BACKGROUND

Assembly Bill 1841 (Chapter 508, Statutes of 2016) amended the California Emergency Services Act (Government Code Sections § 8592.30 and § 8592.45) to require the California Department of Technology (CDT), Office of Information Security (OIS) in consultation with the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services and the Department of General Services, to enhance the cybersecurity incident response strategy for the State of California and assist Agencies/state entities secure critical infrastructure controls and information.

This policy updates the Technology Recovery Plan elements of state policy, requiring each Agency/state entity to provide updated Technology Recovery Plans to CDT and report compliance with updated standards. This policy also defines the terms “Critical Infrastructure Controls” and “Critical Infrastructure Information” to support these provision. Additionally, this policy prohibits the public disclosure of reports and public records related to the cybersecurity strategies and requires Agencies/state entities to protect critical infrastructure from interference, compromise, or incapacitation.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Technology Letter (TL) is to announce:

- Revised SAM Sections 5325 and 5340 to enhance technology recovery and incident response planning program requirements and direct Agencies/state entities to review and ensure these updates are incorporated into their incident reporting and response plans, Technology Recovery Plans (TRPs), and corresponding processes and procedures to comply with the new requirements.
- Revised SAM Section 5300.4 to include new definitions for “Critical Infrastructure Controls” and “Critical Infrastructure Information”
- Revised SAM Sections 4501 and 4819.32 to align current public safety telecommunications policy authority and information technology project reporting exclusion references.
- Revised SIMM Sections 5325-A, 5325-B, and 5340-A to include critical infrastructure controls and critical infrastructure information.
- Updated Technology Recovery Plans are due to CDT by no later than July 1, 2019.
- New Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document serves as a resource to assist Agencies/state entities with compliance.

QUESTIONS

Questions regarding this Technology Letter should be directed to the California Department of Technology, Office of Information Security at (916) 445-5239 or Security@state.ca.gov.
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