



None.

(d) Identification of Reports or Documents Supporting Regulation Change:

Final 2010 Environmental Document Regarding Elk Hunting.  
Final 2009 Data Supplement Regarding Elk Hunting

(e) Public Discussions of Proposed Regulations Prior to Notice Publication:

The Department conducted a public scoping session in Davis on November 18, 2009. Public input, discussions and recommendations regarding the environmental document and mammal hunting and trapping regulations were taken at this time.

IV. Description of Reasonable Alternatives to Regulatory Action:

(a) Alternatives to Regulation Change:

1. Distribution of tags for Cooperative Elk Hunting Areas

An alternative would be to implement a preference point system for cooperative elk tags.

(b) No Change Alternative:

1. Distribution of tags for Cooperative Elk Hunting Areas

The no-change alternative was considered and rejected because it would not be equitable to those landowners failing to draw tags.

(c) Consideration of Alternatives:

In view of information currently possessed, no reasonable alternative considered would be more effective in carrying out the purposes for which the regulation is proposed, or would be as effective as and less burdensome to the affected private persons than the proposed regulation.

V. Mitigation Measures Required by Regulatory Action:

The proposed regulatory action will have no negative impact on the environment; therefore, no mitigation measures are needed.

VI. Impact of Regulatory Action.

This proposed action allows cooperative elk tags to be issued in an equitable manner without undue burden to the Department.. This proposal is economically neutral to business.

- (a) Significant Statewide Adverse Economic Impact Directly Affecting Businesses, Including the Ability of California Businessmen to Compete with Businesses in Other States.

The proposed action will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. Considering the small number of tags issued over the entire state, this proposal is economically neutral to business.

- (b) Impact on the Creation or Elimination of Jobs Within the State, the Creation of New Businesses or the Elimination of Existing Businesses, or the Expansion of Businesses in California.

None.

- (c) Cost Impacts on Private Persons.

The agency is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with this proposed action.

- (d) Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State.

None.

- (e) Other Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies.

None.

- (f) Programs Mandated on Local Agencies or School Districts.

None.

- (g) Costs Imposed on Any Local Agency or School District that is Required to be Reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4.

None.

- (h) Effect on Housing Costs.

None.

**INFORMATIVE DIGEST  
(Policy Statement Overview)**

Existing regulations specify that the Department will issue tags by random drawing from the pool of qualified applicants. In recent years for many of the cooperative elk hunts the number of applicants has exceeded the number of available tags. In an attempt to issue tags in an equitable manner the proposed amendment implements one year of non-eligibility for previously successful applicants for cooperative elk hunts with more applicants than tags.