

**COMMISSION ON STATE MANDATES**

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Re: **Incorrect Reduction Claim**

*Child Abduction and Recovery Program*, 08-4237-I-02  
Civil Code Section 4600.1 (Repealed and added as Family Code Sections 3060-3064);  
Penal Code Section 278 & 278.5 (Repealed and added as Penal Code Sections 277, 278  
& 278.5); Welfare and Institutions Code Sec. 11478.5 (Repealed and added as Family  
Code Section 17506)  
Fiscal Years: 1999-2000; 2000-2001; 2001-2002  
Santa Clara County, Claimant

Dear Ms. Reynolds and Ms. Brummels:

On January 28, 2009, Santa Clara County filed an incorrect reduction claim (IRC) with the Commission on State Mandates (Commission) based on the *Child Abduction and Recovery Program* mandate for fiscal years 1999-2000, 2000-2001, and 2001-2002, for a total of \$1,268,210. Commission staff determined that the IRC filing is complete.

Government Code section 17551, subdivision (b), requires the Commission to hear and decide upon claims filed by local agencies and school districts that the State Controller's Office (SCO) has incorrectly reduced payments to the local agencies or school districts.

**SCO Review and Response.** Please file the SCO response and supporting documentation regarding this claim within 90 days of the date of this letter. Please include an explanation of the reason(s) for the reductions and the computation of reimbursements. All documentary evidence must be authenticated by declarations under penalty of perjury signed by persons who are authorized and competent to do so and be based on the declarant's personal knowledge, information or belief. The Commission's regulations also require that the responses (opposition or recommendation) filed with the Commission be simultaneously served on the claimants and their designated representatives, and accompanied by a proof of service (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 1185.01).

The failure of the SCO to respond within this 90-day timeline shall not cause the Commission to delay consideration of this IRC.

**Claimant's Rebuttal.** Upon receipt of the SCO response, the claimant and interested parties may file rebuttals. The rebuttals are due 30 days from the service date of the response.

**Prehearing Conference.** A prehearing conference will be scheduled if requested.

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**Public Hearing and Staff Analysis.** The public hearing on this claim will be scheduled after the record closes. A staff analysis will be issued on the IRC at least eight weeks prior to the public hearing.

**Dismissal of Incorrect Reduction Claims.** Under section 1188.31 of the Commission's regulations, IRCs may be dismissed if postponed or placed on inactive status by the claimant for more than one year. Prior to dismissing a claim, the Commission will provide 60 days notice and opportunity for the claimant to be heard on the proposed dismissal.

Please contact Heidi Palchik at (916) 323-8218 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nancy Patton', written in a cursive style.

NANCY PATTON

Assistant Executive Director

Enclosure: Incorrect Reduction Claim Filing

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