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SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:

An update on Fire Engineering & Investigations Division's proposed regulations for Title 19, California Code of Regulations, Division 1, Chapter 6, Article 3 and Chapter 6.5, Article 8, regarding the fee increase for the Fireworks Program.

Recommended Actions:

Information only

Background Information:

In 2017-18, the Division initiated the process of fully assessing workload, analyzing business processes, and updating regulations and fees to create a fee structure that is commensurate with supporting each of the programs' current operations. Throughout this process, it was identified the revenues generated by each of the Licensing and Certification (L&C) programs needed to be updated to support current and future program costs. Furthermore, additional positions need to be added to reflect current workload demands to ensure full enforcement of the Health and Safety Code (HSC), and L&C expenditures needed to be re-baselined.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

To offset the additional cost of additional staff, the OSFM is proposing to increase the program fees. This proposal would provide the appropriate fees to operate the program and cover the cost for additional workload and staffing. Since the Fireworks Program's fees have not been increased for over 19 years and 10 years for Flamethrowing, the proposed fees increase is necessary to cover the costs of doing business and to provide better services to our stakeholder. The proposed fees will provide the staffing necessary to enhance licensing and certification service and program oversight. The proposed regulations will have a positive impact on the ability of the OSFM to carry out its statutory mandates.

Title 19, California Code of Regulations
Division 1. State Fire Marshal
Chapter 6. Fireworks
Article 3. Licenses
§ 981.3. License Fees

The original and annual renewal fees were increased to various amounts to the following licenses:

Manufacture
Wholesaler
Importer & Exporter
Retailer
Public Display (special)
Public Display (limited)
Public Display (general)
Pyrotechnic Operator
Unrestricted
Basic Commercial
Restricted Commercial
Rockets, 1st Class
Rockets, 2nd Class
Rockets, 3rd Class
Special Effects, 1st Class
Special Effects, 2nd Class
Special Effects, 3rd Class
Theatrical
Theatrical Trainee
Performer
Model Rocket Motor
High Power Rocket or motor
Safe and Sane
Party Popper
Snap Caps/Snappers
Agriculture/wildlife
Exempt Fireworks
Agricultural and Wildlife
Emergency Signaling Device
High Power or Experimental High-Power Rockets and Motors

Title 19, California Code of Regulations
Division 1. State Fire Marshal
Chapter 6.5. Flamethrowing Devices
Article 8. Fees

§ 1066. General

The original and annual renewal fees were increase to various amounts for the following permits:

Flamethrowing Device Permit