

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION **RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Relocation Assistance Advisory Services

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will provide relocation advisory assistance to any person, business, farm or non-profit organization displaced as a result of Caltrans' acquisition of real property for public use. Caltrans will assist residential displacees in obtaining comparable decent, safe, and sanitary replacement housing by providing current and continuing information on sales price and rental rates of available housing. Non-residential displacees will receive information on comparable properties for lease or purchase.

Residential replacement dwellings will be in equal or better neighborhoods, at prices within the financial means of the individuals and families displaced, and reasonably accessible to their places of employment. Before any displacement occurs, displacees will be offered comparable replacement dwellings that are open to all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex or national origin, and are consistent with the requirements of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968. This assistance will also include supplying information concerning federal and state assisted housing programs, and any other known services being offered by public and private agencies in the area.

Relocation Assistance

The links below are to brochures for residential and business relocation assistance. Requests for hardcopies can be made via mail: Jennifer Clark, Caltrans Environmental Planning, 2800 Gateway Oaks Drive, Sacramento, CA, 95833; email: jsmiley@dot.ca.gov; or phone (916) 274-0572.

http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/row/pubs/residential_english.pdf

http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/row/pubs/residential_spanish.pdf

http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/row/pubs/business_farm.pdf

http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/row/pubs/business_sp.pdf

Additional Information

No relocation payment received will be considered as income for the purpose of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or for the purposes of determining eligibility or the extent of eligibility of any person for assistance under the Social Security Act or any other federal law (except for any federal law providing low-income housing assistance).

Persons who are eligible for relocation payments and who are legally occupying the property required for the project will not be asked to move without being given at least 90 days advance notice, in writing. Occupants of any type of dwelling eligible for relocation payments will not be required to move unless at least one comparable "decent, safe and sanitary" replacement residence, open to all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex or national origin, is available or has been made available to them by the state.

Any person, business, farm or non-profit organization, which has been refused a relocation payment by Caltrans, or believes that the payments are inadequate, may appeal for a hearing before a hearing officer or Caltrans' Relocation Assistance Appeals Board. No legal assistance is required; however, the displacee may choose to obtain

legal council at his/her expense. Information about the appeal procedure is available from Caltrans' Relocation Advisors.

The information above is not intended to be a complete statement of all of Caltrans' laws and regulations. At the time of the first written offer to purchase, owner-occupants are given a more detailed explanation of the state's relocation services. Tenant occupants of properties to be acquired are contacted immediately after the first written offer to purchase, and also given a more detailed explanation of Caltrans' relocation programs.

Important Notice

To avoid loss of possible benefits, no individual, family, business, farm or non-profit organization should commit to purchase or rent a replacement property without first contacting a Department of Transportation relocation advisor at:

Caltrans, District #3
Right of Way - Project Delivery
P.O. Box 911
Marysville, Ca 95901