actual costs may be claimed. Actual costs are those costs actually incurred to implement the mandated activities. Actual costs must be traceable and supported by source documents that show the validity of such costs, when they were incurred, and their relationship to the reimbursable activities. A source document is a document created at or near the same time the actual cost was incurred for the event or activity in question. Source documents may include, but are not limited to, employee time records or time logs, sign-in sheets, invoices, receipts, and the community college plan approved by the Board.

Evidence corroborating the source documents may include, but is not limited to, worksheets, cost

allocation reports (system generated), purchase orders, contracts, agendas, training packets, and declarations. Declarations must include a certification or declaration stating, "I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct," and must further comply with the requirements of Code of Civil Procedure section 2015.5. Evidence corroborating the source documents may include data relevant to the reimbursable activities otherwise in compliance with local, state, and federal government requirements. However, corroborating documents cannot be substituted for source documents.

The claimant is only allowed to claim and be reimbursed for increased costs for reimbursable activities identified below. Increased cost is limited to the cost of an activity that the claimant is required to incur as a result of the mandate.

For each eligible claimant, the following activities are reimbursable:

A. One-Time Activities (*Reimbursable starting January 1, 2000*)

1. Develop the necessary district policies and procedures for the implementation of the integrated waste management plan.
2. Train district staff on the requirements and implementation of the integrated waste management plan (one-time per employee). Training is limited to the staff working directly on the plan.

B. Ongoing Activities (*Reimbursable starting January 1, 2000*)

1. Complete and submit to the Board the following as part of the State Agency Model Integrated Waste Management Plan (Pub. Resources Code, § 42920, subd. (b)(3) & State Agency Model Integrated Waste Management Plan, February 2000.):
 - a. state agency or large state facility information form;
 - b. state agency list of facilities;
 - c. state agency waste reduction and recycling program worksheets that describe program activities, promotional programs, and procurement activities, and other questionnaires; and
 - d. state agency integrated waste management plan questions.

NOTE: Although reporting on promotional programs and procurement activities in the model plan is reimbursable, implementing promotional programs and procurement activities is not.

2. Respond to any Board reporting requirements during the approval process. (Pub. Resources Code, § 42920, subd. (b)(3) & State Agency Model Integrated Waste Management Plan, February 2000.)
3. Consult with the Board to revise the model plan, if necessary.¹ (Pub. Resources Code, § 42920, subd. (b)(3) & State Agency Model Integrated Waste Management Plan, February 2000.)

¹ Attachment 1, California Integrated Waste Management Board, State Agency Model Integrated Waste Management Plan (February 2000).

4. Designate one solid waste reduction and recycling coordinator ("coordinator") for each college in the district to perform new duties imposed by chapter 18.5 (Pub. Resources Code, §§ 42920 – 42928). The coordinator shall implement the integrated waste management plan. The coordinator shall act as a liaison to other state agencies (as defined by section 40196.3) and coordinators. (Pub. Resources Code, § 42920, subd. (c).)
5. Divert at least 25 percent of all solid waste from landfill disposal or transformation facilities by January 1, 2002, and at least 50 percent of all solid waste from landfill disposal or transformation facilities by January 1, 2004, through source reduction, recycling, and composting activities. Maintain the required level of reduction, as approved by the Board. (Pub. Resources Code, §§ 42921 & 42922, subd. (i).)

C. Alternative Compliance (*Reimbursable from January 1, 2000 – December 31, 2005*)

1. Seek either an alternative requirement or time extension if a community college is unable to comply with the January 1, 2002 deadline to divert 25 percent of its solid waste, by doing the following: (Pub. Resources Code, §§ 42927 & 42923 subds. (a) & (c).)
 - a. Notify the Board in writing, detailing the reasons for its inability to comply.
 - b. Request of the Board an alternative to the January 1, 2002 deadline.
 - c. Provide evidence to the Board that the college is making a good faith effort to implement the source reduction, recycling, and composting programs identified in its integrated waste management plan.
 - d. Provide information that describes the relevant circumstances that contributed to the request for extension, such as lack of markets for recycled materials, local efforts to implement source reduction, recycling and composting programs, facilities built or planned, waste disposal patterns, and the type of waste disposed of by the community college.
 - e. Submit a plan of correction that demonstrates that the college will meet the requirements of Section 42921 [the 25 and 50 percent diversion requirements] before the time extension expires, including the source reduction, recycling, or composting steps the community college will implement, a date prior to the expiration of the time extension when the requirements of Section 42921 will be met, the existing programs that it will modify, any new programs that will be implemented to meet those requirements, and the means by which these programs will be funded.
2. Seek either an alternative requirement or time extension if a community college is unable to comply with the January 1, 2004 deadline to divert 50 percent of its solid waste, by doing the following: (Pub. Resources Code, §§ 42927 & 42922, subds. (a) & (b).)
 - a. Notify the Board in writing, detailing the reasons for its inability to comply.
 - b. Request of the Board an alternative to the 50-percent requirement.
 - c. Participate in a public hearing on its alternative requirement.

- d. Provide the Board with information as to:
 - (i) the community college's good faith efforts to implement the source reduction, recycling, and composting measures described in its integrated waste management plan, and demonstration of its progress toward meeting the alternative requirement as described in its annual reports to the Board;
 - (ii) the community college's inability to meet the 50 percent diversion requirement despite implementing the measures in its plan;
 - (iii) how the alternative source reduction, recycling, and composting requirement represents the greatest diversion amount that the community college may reasonably and feasibly achieve; and,
 - (iv) the circumstances that support the request for an alternative requirement, such as waste disposal patterns and the types of waste disposed by the community college.

D. Accounting System (*Reimbursable starting January 1, 2000*)

Developing, implementing, and maintaining an accounting system to enter and track the college's source reduction, recycling and composting activities, the cost of those activities, the proceeds from the sale of any recycled materials, and such other accounting systems which will allow it to make its annual reports to the state and determine waste reduction. Note: only the pro-rata portion of the costs incurred to implement the reimbursable activities can be claimed.

E. Annual Report (*Reimbursable starting January 1, 2000*)

Annually prepare and submit, by April 1, 2002, and by April 1 each subsequent year, a report to the Board summarizing its progress in reducing solid waste. The information in the report must encompass the previous calendar year and shall contain, at a minimum, the following as outlined in section 42926, subdivision (b): (Pub. Resources Code, §§ 42926, subd. (a) & 42922, subd. (i).)

1. calculations of annual disposal reduction;
2. information on the changes in waste generated or disposed of due to increases or decreases in employees, economics, or other factors;
3. a summary of progress made in implementing the integrated waste management plan;
4. the extent to which the community college intends to use programs or facilities established by the local agency for handling, diversion, and disposal of solid waste (If the college does not intend to use those established programs or facilities, it must identify sufficient disposal capacity for solid waste that is not source reduced, recycled or composted.);
5. for a community college that has been granted a time extension by the Board, it shall include a summary of progress made in meeting the integrated waste management plan implementation schedule pursuant to section 42921, subdivision (b), and complying with the college's plan of correction, before the expiration of the time extension;
6. for a community college that has been granted an alternative source reduction, recycling,

and composting requirement by the Board pursuant to section 42922, it shall include a summary of progress made towards meeting the alternative requirement as well as an explanation of current circumstances that support the continuation of the alternative requirement.

F. Annual Recycled Material Reports (*Reimbursable starting July 1, 1999*)

Annually report to the Board on quantities of recyclable materials collected for recycling. (Pub. Contract Code, § 12167.1.) ~~(See Section VII. regarding offsetting revenues from recyclable materials.)~~

V. CLAIM PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION

Each of the following cost elements must be identified for each reimbursable activity identified in Section IV, Reimbursable Activities, of this document. Each claimed reimbursable cost must be supported by source documentation as described in Section IV. Additionally, each reimbursement claim must be filed in a timely manner.

A. Direct Cost Reporting

Direct costs are those costs incurred specifically for the reimbursable activities. The following direct costs are eligible for reimbursement.

1. Salaries and Benefits

Report each employee implementing the reimbursable activities by name, job classification, and productive hourly rate (total wages and related benefits divided by productive hours). Describe the specific reimbursable activities performed and the hours devoted to each reimbursable activity performed.

2. Materials and Supplies

Report the cost of materials and supplies that have been consumed or expended for the purpose of the reimbursable activities. Purchases shall be claimed at the actual price after deducting discounts, rebates, and allowances received by the claimant. Supplies that are withdrawn from inventory shall be charged on an appropriate and recognized method of costing, consistently applied.

3. Contracted Services

Report the name of the contractor and services performed to implement the reimbursable activities. Attach a copy of the contract to the claim. If the contractor bills for time and materials, report the number of hours spent on the activities and all costs charged. If the contract is a fixed price, report the dates when services were performed and itemize all costs for those services.

4. Fixed Assets and Equipment

Report the purchase price paid for fixed assets and equipment (including computers) necessary to implement the reimbursable activities. The purchase price includes taxes, delivery costs, and installation costs. If the fixed asset or equipment is also used for purposes other than the reimbursable activities, only the pro-rata portion of the purchase price used to implement the reimbursable activities can be claimed.

5. Travel

Report the name of the employee traveling for the purpose of the reimbursable activities. Include the date of travel, destination point, the specific reimbursable activity requiring travel, and related travel expenses reimbursed to the employee in compliance with the rules of the local jurisdiction. Report employee travel time according to the rules of cost element A.1., Salaries and Benefits, for each applicable reimbursable activity.

6. Training

Report the cost of training an employee to perform the reimbursable activities, as specified in Section IV of this document. Report the name and job classification of each employee preparing for, attending, and/or conducting training necessary to implement the reimbursable activities. Provide the title, subject, and purpose (related to the mandate of the training session), dates attended, and location. If the training encompasses subjects broader than the reimbursable activities, only the pro-rata portion can be claimed. Report employee training time for each applicable reimbursable activity according to the rules of cost element A.1., Salaries and Benefits, and A.2., Materials and Supplies. Report the cost of consultants who conduct the training according to the rules of cost element A.3., Contracted Services.

B. Indirect Cost Rates

Indirect costs are costs that have been incurred for common or joint purposes. These costs benefit more than one cost objective and cannot be readily identified with a particular final cost objective without effort disproportionate to the results achieved. After direct costs have been determined and assigned to other activities, as appropriate, indirect costs are those remaining to be allocated to benefited cost objectives. A cost may not be allocated as an indirect cost if any other cost incurred for the same purpose, in like circumstances, has been claimed as a direct cost.

Indirect costs include: (a) the indirect costs originating in each department or agency of the governmental unit carrying out state mandated programs, and (b) the costs of central governmental services distributed through the central service cost allocation plan and not otherwise treated as direct costs.

Community colleges have the option of using: (1) a federally approved rate, utilizing the cost accounting principles from the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-21, "Cost Principles of Educational Institutions"; (2) the rate calculated on State Controller's Form FAM-29C; or (3) a 7% indirect cost rate.

VI. RECORD RETENTION

Pursuant to Government Code section 17558.5, subdivision (a), a reimbursement claim for actual costs filed by a local agency or school district pursuant to this chapter is subject to the initiation of an audit by the Controller no later than three years after the date that the actual reimbursement claim is filed or last amended, whichever is later. However, if no funds are appropriated or no payment is made to a claimant for the program for the fiscal year for which the claim is filed, the time for the Controller to initiate an audit shall commence to run from the date of initial payment of the claim. In any case, an audit shall be completed not later than two years after the date that the audit is commenced. All documents used to support the reimbursable activities, as described in Section IV, must be retained during the period subject to audit. If an audit has been initiated by the Controller during the period subject to audit, the retention period is extended until the

ultimate resolution of any audit findings.

VII. OFFSETTING REVENUES AND REIMBURSEMENTS

Reimbursement for this mandate from any source, including but not limited to, services fees collected, federal funds, and other state funds allocated to any service provided under this program, shall be identified and ~~deducted~~ offset from this claim. Offsetting revenue shall include all revenues generated from implementing the Integrated Waste Management Plan. ~~the revenues cited in Public Resources Code section 42925 and Public Contract Code sections 12167 and 12167.1.~~

~~Subject to the approval of the California Integrated Waste Management Board, revenues derived from the sale of recyclable materials by a community college that do not exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000) annually are continuously appropriated for expenditure by the community college for the purpose of offsetting recycling program costs. Revenues exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000) annually may be available for expenditure by the community college only when appropriated by the Legislature. To the extent so approved or appropriated and applied to the college, these amounts are a reduction to the recycling costs mandated by the state to implement Statutes 1999, chapter 764.~~

In addition, revenue from a building-operating fee imposed pursuant to Education Code section 76375, subdivision (a) if received by a claimant and the revenue is applied to this program, shall be deducted from the costs claimed.

VIII. OFFSETTING COST SAVINGS

~~Any offsetting savings the claimant experiences in the same program as a result of the same statutes or executive orders found to contain the mandate shall be deducted from the costs claimed.~~

Reduced or avoided costs realized from implementation of the community college districts' Integrated Waste Management plans shall be identified and offset from this claim as cost savings, consistent with the directions for revenue in Public Contract Code sections 12167 and 12167.1. Pursuant to these statutes, community college districts are required to deposit cost savings resulting from their Integrated Waste Management plans in the Integrated Waste Management Account in the Integrated Waste Management Fund; the funds deposited in the Integrated Waste Management Account, upon appropriation by the Legislature, may be expended by the California Integrated Waste Management Board for the purpose of offsetting Integrated Waste Management plan costs. Subject to the approval of the California Integrated Waste Management Board, cost savings by a community college that do not exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000) annually are continuously appropriated for expenditure by the community college for the purpose of offsetting Integrated Waste Management program costs. Cost savings exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000) annually may be available for expenditure by the community college only when appropriated by the Legislature. To the extent so approved or appropriated and applied to the college, these amounts shall be identified and offset from the costs claimed for implementing the Integrated Waste Management Plan.

VIII. IX. STATE CONTROLLER'S REVISED CLAIMING INSTRUCTIONS

~~Pursuant to Government Code section 17558, subdivision (b), the Controller shall issue claiming instructions for each mandate that requires state reimbursement not later than 60 days after receiving the adopted parameters and guidelines from the Commission, to assist local agencies and school districts in claiming costs to be reimbursed. The claiming instructions shall be derived from the test claim decision and the parameters and guidelines adopted by the Commission. Pursuant to Government Code section 17561, subdivision (d)(1), issuance of the claiming instructions shall constitute a notice of the right of the local agencies and school districts to file reimbursement claims, based upon parameters and guidelines adopted by the Commission.~~

The Controller shall, within 60 days after receiving amended parameters and guidelines prepare and issue revised claiming instructions for mandates that require state reimbursement after any decision or order of the commission pursuant to section 17559. The claiming instructions shall be derived from the test claim decision and the parameters and guidelines adopted by the Commission. Pursuant to Government Code section 17561, subdivision (d)(2), issuance of the claiming instructions shall constitute a notice of the right of the local agencies and school districts to file reimbursement claims, based upon parameters and guidelines adopted by the Commission. In preparing revised claiming instructions, the Controller may request the assistance of other state agencies. (Gov. Code, § 17558, subdivision (c).)

If revised claiming instructions are issued by the Controller pursuant to subdivision (c) of section 17558 between November 15 and February 15, a local agency or school district filing an annual reimbursement claim shall have 120 days following the issuance date of the revised claiming instructions to file a claim.

IX. REMEDIES BEFORE THE COMMISSION

Upon request of a local agency or school district, the Commission shall review the claiming instructions issued by the State Controller or any other authorized state agency for reimbursement of mandated costs pursuant to Government Code section 17571. If the Commission determines that the claiming instructions do not conform to the parameters and guidelines, the Commission shall direct the Controller to modify the claiming instructions and the Controller shall modify the claiming instructions to conform to the parameters and guidelines as directed by the Commission.

In addition, requests may be made to amend parameters and guidelines pursuant to Government Code section 17557, subdivision (d), and California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 1183.2.

XI. LEGAL AND FACTUAL BASIS FOR THE PARAMETERS AND GUIDELINES

The Statement of Decision is legally binding on all parties and provides the legal and factual basis for the parameters and guidelines. The support for the legal and factual findings is found in the administrative record for the test claim. The administrative record, including the Statement of Decision, is on file with the Commission.