

1 Amend 2 Cal. Code Regs., Section 18361.9 to read:

2 **§18361.9. Briefing Procedure for Commission's Consideration of Proposed Decision by an**  
3 **Administrative Law Judge; Reconsideration.**

4 (a) Service of Process. Within 14 days of receipt of a proposed decision by an  
5 administrative law judge following a hearing held pursuant to Government Code section 83116,  
6 the Executive Director shall serve a copy of the proposed decision on ~~the Commission's~~  
7 ~~Enforcement Division and the respondent(s)~~ all parties that shall include notification of the date,  
8 time and place the matter will be considered ~~heard~~ by the Commission.

9 (b) Briefing Procedure of Proposed Decision by an Administrative Law Judge.

10 (1) Opening Brief. No later than 14 days after the date of service of the proposed  
11 decision, the Enforcement Division shall file an opening brief. The Enforcement Division shall  
12 file the original ~~of the~~ opening brief, with proof of service attached, ~~and six copies~~ with the  
13 Executive Director of the Commission. The Enforcement Division shall serve a copy of the brief,  
14 with proof of service, on the respondent. The opening brief may only address the following:

15 (A) Whether the facts stated in the proposed decision are consistent with the evidence  
16 presented;

17 (B) Whether the proposed decision contains an accurate statement and/or application of  
18 the law;

19 ~~(C) Whether there is additional material evidence that could not, with reasonable~~  
20 ~~diligence, have been discovered and presented at the administrative hearing;~~

21 ~~(CD)~~ Which of the dispositions provided for in Government Code section 11517 is  
22 recommended by the Enforcement Division and why; and

23 ~~(E) Any other issue the Enforcement Division determines to be relevant.~~

1 (2) Response Brief. No later than 14 days after the date of service of the Enforcement  
2 Division's opening brief, the respondent may file a response brief. The respondent shall file the  
3 original ~~of the~~ response brief, with proof of service attached, and six copies with the Executive  
4 Director of the Commission. The respondent shall serve a copy of the response brief, with proof  
5 of service, on the Enforcement Division.

6 (3) Reply Brief. No later than 14 days after the date of service of the respondent's brief,  
7 the Enforcement Division may file a reply brief. The Enforcement Division shall file the original  
8 ~~of the~~ reply brief, with proof of service attached, and six copies with the Executive Director of  
9 the Commission. The Enforcement Division shall serve a copy of that reply brief, with proof of  
10 service, on the respondent.

11 (4) Extensions. The Executive Director may, for good cause, extend the time  
12 requirements set forth in this subdivision.

13 (5) ~~After receipt of all of the briefs,~~ Service on Commissioners. No later than 14 days  
14 after the Enforcement Division's deadline to file a reply brief, the Executive Director shall  
15 submit a copy of each brief to each Commissioner ~~in a timely manner.~~

16 (6) Oral Argument. Any party may request oral argument before the Commission on a  
17 proposed decision by an Administrative Law Judge. The request for oral argument must be made  
18 no later than 14 days of service of the Enforcement Division's opening brief. Oral argument shall  
19 be limited to evidence in the underlying administrative record.

20 (7) Consideration by the Commission. After any oral argument heard in open session, the  
21 Commission will consider a proposed decision in an executive session and may take any action  
22 on the proposed decision authorized by Government Code section 11517, subdivision (c). The  
23 Commission will not take public comment as provided by Government Code section 11125.7,

1 subdivision (e), regarding the proposed decision by the Administrative Law Judge. Pursuant to  
2 Government Code section 11425.50, subdivision (c), the Commission shall only consider  
3 evidence in the underlying administrative record when taking any action authorized by  
4 Government Code section 11517, subdivision (c).

5 (c) Petitions for Reconsideration.

6 (1) Any party to the proceeding may petition the Commission for reconsideration within  
7 15 days of service of the Commission decision; by filing ~~the petition shall be served on all~~  
8 ~~parties of record~~ with the Executive Director. A petition shall be deemed filed with the  
9 Commission on the date indicated on the proof of service; or, if there is no proof of service, the  
10 postmark date or date of hand delivery to the Commission's office.

11 (2) The petition shall set forth in full detail the issues to be considered by the  
12 Commission and contain specific references to the record and applicable principles of law. The  
13 petition shall be based upon one or both of the following grounds:

14 (A) The petitioner has discovered new material evidence that the petitioner could not,  
15 with reasonable diligence, have discovered and produced at the administrative hearing;

16 (B) The decision contains prejudicial errors of law or fact.

17 (3) An opposing party may file an answer within 10 days of service of a petition for  
18 reconsideration. The answer shall be served on all parties of record.

19 (4) A petition for reconsideration is deemed denied unless it is granted or denied in  
20 writing no later than 30 days after service of the Commission's decision. The Executive Director  
21 may extend the time for considering a petition for up to 10 days.

22 (5) ~~The Chairperson or the~~ Executive Director may grant or deny a petition for  
23 reconsideration or extend the time in which to consider the petition.

1           (6) If the petition is granted, the case shall be assigned to the full Commission or to an  
2 administrative law judge, either of whom may order the taking of additional evidence, or may  
3 affirm, rescind, alter or amend the decision on the basis of the record previously submitted. The  
4 decision after reconsideration shall be in writing and shall specify the reasons for the decision. If  
5 assigned to an administrative law judge, the decision is a proposed decision subject to the  
6 procedure set forth in Government Code section 11517.

7           Note: Authority cited: Section 83112, Government Code. Reference: Sections 83108 and  
8 83116, Government Code.