

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT  
MEETING DATE: January 9, 2013

ITEM           7

SUBJECT:       **Update on Ex Parte Communication Rules for Water Board Members –**  
Presentation by Lori Okun, Office of Chief Counsel, State Water Resources  
Control Board

DISCUSSION: Current rules governing ex parte communications by Board members will change January 1, 2013, when Senate Bill 965 becomes effective. These changes identify situations where ex parte communications are now allowed, how those communications are recorded and reported, and the timing of such communications and their reporting. Lori Okun will provide the update to the Board and will take questions on all aspects of the ex parte communication rules.

The Office of Chief Counsel is in the process of developing a “question and answer” document about the ex parte communication rules, which will be circulated to the Board and posted on our website when it is available.

RECOMMENDATION:     No action needed – information item.