

State of California, Fish and Game Commission  
Initial Statement of Reasons for Regulatory Action  
Public Use of Department of Fish and Wildlife Lands  
May 2013

## **Attachment 10**

Reference for Proposed Section 551(j), Title 14, CCR  
Referenced in the Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR) to  
Amend Sections 550, 551, 552, 630 and 703  
Add Section 550.5, and Repeal Section 553  
Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR)  
ISOR Dated: February 1, 2013

These excerpts are from a rulemaking file from 1994 to amend Sections 550, 551 and 552, Title 14, CCR

1. Relevant sections include 552(a)(4)(E) and (5)(F) from page 52 of the regulation text (verbatim) and 552(a)(8)(E) from page 54 of the regulation text (verbatim)
2. These sections address the use of bicycles for transportation between parking lots and hunting sites on three National Wildlife Refuges (NWRs).

Public notices by the California Fish and Game Commission: May 27, 1994 and June 17, 1994  
Office of Administrative Law (OAL) Notice File Numbers: Z94-0517-08 and Z94-0607-05  
OAL Approval: October 5, 1994; OAL File Number: 94-0823-03 S

Also attached tag from search at the California State Archives File in November 2012.

Kesterson NWR

552(a)(4)(E)

→ (ME) Bicycles: Allowed for travel to and from the parking areas to the assigned blinds.

(F) Special Restrictions: Hunters must hunt from assigned blinds, except when shooting to retrieve downed birds.

(5) Merced National Wildlife Refuge.

~~(A) Period of Firearm Use: Possession and use of authorized firearms are permitted only for the purpose of waterfowl, coot, and moorhen hunting during the waterfowl season.~~

~~(B) Area Firearms Restrictions: Shotguns and steel or other nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service only. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field.~~

~~(E) Hunt Days: Saturdays and Wednesdays during open seasons, during respective seasons and period of firearm use. Season begins on Saturday closest to December 1 until the end of the regular waterfowl season beginning with the first legal duck hunting day closest to December 1.~~

~~(D) Shooting Hours: Waterfowl shooting hours will be from one-half hour before sunrise until 12:00 noon.~~

~~(E) Entry Permit and Fee: Type A area. Except for junior license holders, a Type A one day entry permit, Type A two day pass, or Type A season pass is required.~~

~~(F) Reservations: Available during the waterfowl season. For details see subsection 551(i).~~

~~(G) Checking Station: Open at least two hours before shooting time. Reservation must be presented at the checking station one and one half hours before shooting time. Numbers for the first come, first served line are issued at the Los Banos Wildlife Area on the evening prior to the shoot day and at the Merced Refuge after the check station opens on the shoot day itself. The daily quota of hunters shall be filled by reservations and first come, first served hunters, but there will be no refilling of the vacancies that occur when hunters leave the area. No one will be checked in after shoot time. Parking area is not open until approximately two hours before shoot time. Overnight parking is available at the Los Banos Wildlife Area.~~

~~(H) Daily Hunter Capacity: 24 (hunter quota increases to 44 when Bypass is open to hunting).~~

~~(D) Authorized Game Species: Waterfowl, coots, and moorhens. There shall be no hunting of common snipe.~~

~~(J) Blinds: Nine double blinds, two three man goose pits. Because duck hunters are in double blinds, each permittee may be accompanied by only one other hunter. In the goose blind area, each permittee may be accompanied by two other hunters. All hunters who hunt from a designated blind site shall conduct all hunting from said blind, except to retrieve birds. No nonshooters will be permitted on the area.~~

~~(K) Boats: Boats and motors are allowed only when the Bypass is open to hunting.~~

~~(L) Dogs: Allowed for hunting only.~~

(ME) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

(NE) Bicycles: Allowed for travel to and from the parking area to the assigned blinds.

Merced NWR 552(a)(5)(F)

~~(E) Reservations: Available during the waterfowl and pheasant season. For details see subsection 551(i).~~

~~(F) Checking Station: Waterfowl: Open at least two hours before shooting time. Reservations must be presented at the checking station by one hour before shooting time. Pheasants: Only those persons holding permits issued by the Department of Fish and Game, under the provisions of Section 551, shall be permitted to hunt.~~

~~(G) Daily Hunter Capacity: 110 maximum.~~

~~(HC) Authorized Game Species: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, snipe, and pheasants.~~

~~(I) Boats: Not allowed.~~

~~(J) Dogs: Allowed for hunting only.~~

~~(KD) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.~~

→ ~~(LE) Bicycles: Allowed for travel to and from the parking area to the assigned blind hunting sites.~~

(9) Sutter National Wildlife Refuge.

~~(A) Period of Firearm Use: Possession and use of authorized firearms are permitted only for the purpose of waterfowl, coot, snipe, and pheasant hunting during the waterfowl season.~~

~~(B) Area Firearms Restrictions: Shotguns and steel or other nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service only. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field.~~

~~(CB) Hunt Days: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, and snipe: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during open seasons. Pheasant: Allowed only on waterfowl shoot hunt days during the pheasant season during the regular pheasant season and pheasant shooting hours.~~

~~(D) Entry Permit and Fee: Type A area. Except for junior license holders, a Type A one day entry permit, Type A two day pass, or Type A season pass is required. The fee for pheasant hunting shall be the same as for waterfowl hunting.~~

~~(E) Reservations: Available during the waterfowl and pheasant season. For details see subsection 551(i).~~

~~(F) Checking Station: Waterfowl: Shall be open at least two hours before shooting time. Reservations must be presented at the checking station one hour before shooting time. First come, first served entry permits shall be issued at checking station on hunting day. Parking area gates will open at noon the day before the hunt. Pheasants: Only those persons holding entry permits issued by the Department of Fish and Game, under the provisions of Section 551, shall be permitted to hunt.~~

~~(G) Daily Hunter Capacity: Waterfowl and pheasants: 80.~~

~~(HC) Authorized Game Species: Waterfowl, coot, moorhens, snipe, and pheasants.~~

~~(I) Boats: Not allowed.~~

~~(J) Dogs: Allowed for hunting only.~~

~~(KD) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.~~

~~(LE) Bicycles: Not allowed.~~

Authority: Sections 355, 1526, 1528, 1530, 1570-1572, and 10504, Fish and Game Code.

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