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May 24, 2004

Ms. Paula Higashi
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**COMMISSION ON
STATE MANDATES**

Dear Ms Higashi:

As requested in your letter of January 27, 2004, the Department of Finance has reviewed the test claim submitted by the County of Sacramento (claimant) asking the Commission to determine whether specified costs incurred under Chapter No. 347, Statutes of 2003, (AB 188, Maze) are reimbursable state mandated costs (Amendment to Claim No. CSM-03-TC-11 "Permanent Absent Voters II"). Commencing with page 4 of the test claim, the claimant has asserted that Chapter 347 would extend eligibility for the Permanent Absent Voter program to all registered voters, thus resulting in an increase of service for counties.

As the result of our review, we have concluded that the statute may have resulted in a reimbursable state-mandated program, due to the increase of service in the Permanent Absent Voter program required by Chapter 347. If the Commission reaches the same conclusion on the matter, the nature and extent of the specific activities required can be addressed in the parameters and guidelines which will then have to be developed for the program.

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 January 27, 2004 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 Keith Gmeinder, Principal Program Budget Analyst and state mandates claims coordinator for the Department of Finance, at (916) 445-8913.

Sincerely,

Nona Martinez
Assistant Program Budget Manager

Attachments

Attachment A

DECLARATION OF
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
CLAIM NO. CSM-03-TC-11

1. I am currently employed by the State of California, Department of Finance (Finance), am familiar with the duties of Finance, and am authorized to make this declaration on behalf of Finance.
2. We concur that the Chapter No. 347, Statutes of 2003, (AB 188, Maze) sections relevant to this claim are accurately quoted in the test claim submitted by claimants and, therefore, we do not restate them in this declaration.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the facts set forth in the foregoing are true and correct of my own knowledge except as to the matters therein stated as information or belief and, as to those matters, I believe them to be true.



at Sacramento, CA

5-24-04

Date

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Test Claim Name: Amendment to Permanent Absent Voters II
Test Claim Number: CSM-03-TC-11

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, 8th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.

On May 24, 2004, 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 non-state 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, 8th 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 May 24, 2004 at Sacramento, California.


Mary Latorre
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