



THE BUDGET SOLUTION: 2009-2010

ELIMINATING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

THE GOVERNOR STOOD FIRM TO REDUCE WASTE AND REDUNDANCIES IN GOVERNMENT

“We should not and I will not cut a dollar from education, a dollar from health care, a dollar from public safety, or a dollar from state parks without first cutting the Waste Management Board. Every dollar we save from those boards and commissions is a dollar that can be used to help our most vulnerable citizens.” (Gov. Schwarzenegger, 6/2/09)

Governor Schwarzenegger has worked to streamline government and reduce redundancies ever since taking office. And now in these difficult economic times, when every California family and business are cutting costs and tightening their belts, the Governor is ensuring that state government is doing the same. With this budget agreement, California will eliminate or consolidate a dozen entities that will make government run more efficiently. This is a big win for Californians, who can rest assured that their hard-earned tax dollars are not being wasted on repetitive and unnecessary boards and commissions.

Eliminating and Consolidating Boards and Commissions

- **Integrated Waste Management Board:** By consolidating fragmented recycling and waste management efforts, a more efficient and effective waste management program could save money while operating more efficiently.
- **Bureau of Naturopathic Medicine:** Combine its licensing functions with Osteopathic Medical Board.
- **Board of Geologists and Geophysicists:** Combine this with Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board.
- **Hearing Aid Dispensers Bureau:** Consolidate the Bureau with the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Bureau to avoid duplication and allow for more streamlined and efficient processing.
- **Inspection and Maintenance Review Committee:** Eliminate this committee.
- **Governor’s Office of Planning & Research (OPR):** Eliminate OPR and place necessary program functions under the appropriate, existing state entities.
- **Bureau of Home Furnishings and Thermal Insulation:** Consolidate the Bureau with the Bureau of Electronic and Appliance Repair
- **Structural Pest Control Board:** Consolidate within the Department of Pesticide Regulation

Additional Re-organizations To Take Place This Summer

The Governor and legislative leaders have committed to completing reorganizations of the following scattered state functions by the end of August:

- **Department of Energy:** Strengthen and streamline the state’s energy functions by consolidating the energy-related responsibilities of nine different entities - consolidating fragmented energy functions, reducing overlap, cutting waste, and holding government more accountable.
- **Department of Revenue:** Consolidate existing revenue functions housed at the Board of Equalization, Franchise Tax Board and the Employment Development Department into one department.
- **Department of Financial Services:** Consolidate the Department of Corporations, the Department of Financial Institutions and certain financial services functions housed at the Department of Real Estate into one department.
- **Unemployment Appeals Board:** Make the board part-time (with part-time salaries for members).
- **CalFed/Bay-Delta Authority:** Address the Authority within a comprehensive state water plan.

Savings

- This will lead to a savings of \$50 million in 2009-10 and approximately \$100 million a year in ongoing savings.