

## CHSWC Mandated Reports and Other Studies Status for 2025



This report provides an update on the status at quarterly intervals for current mandated reports and other studies that CHSWC staff are responsible to provide as determined by the legislature or CHSWC Commission. The color coding represents the current status for projecting completion by the established deadline.

Color Codes	Green	Yellow	Red
Status	On track	May not be able to meet goal	Target date is delayed

Title	Legislative Section/Reference	Status	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>CHSWC Annual Report</b>	Per Labor Code Section 77(a) "The commission shall issue an annual report on the state of the workers' compensation system, including recommendations for administrative or legislative modifications which would improve the operation of the system. The report shall be made available to the Governor, the Legislature, and the public on request."	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final 2024 report was approved on February 28, 2025.</li> <li>Report is posted on the CHSWC website.</li> <li>2025 annual report production kicked off in early May.</li> <li>Data requests were sent to various entities within DIR and to outside partners with ample time for them to provide submissions.</li> <li>Staff is reviewing the existing report and working with DIR's Office of the Director to find opportunities for improving the 2025 annual report.</li> </ul>				
<b>WOSHTEP Advisory Board Annual Report</b>	Per Labor Code Section 6354.7(g) "The advisory board shall annually prepare a written [WOSHTEP Advisory Board Annual] report evaluating the use and impact of programs developed."	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final 2024 report was approved on February 28, 2025.</li> <li>Report is posted on the CHSWC website.</li> <li>CHSWC staff is collecting information from the Centers that will ultimately be included in the 2025 annual report.</li> </ul>				

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<b>Identifying, Characterizing and Mitigating Cancer and other Occupational Health Risks Among Mechanics and Cleaners of Firefighting Vehicles</b>	Assembly Bill (AB) 1400 added Section 77.7 to the Labor Code requiring the Commission on Health and Safety and Workers' Compensation, in partnership with the County of Los Angeles and relevant labor organizations to submit a study by January 1, 2021, to the Legislature, the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board, and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, on cancer and other health risks associated with exposure to toxic materials among mechanics who repair and clean firefighting vehicles.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CHSWC received a scientific study from a multidisciplinary scientific consulting firm. However, the study was not accepted by CHSWC.</li> <li>• An RFI was issued on December 7, 2023 to solicit comments on the scope of work that could be used to develop a new RFP for the study.</li> <li>• RFI responses were due by March 11, 2024; no responses were received.</li> <li>• RFP was issued on September 12, 2024.</li> <li>• Per the RFP, the Contractor shall provide a draft report of the study, on or before April 30, 2026, with the final report due on September 30, 2026.</li> <li>• The Notice of Intent to Award due date was missed due to delay in the evaluations. Key evaluators could not complete their evaluations on time due to urgent priorities related to the unexpected LA Wildfires.</li> <li>• Evaluations are scheduled to take place in early June.</li> </ul>				
<b>California Janitor Workload Study</b>	On December 11, 2020, Assemblymember Miguel Santiago submitted a request for CHSWC to partner with a research team led by the following UC Departments: the UC San Francisco Department of Medicine's Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine; the UC Ergonomics Research and Graduate Training Program; the UC Berkeley School of Public Health's Division of Environmental Health Sciences; and the UC Berkeley School of Public Health's Labor and Occupational Health Program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CHSWC contracted with UCSF to conduct the study.</li> <li>• CHSWC approved the draft for posting for the 30-day public comment period at the April 16, 2025 meeting.</li> <li>• No public comments were submitted.</li> <li>• The final report will be presented to CHSWC on May 30, 2025.</li> </ul>				

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<b>Report on Employer Use of Prepaid Card Account Programs for Disability Indemnity Programs</b>	<p>In 2018, the California Legislature passed SB 880. The purpose was to conduct a pilot program to transmit workers' compensation disability indemnity benefits via prepaid card, rather than a paper check. SB 880 amended Labor Code Section 4651 and required CHSWC to issue a report to the Legislature regarding payments made to those prepaid card accounts and for employers that use prepaid card programs to provide all necessary aggregated data requested by CHSWC. The pilot program authorized by SB 880 was due to sunset on January 1, 2023 but there were several extension to the program. Any CHSWC research based on the usage of a prepaid card for indemnity payments was impacted by Assembly Bill (AB) 2148 (2022) and the extension of the pilot program to January 1, 2024. Another bill, AB 489 in 2023, extended the pilot again an additional year to January 1, 2025, and necessitated an extension of the timeframe for any report. Once again, AB 1239 (2024) extended the pilot to January 2027.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CHSWC staff gathered preliminary data as to which employers and/or workers compensation disability insurers implemented a pilot program in accordance with SB 880.</li> <li>• Preliminary findings to date identified only one insurer that had adopted a debit card payment process.</li> <li>• CHSWC is working on an outreach plan to expand the number of respondents for the survey.</li> <li>• CHSWC is designing an online survey questionnaire for distribution.</li> </ul>				

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<b>Report on PTSD Injury Claims Filed by Public Safety Employees (SB 623 reports)</b>	SB 623 amended Labor Code section 3212.15 and requires CHSWC to submit two reports to the Legislature: (1) A report analyzing claims filed for PTSD injury for which compensation is claimed by public safety dispatchers, public safety telecommunicators, and emergency response communication employees, from January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2023. The report is required to be provided to the Senate Committee on Labor, Public Employment and Retirement and the Assembly Committee on Insurance no later than January 1, 2025.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SB 623 was signed by the Governor on October 8, 2023.</li> <li>• A BCP was issued to request funding appropriation for this study and was approved in May 2024.</li> <li>• The RFI was issued on November 27, 2024 and a response was received in March 2025.</li> <li>• CHSWC staff will share results on May 30<sup>th</sup> of the RFI and seek input from commissioners.</li> </ul>				
	(2) A report on the effectiveness of the PTSD presumption. The report shall review data from PTSD injuries for which compensation is claimed under the Labor Code Section 3212.15 from January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2025. The report needs to be provided to the Senate Committee on Labor, Public Employment and Retirement and the Assembly Committee on Insurance no later than January 1, 2027.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SB 623 was signed by the Governor on October 8, 2023.</li> <li>• A BCP was issued to request funding appropriation for this study and was approved in May 2024.</li> <li>• The RFI was issued on November 27, 2024 and a response was received in March 2025.</li> <li>• DIR/CHSWC committee completed review of the RFI.</li> <li>• CHSWC staff will share results on May 30<sup>th</sup> of the RFI and seek input from commissioners.</li> </ul>		