

Policy – Senate Bill 766

POLICY STATEMENT

The Economic Recovery Review Council (ERRC) will solicit, identify and designate regionally significant industrial areas (RSIA) in cooperation with local governments and regional solutions teams (RST).

Regionally Significant Industrial Area (RSIA) Designation

- A. The ERRC intends to designate a variety of RSIA's determined to have the most potential for rapid job creation across the state.
- B. The ERRC may solicit candidate areas for RSIA designation by any appropriate means including organized outreach and active engagement with local governments and other stakeholders.
- C. Candidate areas may be pooled for comparison or moved forward individually by the ERRC.
- D. The designation process will generally consist of:
 - a. Nomination
 - b. Preliminary vetting with the local RST
 - c. Evaluation and Staff Recommendation
 - d. Preliminary decision by ERRC may include one of the following:
 - i. Proceed in Posting Notice of Proposed Rule
 - ii. Hold/Wait if the application
 - 1. Requires additional information from nominee
 - 2. Requires regional balancing against other pending nominations
 - iii. Rejection of RSIA nomination
 - e. Public Comment Period/Hearing
 - f. Staff Review and Recommendation
 - g. ERRC Decision/Adoption of Rule
 - h. Implementation by DLCD and local government

Designation Purpose

- A. For each nominated RSIA, ERRC will consider information regarding the purpose of the designation, whether one, two or all the following:
 - a. Preservation
 - i. Protection from land use conversion to other than industrial zone
 - ii. Assurance of compatible neighboring and uses
 - iii. Preservation of assets for best industrial use e.g. transportation access, utilities, site characteristics
 - b. Investment
 - i. Implementing a strategy of improvements for priority locations
 - ii. Targeting job growth in an area

- c. Marketing Advantage
 - i. Assuring attention for certified sites
 - ii. Complimenting cooperation and partnership of local and state government

Nomination Competitiveness

- A. Nominations will be received on a first come, first considered basis until the volume or geographic concentration of requests requires a more restrictive or competitive process for selection of designated areas.