

## **ITEM 17**

### **Salary Adjustment Attorney to the Commission/Chief Legal Counsel (CEA IV) Government Code Section 17529**

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#### **Executive Summary**

The Chief Legal Counsel position is established at the CEA IV level. State policy sets the maximum rate reserved for CEA incumbents whose duties require membership in the State Bar of California at \$13,381/month and authorizes the Commission to adjust CEA salaries up to 5 percent in a fiscal year.

Ms. Shelton last received a salary adjustment in January 2008. Since Ms. Shelton's salary level is below the maximum salary level she is eligible for a salary adjustment. Therefore, the Commission may adjust the Chief Legal Counsel's salary up to 5 percent, and still remain within the salary maximum.

However, any salary adjustment must be within the Commission's budget. Current information on the Commission's budget and the impact of recent budget letters will be available at the meeting.

#### **Recommendation**

If the Commission decides to adjust the Chief Legal Counsel's salary, the following motion and action must be taken:

"I move to adjust the Chief Legal Counsel's salary by \_\_\_\_ percent, effective \_\_\_\_\_  
(date must be within 60 days of action).