



September 18, 2017

Dear Member,

The Master Crime Program is currently written with a two-year policy of \$15 Million limits. At their June meeting, the CSAC Excess Insurance Authority (CSAC EIA) Executive Committee approved a one year extension of the policy by endorsement effective June 30, 2017 to June 30, 2018. The full and complete copy of the 2015/2018 Master Crime Policy is available in the member's area of EIA's website. This letter is being sent as a reminder to all the Program's County members to file this Policy as required by California Government Code. Even though you have already filed your Master Crime Policy in accordance with the California Government Codes, it is prudent to file the extension endorsement.

California Government Code (GC) section 1458 requires that certain county officers post official bonds. GC 1481 allows for a master bond, in lieu of individual bonds; additionally, GC1463 allows for crime insurance in lieu of a bond.

Based on the aforementioned Government Code, the CSAC EIA Master Crime Policy can be used to fulfill the bonding requirements for many public officials.

California Government Code Sections 1457 and 1459 address the counties' obligation to have the Policy approved by the presiding superior court judge, and then recorded with the county recorder, filed with the county clerk, and also filed with the county treasurer (as respects the county clerk's coverage).

If you require a hard copy of the policy, please feel free to contact me at 949-660-5982 or msalyer@alliant.com.

Sincerely,

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GOVERNMENT CODE

SECTION 1450-1463

1450. Unless otherwise provided, every official bond shall be filed in the proper office within the time prescribed for filing the oath.

1451. The approval of every official bond shall be indorsed thereon and signed by the officer approving the bond.

1452. No officer with whom any official bond is required to be filed shall file such bond until approved.

1453. Official bonds shall be recorded in a book kept for that purpose entitled "Record of Official Bonds."

1454. Unless otherwise provided, the official bonds of state officers prescribed by law shall be approved by either the Governor or the Director of General Services and filed and recorded in the office of the Secretary of State.

1455. Unless otherwise provided, all official bonds of state officers and employees not expressly prescribed by law shall be forwarded to the Department of General Services for recordation. Upon such recordation the Department of General Services shall forward the bonds to the Secretary of State where they shall be filed.

1456. The official bond of the Secretary of State shall be filed in the office of the Treasurer after it is recorded.

1457. Unless otherwise provided, the official bonds of officers of a county and judicial district shall be approved by the presiding judge of the superior court, recorded in the office of the county recorder, and then filed in the county clerk's office.

1458. The bonds of supervisors, treasurers, county clerks, auditors, sheriffs, tax collectors, district attorneys, recorders, assessors, surveyors, superintendents of schools, public administrators, and coroners shall be approved by the presiding judge of the superior court before the bonds can be recorded and filed.

1459. After being recorded, the official bond of the county clerk shall be filed in the office of the county treasurer.

1460. Every officer with whom official bonds are filed shall carefully keep and preserve the bonds. He shall give certified copies thereof to any person demanding copies, upon being paid the same fees as are allowed by law for certified copies of papers in other cases.

1460.1. The county recorder shall record the bond and return it to the county officer with whom it is required to be filed. Such officer shall keep the bond on file for one year following the expiration of the term of the office for which the bond was issued at which time said bond may be destroyed or otherwise disposed of.

1461. Any person appointed to fill a vacancy shall give a bond, corresponding in substance and form with the bond required of the officer originally elected or appointed, before entering upon the duties of the office.

1462. No fee shall be charged by any officer to file or record any official bond of any official of this state or any political subdivision of this state.

1463. For the purposes of this chapter, a government crime insurance policy or employee dishonesty insurance policy, including faithful performance, may be provided as an alternative to the official bond by any county or city, subject to approval by the presiding judge of the superior court and recording and filing as provided in Sections 1457 to 1460.1, inclusive. An insurance policy procured pursuant to this section may be used as a master bond as though it were an official bond, subject to approval of the appointing power or the legislative body as provided in Section 1481.

GOVERNMENT CODE

SECTION 1480-1482

1480. Every officer, agent or employee not required by statute to give an official bond may be required to give an individual official bond, or other form of individual bond, in the amount to be fixed by the appointing power and such bond shall inure to the benefit of the appointing power, state, county or municipality, by whom such officer, employee, or agent is employed as well as the officer under whom the employee or agent serves.

The appointing power shall obtain the approval of the Department of General Services before requiring any state officer, employee, or agent to give an individual bond pursuant to this section, and before including the name or position or office of any such officer, employee, or agent in a master bond as provided in Section 1481.

1481. (a) When deemed expedient by the appointing power, a master official bond or other form of master bond may be used which shall provide coverage on more than one officer, employee, or agent who is required by the appointing power or the board of supervisors of a chartered or general law county to give bond.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, when deemed expedient by the legislative body of a local public agency, a master official bond or other form of master bond may be used which shall provide coverage on more than one officer, employee, or agent of the local public agency, whether elected or appointed, who is required by statute, regulation, the appointing power, the governing board of a local public agency, or the board of supervisors of a chartered or general law county to give bond.

(c) A master bond under this section shall be in the form and for the term which is approved by the appointing power or the legislative body of a local public agency, and shall inure to the benefit of the appointing power, state, or local public agency by whom the officer, employee, or agent is employed as well as the officer or officers under whom the employee or agent serves. If the master bond provides coverage on a public guardian or public administrator, then that master bond shall be for the joint benefit of the guardianship or administratorship estates, and the county to which the bond is issued.

(d) "Local public agency" means any city or county, whether general law or chartered, city and county, special district, school district, municipal corporation, political subdivision, joint powers authority or agency created pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 6500) of Division 7 of Title 1, or any board, commission, or agency thereof, or other local public agency, but shall not mean the state or any agency or department of the state.

(e) "Legislative body" means the board of supervisors of a county or city, or the governing board, by whatever name called, of a local public agency.

(f) In the case of the State of California, the form and content of the bond shall be subject to the approval of the Director of General Services.

1481.1. For the purposes of Section 1481 the board of supervisors of a county is deemed to be the appointing power of the adult probation officer, his assistants and deputies and the adult probation officer, his assistants and deputies are deemed to be employees of the county in which they are appointed. They may be included as covered employees in any master bond used in such county.

1482. Each such bond may contain a provision authorizing the appointing power to cancel it, if it is an individual bond, or the contract of coverage of any officer, agent or employee covered thereunder, or the entire bond, if it is a master bond.
