

**Board Administration and Regulatory Coordination Unit**

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**Division 3. Air Resources Board**

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**Chapter 1. Air Resources Board**

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**Subchapter 1.25. Administrative Procedures–Hearings**

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**Article 3. Administrative Hearing Procedures for  
Petitions for Review of Complaints**

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**Subarticle 3. Ex Parte Communications**

**§ 60065.15. Applicability to Executive Officer.**

(a) The provision of Subarticle 3 governing ex parte communications to the hearing officer also governs ex parte communications with the executive officer on matters that may come before him or her pursuant to Subarticle 9. Irrespective of the prohibitions of section 60065.13(a), the executive officer may consult with state board personnel who are not involved as an investigator, prosecutor, or advocate in the proceedings or preadjudicative proceedings of the matter before the executive officer, or in a factually related case, and whose job duties include assisting the executive officer in his or her adjudicative responsibilities.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in these procedures, while a proceeding is pending, the hearing officer shall have no communication, direct or indirect, with the members of the state board regarding the merits of any issue in the proceeding.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 39600, 39601, 43028 and 43031(a), Health and Safety Code. Reference: *Mathews v. Eldridge*, 424 U.S. 319 (1976); Sections 43028 and 43031(a), Health and Safety Code; and Sections 11430.70-11430.80 Government Code.

REFERENCE