

53652 Request for Hearing

(a)

Within 20 days after the filing of a Notice of Defense, any party may file a request for a hearing. Each party may appear before the hearing officer, personally or by representative, and participate in the hearing if any party files a timely request for hearing.

(b)

Each party shall be deemed to have waived the right to a hearing if a timely request for a hearing is not filed. The hearing officer may proceed to render a decision upon the written record, as provided in Section 53654.

(c)

Where a hearing has not been requested, one may still be held upon a proper showing of good cause or at the discretion of the hearing officer.