

Written Statement of Rationale to OAL for Section 100 Changes

§3720. Purpose.

Adding the abbreviation “SHMA” to the end of the section does not alter any meaning of the section. It does, however, provide the ability to shorten the long phrase “Seismic Hazards Mapping Act” throughout the article.

§3721. Definitions.

The authority citation and reference section of Section 3722 is amended because no Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 2696.6 exists or has ever existed. The SHMA is Section 2690 – 2699.6, therefore the correct citation would read 2699.6.

§3722. Requirements for Mapping Seismic Hazard Zones.

(a) Replace the phrase “Division of Mines and Geology” with “California Geological Survey (CGS).” This change is required because the official name of the division itself was changed. The abbreviation “CGS” is added to abbreviate the full name of the division throughout the article. This non-substantive change does not materially alter any requirement.

§3724. Specific Criteria for Project Approval.

Replacing “Act” with the abbreviation “SHMA” ensures there is no confusion on which act this section is referencing. The abbreviation is fine to use because it is defined at the beginning of the article in Section 3720.

(b) Add a “(s)” to “hazard” to allow for hazard to be potentially plural as multiple hazards are possible. It will read “hazard(s)”

Remove a comma “(,)” following “project” to ensure proper grammar is used throughout the article.

(b)(4) Remove the space between “3724” and “(a)” and add a period “(.)” to the end of the subdivision. These changes allow for proper language and punctuation to be used and are non-substantive.

§3725. Waivers of Geotechnical Report Requirements.

The authority citation and reference section of Section 3725 is amended because no Public Resources Code Section 2697(a)(5) exists or has ever existed. Section “2697(a)” is the correct references for this code section so dropping the (5) is necessary for correcting numbering.