



**PUBLIC POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Overview of Regulatory Process**

The regulatory/rulemaking process is an important behind-the-scenes component of establishing rules and implementing laws (created by bills) in California. A “regulation” is any rule, regulation, order or standard of general application – or the amendment, supplement, or revision of any rule, regulation, order, or standard adopted by any state agency – to implement, interpret, or make specific the law enforced or administered by it. Regulations are housed in the California Code of Regulations. Most of the time, laws are written in a way that need regulations or rulemaking packages for implementation because bills are not as prescriptive as regulations.

First 5 California’s (F5CA) role in the regulatory process consists of providing written comment and participating in regulatory working groups established by regulatory agencies. This allows us to provide input and best practices for implementing policy changes. F5CA is not an agency that creates regulatory or rulemaking packages, but it assists other agencies when there are opportunities.