

Status Report on Proposed Regulation Section 17000.3

Effective January 1, 2002, the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act was amended to require public dissemination of certain writings distributed to the Board members, when those writings relate to an open session agenda item on which the Board may take action at a noticed Board meeting. This new provision is Government Code section 11125.1, subdivision (c). On March 25, 2002, staff received permission from the Board to immediately commence a regulation project to define certain terms and phrases not defined in the new statutory provisions since this new law is expected to require substantial changes in existing procedures relating to Board meetings.

The text of the proposed regulation, the initial statement of reasons, and notice of hearing have been forwarded to Agency for approval and will be forwarded to the Office of Administrative Law upon receipt of Agency approval. Staff anticipates that a public hearing under the Administrative Procedure Act will be held late this year or early next year.