AGENDA
ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2026 - 9:00 AM
1391 Engineer Street, Vista, CA 92081
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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGENDA

In the case of an emergency, items may be added to the Agenda by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. An emergency is defined as a work stoppage, a crippling disaster, or other activity that severely imperils public health, safety, or both. Also, items that arise after the posting of the Agenda may be added by a 2/3 vote of the Board. Items on the agenda may be taken out of sequential order as their priority is determined by the Board of Directors. The Board may take action on any item appearing on the agenda.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Members of the public may address the Board on items not appearing on the posted agenda, which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Speakers are asked to limit their comments to five (5) minutes; the total time allowable for all public comment on items not appearing on the agenda at any one meeting may be limited. Comments on items listed on the agenda will be taken before or during discussion of the agenda item. Members of the public desiring to address the Board are asked to complete a speaker's slip available on the table near the entrance of the Boardroom and present it to the Board Secretary prior to the meeting.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Any member of the Board, staff or public may request that items from the Consent Calendar be removed for discussion. Items so removed shall be acted upon separately immediately following approval of items remaining on the Consent Calendar.

A. Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on November 2, 2026
Recommendation: Approval of draft minutes.

B. Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on November 4, 2026
Recommendation: Approval of draft minutes.

C. Ratification of check disbursements
Recommendation: Adopt a resolution ratifying checks numbered 80895 through 80986 in the amount of $797,767.39 pursuant to the cash disbursement report detailing expenditures.

7. RESOLUTION COMMENDING RETIRING GENERAL MANAGER BRETT HODGKISS
Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-XX honoring Brett Hodgkiss, General Manager, for 25 years of service to the District and its customers.

8. CLOSED SESSION: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT– GENERAL MANAGER
Public employee appointment pursuant to Government Code section 54957

9. MEETING DISRUPTION POLICY
Recommendation: Adopt a Meeting Disruption Policy and amend the District's Rules and Regulations to incorporate the Policy.

10. POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT
Recommendation: Authorize the General Manager to enter into a five-year power purchase agreement with Direct Energy for the purchase of electrical power, delivered by San Diego Gas & Electric, to the District's electrical power meters.

11. RESOLUTION HONORING DIRECTOR FRANK NUÑEZ
Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-XX honoring Director Frank Nuñez for his service on the Vista Irrigation District Board of Directors since April 21, 2025.

12. RESOLUTION HONORING DIRECTOR PETER KUCHINSKY II
Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-XX honoring Director Peter Kuchinsky II for his service on the Vista Irrigation District Board of Directors since June 1, 2022.

13. MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
Informational report by staff and Directors concerning the San Diego County Water Authority.

14. MEETINGS AND EVENTS
A. Reports on meetings and events attended by Directors
B. Schedule of upcoming meetings and events

15. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS AND/OR PRESS RELEASES
This item is placed on the agenda to enable the Board to identify and schedule future items for discussion at upcoming Board meetings and/or identify press release opportunities.

16. COMMENTS BY DIRECTORS
This item is placed on the agenda to enable individual Board members to convey information to the Board and the public not requiring discussion or action.

17. COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL
Informational report by the General Counsel on items not requiring discussion or action.

18. COMMENTS BY GENERAL MANAGER
Informational report by the General Manager on items not requiring discussion or action.

19. CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - INITIATION OF LITIGATION
Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4). Number of cases: 1

20. CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
Discussion concerning real property transactions in compliance with Government Code section 54956.8 regarding:

Property: *Unaddressed property commonly known as part of Warner Ranch (136-160-43-00)*
VID Negotiator: *Brett Hodgkiss, General Manager*
Negotiating Party: *United States Department of Navy*
Under Negotiation: *Lease and License Agreement Price and Terms*

21. ADJOURNMENT

- *The agenda package and materials related to an agenda item submitted after the packet's distribution to the Board are available for public review in the lobby of the District office during normal business hours.*
- *Agendas and minutes are available at www.vidwater.org.*
- *VID Board meetings are generally held on the first and third Wednesday of each month.*

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

I, Ramae Ogilvie, Board Secretary of the Vista Irrigation District, hereby certify that I posted a copy of the foregoing agenda outside the lobby of the District office at 1391 Engineer Street, Vista, California at least 72 hours prior to the meeting, in accordance with Govt. Code Sec. 54954.2(a).

Date: November 12, 2026

Ramae Ogilvie

Ramae Ogilvie, Board Secretary

VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 6

Board Meeting Date: **November 18, 2026**
Prepared By: **Ramae Ogilvie**

SUBJECT: CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on November 2, 2026

B. Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on November 4, 2026

C. Ratification of check disbursements

DRAFT MINUTES

Not part of the District's permanent record until approved by the Board of Directors.

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

November 2, 2026

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District was held on Monday, November 2, 2026, at the offices of the District, 1391 Engineer Street, Vista, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Miller called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors present: Miller, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, and MacKenzie.

Directors absent: Nuñez.

Staff present: Ramae Ogilvie, Secretary of the Board. General Counsel Elizabeth Mitchell of Burke, Williams & Sorensen was also present.

Other attendees: Erich WonSavage, CPS HR Consulting. Candidates for the General Manager Recruitment were present during their scheduled interview time.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director MacKenzie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

26-11-102	***Upon motion by Director Kuchinsky, seconded by Director MacKenzie and unanimously carried (4 ayes: Kuchinsky, Sanchez, MacKenzie, and Miller; 1 absent: Nuñez), the Board of Directors approved the agenda as presented.***

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No public comments were presented on items not appearing on the agenda.

6. INTERVIEWS FOR GENERAL MANAGER

The Board discussed the interview process and conducted candidate interviews for the General Manager position from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

7. CLOSED SESSION – PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT – GENERAL MANAGER

At 3:32 p.m., the Board went into closed session to discuss Public Employee Appointment pursuant to Government Code section 54957. At 4:16 p.m. the Board returned to open session and General Counsel Mitchell reported that there was no reportable action.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 4:22 p.m., President Miller adjourned the meeting.

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Marty Miller, President

ATTEST:

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Ramae Ogilvie, Secretary
Board of Directors
VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

November 4, 2026

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District was held on Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at the offices of the District, 1391 Engineer Street, Vista, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Miller called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors present: Miller, Nuñez, Kuchinsky, MacKenzie and Sanchez.

Directors absent: None.

Staff present: Brett Hodgkiss, General Manager; Ramae Ogilvie, Secretary of the Board; Lesley Dobalian, Director of Water Resources; Randy Whitmann, Director of Engineering; Frank Wolinski, Director of Operations and Field Services; Shallako Goodrick, Director of Administration; and Elizabeth Xaverius, Administrative Assistant. General Counsel Elizabeth Mitchell of Burke, Williams & Sorensen was also present. Breona Paz, Customer Service Supervisor was present for agenda item 8.

Other attendees via teleconference: Jerimy Billy, San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority; Erich WonSavage of CPS HR Consulting was present for agenda item 17 – Closed Session.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Kuchinsky led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board took the following action to move agenda item 17, Closed Session - Public Employee Appointment – General Manager, to immediately follow agenda item 6 – Consent Calendar:

26-11-103	***Upon motion by Director Kuchinsky, seconded by Director Sanchez and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Nuñez, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, MacKenzie, and Miller), the Board of Directors approved the agenda with revisions.***

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No public comments were presented on items not appearing on the agenda.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

26-11-104 ***Upon motion by Director MacKenzie, seconded by Director Kuchinsky and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Nuñez, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, MacKenzie, and Miller), the Board of Directors approved the Consent Calendar, including Resolution Nos. 2026-31 and 2026-32 approving the revisions to the Compensation Schedule and the disbursements, respectively.***

A. Revisions to the Compensation Schedule

Upon motion by Director MacKenzie, seconded by Director Kuchinsky, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2026-31 approving the revisions to the Compensation Schedule by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	***Miller, Nuñez, Kuchinsky, MacKenzie, and Sanchez***
NOES:	***None***
ABSENT:	***None***
ABSTAIN:	***None***

Resolution No. 2026-31 is on file in the official Resolutions book of the District.

B. Minutes of Board of Directors meeting on October 14, 2026

The minutes of October 14, 2026 were approved as presented.

C. Minutes of Board of Directors meeting on October 15, 2026

The minutes of October 15, 2026 were approved as presented.

D. Minutes of Board of Directors meeting on October 20, 2026

The minutes of October 20, 2026 were approved as presented.

E. Minutes of Board of Directors meeting on October 21, 2026

The minutes of October 21, 2026 were approved as presented.

F. Resolution ratifying check disbursements

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-32

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District does hereby approve checks numbered 80807 through 80894 drawn on US Bank totaling $2,360,780.77.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors does hereby authorize the execution of the checks by the appropriate officers of the District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED unanimously by a roll call vote of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District this 4th day of November 2026.

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17. CLOSED SESSION – PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT– GENERAL MANAGER

At 9:02 a.m. the Board adjourned to closed session to discuss Public Employee Appointment pursuant to Government Code section 54957 and returned to regular session at 10:19 a.m. General Counsel Elizabeth Mitchell reported that there was direction given and no reportable action.

7. DIVISION REPORTS

See staff report attached hereto.

Director of Water Resources Lesley Dobalian provided updates on the Oxygenation Pilot Study and the status of the Lake Henshaw Resort well.

8. PAYMENT PROCESSING AND ELECTRONIC BILL PRESENTMENT SERVICES

See staff report attached hereto.

Director of Administration Shallako Goodrick and Customer Service Supervisor Breona Paz provided a presentation on the Invoice Cloud Inc.'s customer payment processing and electronic bill presentment services program. Ms. Goodrick reviewed the main features of the system, the fee structure and the cost comparison to the District's current system and other third-party payment processing and electronic bill presentment systems.

The Board received clarification on the implementation timeline, the process of notifying customers, and cybersecurity concerns. After a brief discussion, it was suggested that the District newsletter be used to inform customers about the new payment processing system. The Board requested that staff provide it with an update, including customer feedback, once the new system has been implemented.

26-11-105	***Upon motion by Director Sanchez, seconded by Director MacKenzie and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Nuñez, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, MacKenzie, and Miller), the Board of Directors authorized the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Invoice Cloud Inc. to provide customer payment processing and electronic bill presentment services.***

At 11:12 the Board took a five-minute break and returned to regular session at 11:17 a.m.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

See staff report attached hereto.

Ms. Goodrick provided an informational report on the investments of District as of September 30, 2026.

10. MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

See staff report attached hereto.

President Miller referred to the San Diego County Water Authority (Water Authority) Summary of Formal Board of Directors' Meeting of October 22, 2026 attachment, highlighting recent business conducted by the Water Authority Board of Directors.

11. MEETINGS AND EVENTS

See staff report attached hereto.

Director Kuchinsky informed the Board that the Vista Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs meetings were moved to the first Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m., noting the conflict with the District Board meetings schedule.

Director MacKenzie provided a brief report on her attendance of a California Special District Association (CSDA) Legislative Committee meeting.

Director Sanchez requested authorization to attend the CSDA Quarterly Dinner meeting on November 19, 2026 in San Diego.

26-11-106	***Upon motion by Director MacKenzie, seconded by Director Nuñez and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Nuñez, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, MacKenzie, and Miller), the Board of Directors authorized Director Sanchez to attend the CSDA Quarterly Dinner meeting on November 19, 2026 in San Diego.***

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS AND/OR PRESS RELEASES

See staff report attached hereto.

No additions or changes were presented.

13. COMMENTS BY DIRECTORS

Director Sanchez commented on the current CSDA publication, noting that Director MacKenzie was pictured alongside the CSDA Inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award recipient.

Director MacKenzie commented that the California State Water Resources Control Board approved the water rights permit for the Sites Reservoir project.

President Miller commented on a presentation that the Water Authority received regarding core issues facing the State Water Contractors and their direct impact on the Water Authority.

14. COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL

Ms. Mitchell reported on a recent formal opinion issued by the California Attorney General that expands the definition of public works projects to include purchase of construction materials.

15. COMMENTS BY GENERAL MANAGER

None were presented.

16. CLOSED SESSION FOR CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

At 11:42 a.m. President Miller announced that the Board would enter closed session for a discussion concerning real property transactions in compliance with Government Code section 54956.8 regarding:

Property: Unaddressed property commonly known as part of Warner Ranch (136-160-43-00)
VID Negotiator: Brett Hodgkiss, General Manager
Negotiating Party: United States Department of Navy
Under Negotiation: Lease and License Agreement Price and Terms

At 11:53 a.m. the Board returned to open session and President Miller stated that there was no reportable action.

18. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 11:54 a.m. President Miller adjourned the meeting to November 18, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

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Marty Miller, President

ATTEST:

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Ramae Ogilvie, Secretary
Board of Directors
VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Cash Disbursement Report

Payment Dates 10/22/2026 - 11/5/2026

Payment Number	Payment Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
80895	10/28/2026	Agile Occupational Medicine, PC	DOT Annual Physical	119.00
80896	10/28/2026	Amazon Capital Services	Solar Panel & Cable - Ricon Meter	596.97
	10/28/2026		Eyewash Kits - Operations (6)	234.30
	10/28/2026		Hard Hat Stickers	37.87
	10/28/2026		Abrasive Discs (10)	225.60
	10/28/2026		Ice Scoop Holder - Garage	44.09
80897	10/28/2026	AT&T	9391060230 09/13/2026 - 10/12/2026	7.28
80898	10/28/2026	Cecilia's Safety Service Inc	Traffic Control - Ora Avo Dr	5,462.50
	10/28/2026		Traffic Control - Gail Dr.	1,425.00
	10/28/2026		Traffic Control - Business Park Dr	2,470.00
	10/28/2026		Traffic Control - Ave De La Paz Benito Juarez	2,137.50
80899	10/28/2026	Christian Di Renzo	Reimbursement - General Manger Interview Travel Expenses	650.97
80900	10/28/2026	City Of Escondido	Escondido Canal 07/2026 - 09/2026	115,602.00
	10/28/2026		Escondido HABs Testing Q1	21,670.00
80901	10/28/2026	City of Vista	Permit Fee 07/01/2026 - 09/30/2026	22,794.84
80902	10/28/2026	Complete Office of California, Inc	Office Supplies	428.04
80903	10/28/2026	Diamond Environmental Services	Portable Restroom Service	138.38
	10/28/2026		Portable Restroom Service	83.42
80904	10/28/2026	Direct Energy	Electric 10/2026 - Henshaw Power Buildings & Ground / Henshaw Wellfield	22,051.61
	10/28/2026		Electric 09/2026 - T & D / Cathodic - Pump Stations	10,372.37
80905	10/28/2026	DIRECTV	Direct TV Service	134.99
80906	10/28/2026	Dudek	Pechstein II Reservoir MasterPlan07/25/26-08/21/26	89,916.44
	10/28/2026		Grounds Maintenance Services	7,025.00
	10/28/2026		Grounds Maintenance Services	7,965.00
	10/28/2026		Pechstein II Reservoir MasterPlan08/22/26-09/25/26	175,814.29
80907	10/28/2026	Electrical Sales Inc	Breaker for Sta.10 Pump 3	1,558.80
80908	10/28/2026	Employee Relations, Inc	Background Checks	292.91
	10/28/2026		Background Checks	143.44
	10/28/2026		Background Checks	77.72
80909	10/28/2026	Fountain Car Wash	Car Wash Tokens (660)	600.00
80910	10/28/2026	Ferguson Waterworks	DDFW36C412BODY 16X11X12 GRAY METER BOX (21)	1,981.14
80911	10/28/2026	Fleetcrew Inc.	DPF Cleaning - Truck #52	793.98
80912	10/28/2026	Grainger	Replacement Door Stop	10.06
80913	10/28/2026	Hach Company	CL17 Buffers	727.07
80914	10/28/2026	D-Tek Enterprises, Inc	Live Bee Removal - Portofino	110.00
	10/28/2026		Live Bee Removal - Primrose	110.00
80915	10/28/2026	Hi-Line Inc	Misc. Shop Supplies & Hardwear	178.40
80916	10/28/2026	HP Inc	HP Z2 SFF G1i - 32 - 512 (10)	30,272.11
	10/28/2026		HP EliteDesk 8 G1i SFF (37)	80,545.58
80917	10/28/2026	Interstate Battery of San Diego Inc	Batteries - Solar SCADA Sites	389.59
80918	10/28/2026	Lava Propane, LLC	Propane - Warehouse Forklift	36.81
80919	10/28/2026	Liebert Cassidy Whitmore	Legal HR	1,530.00
80920	10/28/2026	McMaster-Carr Supply Company	General Elect. Supplies	113.70
80921	10/28/2026	Moodys	Dump Fees (6)	1,800.00
	10/28/2026		Dump Fees (6)	1,800.00
	10/28/2026		Dump Fees (8)	2,400.00
	10/28/2026		Dump Fees (8)	2,400.00
80922	10/28/2026	O'Reilly Auto Parts	Alternator - Truck #8	227.93
	10/28/2026		Air Fresheners	63.99
80923	10/28/2026	Pacific Pipeline Supply	Pipe Support Saddle	119.21
80924	10/28/2026	Quadient Finance USA, Inc	Postage Meter Refill	2,500.00

80925	10/28/2026	Ramco Petroleum	Fuel	3,264.51
80926	10/28/2026	Ramona Disposal Service	Trash Service	385.55
80927	10/28/2026	RC Auto & Smog	Fuel System/Fuel Pump Module Assembly - Truck #15	1,616.09
80928	10/28/2026	Right-of-Way Engineering Services, Inc	Cassou Road Mainline Replacement Surveying & As-Builts	8,200.00
80929	10/28/2026	S & R Towing	Tow Bill - Truck #8	99.00
80930	10/28/2026	Shred-it	Shredding Service	224.65
80931	10/28/2026	Stillwater Sciences	Lake Henshaw Oxygenation Pilot Study	1,911.52
	10/28/2026		HABs Lake Henshaw Oxygenation Pilot Study	1,434.68
80932	10/28/2026	Sunbelt Rentals	Mini- Excavator Rental - MD Res	2,939.55
	10/28/2026		JIB Rental	130.96
80933	10/28/2026	UniFirst Corporation	Uniform Service	263.77
	10/28/2026		Uniform Service	261.64
80934	10/28/2026	Verizon Wireless	Air Cards	152.04
	10/28/2026		Cell Phone 09/16/2026 - 10/15/2026	1,965.70
	10/28/2026		Cellular Service - Operations	440.27
80935	10/28/2026	Xerox Corporation	Xerox Supplies & Maintenance	153.28
80936	11/05/2026	Refund Check 80936	Customer Refund - Construction Meter Deposit	3,222.41
80937	11/05/2026	Refund Check 80937	Customer Refund	74.00
80938	11/05/2026	Refund Check 80938	Customer Refund	65.00
80939	11/05/2026	Refund Check 80939	Customer Refund	302.16
80940	11/05/2026	Refund Check 80940	Customer Refund	40.00
80941	11/05/2026	Refund Check 80941	Customer Refund - Construction Meter Deposit	5,028.71
80942	11/05/2026	Refund Check 80942	Customer Refund	95.50
80943	11/05/2026	Refund Check 80943	Customer Refund	57.85
80944	11/05/2026	Airgas USA LLC	Oxygen & Acetylene Bottle Refills	530.36
	11/05/2026		Oxygen Regulator - Truck #85	223.73
	11/05/2026		Welding Rod	328.85
	11/05/2026		5/32" Welding Rod	103.75
80945	11/05/2026	Amazon Capital Services	Warehouse Non-Stock Items	432.43
	11/05/2026		Respirator	181.78
80946	11/05/2026	Bekker's Catering	Employee Event	2,101.71
80947	11/05/2026	Blue Earth Products	Calcium Scale Remover Plus Low Foam-50 Gallons	2,646.72
	11/05/2026		Shipping charge	552.44
	11/05/2026		pHinish-L - 15 Gallon	373.46
80948	11/05/2026	Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP	Legal - General 09/2026	6,922.12
	11/05/2026		Legal Misc Claims - 09/2026	219.00
	11/05/2026		Legal - General 09/2026	29.50
80949	11/05/2026	Cecilia's Safety Service Inc	Traffic Control - Ora Avo Dr	2,375.00
	11/05/2026		Traffic Control - Nicole Dr.	1,591.25
80950	11/05/2026	Christian Di Renzo	Reimbursement - General Manager Interview	872.86
80951	11/05/2026	760Print	Business Forms	2,074.09
80952	11/05/2026	City of Oceanside	Weese Treatment - September 2026	17,254.37
80953	11/05/2026	Drug Testing Network Inc	Random Drug Testing	330.00
80954	11/05/2026	EcosConnect LLC	Backflow Software Service & Support	14,223.00
80955	11/05/2026	Electrical Sales Inc	Cable Lugs - Sta.10 Pump 1	26.45
	11/05/2026		Wire - Sta. 10 Pump 1	73.74
	11/05/2026		Pull Box - Rincon Meter Vault	93.84
80956	11/05/2026	G & R Auto & Truck Repair	Clean Truck Check	100.00
	11/05/2026		Clean Truck Check	100.00
	11/05/2026		Clean Truck Check	100.00
	11/05/2026		Clean Truck Check	100.00
	11/05/2026		Opacity Test OVI	125.00
	11/05/2026		Clean Truck Check	100.00
80957	11/05/2026	GoTo Technologies USA, LLC	Phone System	1,842.94
80958	11/05/2026	Grainger	Intrusion Switches - Res. Hatches (5)	643.03
80959	11/05/2026	D-Tek Enterprises, Inc	Live Bee Removal - Northcrest Lane	110.00

80960	11/05/2026	InSource Software Solutions, Inc	AVEVA Wonderware Costomer FIRST Renewal	12,225.00
80961	11/05/2026	Interstate Battery of San Diego Inc	Batteries - Solar SCADA Sites (2)	519.49
80962	11/05/2026	Irma Cazarez	Reimbursement for Claim - 10/2026	469.56
80963	11/05/2026	Jackson & Blanc	Quarterly HVCA Maintenance 10/01/2026-12/31/2026	4,085.50
	11/05/2026		HVAC Service and Repairs	322.50
80964	11/05/2026	Ken Grody Ford Carlsbad	Front Ball Joints & Front End Alignment -Truck #43	1,628.63
	11/05/2026		Transmission - Truck#16 (Install)	8,489.29
80965	11/05/2026	McMaster-Carr Supply Company	Braket for Hatches	75.45
80966	11/05/2026	Moodys	Dump Fees (8)	2,400.00
	11/05/2026		Dump Fees (4)	1,200.00
	11/05/2026		Dump Fees (6)	1,800.00
80967	11/05/2026	Toyota of Escondido	Check Strap - Truck #56	34.27
80968	11/05/2026	NAPA Auto Parts	Trailer Plug Connector - #VE-2	13.92
	11/05/2026		Tow Hitch - Truck's #2 /#79	182.40
	11/05/2026		Oil Filter	94.60
	11/05/2026		Tow Hitch Pin's - Truck #2 & #79	9.26
	11/05/2026		7 Way Blade Trailer Connector Welder #4	13.92
	11/05/2026		Trailer Plug Connectors - #L-3 & 2	40.76
80969	11/05/2026	North County Auto Parts	Degreaser and Filter Mat	246.83
	11/05/2026		Diesel Engine Oil - Pot Hole Machine VE-2	133.15
	11/05/2026		Shop Supplies & Chemicals	200.96
80970	11/05/2026	O'Reilly Auto Parts	Battery - Truck #17	249.77
80971	11/05/2026	Pacific Pipeline Supply	4" PUSH-ON RUBBER GASKET (30)	276.04
	11/05/2026		6" PIPE RESTRIANER W/T-BOLTS (6)	281.88
	11/05/2026		4" PIPE RESTRIANER W/T-BOLTS (10)	362.63
	11/05/2026		8" PIPE RESTRAINER W/T-BOLTS (6)	448.16
	11/05/2026		8" PUSH-ON RUBBER GASKET (25)	313.93
	11/05/2026		REPAIR COUPLING PVC 2" SxS SCH 40 (2)	45.90
	11/05/2026		ELL 2" 45* PVC SxS SCH 40 (10)	29.77
	11/05/2026		6" GASKET FOR N,B&G SET (300)	811.88
	11/05/2026		3/4" GASKET 1/16' THICK (300)	129.90
	11/05/2026		ADAPTER 2" PVC MALE SCH 40 (20)	32.48
	11/05/2026		3/4' GASKET 1/8' THICK (300)	97.43
	11/05/2026		1' GASKET 1/8" THICK (300)	129.87
	11/05/2026		1" GASKET 1/16" THICK (300)	97.43
80972	11/05/2026	Pacific Safety Center	Safety Training - Spill Control	795.00
80973	11/05/2026	Right-of-Way Engineering Services, Inc	Oro Avo Main Replacement Surveying	6,800.00
80974	11/05/2026	Rincon del Diablo MWD	MD Reservoir Water Service	50.71
80975	11/05/2026	RS Americas Inc	Adapter Cables - Freewave Radios	557.53
80976	11/05/2026	San Diego Gas & Electric	Electric 10/2026 - VID Headquarters	457.90
	11/05/2026		Electric 10/2026 - Henshaw Power Building / Henshaw Wellfield	18,500.56
	11/05/2026		Electric 10/2026 - VID Headquarters	6,900.77
	11/05/2026		Electric 10/2026 WCHR	(12.61)
80977	11/05/2026	Sectran Security Inc	Armored Transport	272.82
80978	11/05/2026	Southern Counties Lubricants, LLC	Fuel 10/16/2026 - 10/31/2026	11,031.69
80979	11/05/2026	Stillwater Sciences	AS-Needed HABs Consulting 08/31/2026-09/27/2026	3,667.30
80980	11/05/2026	Summit Erosion Control	Gravel Bag-Poly (300)	584.55
	11/05/2026		Pallet, Cardboard & Shrink wrap (3)	64.95
	11/05/2026		Delivery Fee	235.00
80981	11/05/2026	Sunbelt Rentals	Mixer and Concrete	371.37
80982	11/05/2026	Sunrise Materials Inc	BMP - Errosion Control	306.35
80983	11/05/2026	Ditch Witch West	Prospector Nozzles - Pressure Washers #VE-2	685.20
80984	11/05/2026	Discount Tire	(4) Tires - Truck #39	1,148.27
80985	11/05/2026	The UPS Store 0971	Shipping HABs Samples	295.03
80986	11/05/2026	UniFirst Corporation	Uniform Service	262.28
			Grand Total:	**797,767.39**

VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 7

Board Meeting Date:	**November 18, 2026**
Prepared By:	**Ramae Ogilvie**
Approved By:	**Brett Hodgkiss**

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION COMMENDING RETIRING GENERAL MANAGER BRETT HODGKISS

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-XX honoring Brett Hodgkiss, General Manager, for 25 years of service to the District and its customers.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: None.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

SUMMARY: General Manager Brett Hodgkiss will retire with over 25 years of service to the District and its customers on December 11, 2026. The District would like to honor him by passing the attached resolution.

DETAILED REPORT: Brett started his career with the District on August 13, 2001 as the Administrative Services Manager and was promoted to Assistant General Manager in June 2016; he was appointed Assistant Treasurer in December 2016. Brett became the 13th General Manager in the District's 95-year history on December 7, 2018; he also became the first General Manager to receive accreditation as a Certified Special District Manager from the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) that same year. During his time as General Manager, Brett volunteered his time to serve as Treasurer of the Council of Water Utilities and as a trustee of the Hans and Margaret Doe Charitable Trust, and the District celebrated its 100th anniversary.

Brett led the District through one of the most challenging times in recent history, the pandemic. This was no small task since there was no specific plan on how to address the unknowns related to the coronavirus or the ever changing local, state and federal regulations. With the help of the executive management team, the support of the Board and the unwavering commitment of dedicated employees, the District was able to implement a plan to keep the public and employees safe while continuing to fulfill the District's mission of delivering a reliable supply of high quality water to its customers.

One of the District's most important decisions regarding infrastructure replacement was made during Brett's time as General Manager, "to Flume"; after extensive analysis and study, the Board approved moving forward with replacing the century old, 11-mile long Vista Flume, the conveyance that brings local water treated at the Escondido-Vista Water Treatment Plant to Vista. The Board also approved the Pechstein Reservoir roof replacement and the new Pechstein II Reservoir construction projects, and the subsequent comprehensive cost of service/water rate study and adoption of new rates and charges to fund these infrastructure projects. Additionally, the District completed several large capital projects including the rehabilitation of Buena Creek and Deodar reservoirs and the replacement of Edgehill Reservoir along with the construction of a new pump station. Brett relentlessly led the District in its pursuit to ensure reliable water service to its customers, focusing on the replacement of aging infrastructure including water mains and fire hydrants.

Brett's hard work and leadership has garnered the District national and statewide recognition for its commitment to good governance, transparency, and sound financial management. The District received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association, District of Distinction Accreditation at the Platinum Level and the Transparency Certificate of Excellence, both from SDLF, and the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) President's Special Recognition Workers' Compensation and Property program awards. The District was also a recipient of Wellness and Risk Control grants from ACWA JPIA and Future Supply Actions program funding for the Lake Henshaw Oxygenation Pilot Study from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Following retirement, Brett plans on spending more time with his family and traveling. We wish Brett health and happiness as he embarks on this new chapter in his life.

ATTACHMENT: Draft resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-XX

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
HONORING BRETT HODGKISS
FOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Brett has faithfully served the District and its customers for over 25 years, from his start as the District's Administrative Services Manager in 2001 to his 2018 appointment as the District's 13th General Manager in its 95-year existence; and

WHEREAS, Brett became the first General Manager to receive the accreditation as Certified Special District Manager from the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) in 2018; and

WHEREAS, through his dedication to the water industry and the District, Brett volunteered his time to serve as Treasurer of the Council of Water Utilities and as a trustee of the Hans and Margaret Doe Charitable Trust; and

WHEREAS, Brett led the District through one of the most challenging times in recent history, the pandemic; with the help of the executive management team, the support of the Board and the unwavering commitment of dedicated employees, the District was able to implement a plan to keep the public and employees safe while continuing to fulfill the District's mission of delivering a reliable supply of high quality water to its customers; and

WHEREAS, in his capacity as General Manager, Brett provided executive oversight to all aspects of the District, including guiding the Board through extensive analysis and studies that led to the decision to replace the century old, 11-mile long Vista Flume; the preparation of a comprehensive cost of service/water rate study and adoption of new rates and charges to fund large infrastructure projects; the completion of significant capital projects including the rehabilitation of Buena Creek and Deodar reservoirs and the replacement of Edgehill Reservoir along with the construction of a new pump station; and proactively replacing main lines and fire hydrants; and

WHEREAS, through Brett's hard work and outstanding achievements as the District's General Manager and Assistant Treasurer, the District earned national and statewide recognition for its commitment to good governance, transparency, and sound financial management, receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association, District of Distinction Accreditation at the Platinum Level and the Transparency Certificate of Excellence, both from SDLF, and the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) President's Special Recognition Workers' Compensation and Property program awards; and

WHEREAS, during Brett's time as its General Manager, the District received Wellness and Risk Control grants from ACWA JPIA and Future Supply Actions program funding for the Lake Henshaw Oxygenation Pilot Study from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and celebrated its 100th anniversary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Vista Irrigation District does hereby extend its deep gratitude and appreciation to Brett Hodgkiss for 25 years of exemplary achievements, outstanding service, and selfless dedication to the Vista Irrigation District and does heartily extend best wishes that his retirement be characterized by peace, prosperity, health and longevity.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following roll call vote of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District this 18th day of November 2026.

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

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Marty Miller, President

ATTEST:

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Ramae Ogilvie, Secretary
Board of Directors
VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 8

Board Meeting Date: **November 18, 2026**
Prepared By: **Brett Hodgkiss**

SUBJECT: CLOSED SESSION: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT – GENERAL MANAGER

SUMMARY: Public employee appointment pursuant to Government Code section 54957

VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 9

Board Meeting Date: **November 18, 2026**
Prepared By: **Shallako Goodrick**
Approved By: **Brett Hodgkiss**

SUBJECT: MEETING DISRUPTION POLICY

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a Meeting Disruption Policy and amend the District's Rules and Regulations to incorporate the Policy.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: None.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

SUMMARY: The purpose of the Meeting Disruption Policy (Policy) is to establish procedures for addressing a disruption in the two-way telephonic or internet services used to provide remote public access to meetings and/or disruptive behavior during in-person or remote accessible meetings.

DETAILED REPORT: Senate Bill 707 (SB 707), which was signed into law in October 2025, made a number of changes to the Brown Act related to the use of a two-way telephonic service or two-way audio visual platform as a means to participate in a public meeting. Adopting a Policy would address how to handle a disruption of telephonic or internet service that prevents members of the public from attending or observing the meeting via two-way telephonic service or two-way audio visual platform. Also, consistent with provisions contained in SB 707, the Policy would also allow the District to remove or limit participation from members of the public who are engaging in disruptive behavior regardless of whether they are attending in-person or via two-way telephonic service or two-way audio visual platform.

Staff has prepared a draft Policy to address the disruption of meetings in compliance with SB 707; legal counsel has reviewed the draft Policy and provided comments which have been incorporated.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Draft Meeting Disruption Policy
- SB 707

1.4.6 Meeting Disruption Policy

This Meeting Disruption Policy (Policy) establishes procedures for responding to (1) a disruption in the two-way telephonic or internet services that provide remote public access to meetings of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District (District) consistent with the Brown Act (Government Code section 54953.4); and (2) disruptive conduct during in-person and remotely accessible meetings. The Policy ensures transparency, public participation, and the continuation of meetings during disruptions.

A. Definitions

1) "Service Disruption" means any failure, outage, or other interruption to the agency's two-way telephonic or internet services that prevents members of the public from remotely attending or observing a Board of Directors meeting.

2) "Disruptive Conduct" means behavior during a meeting that actually disrupts, disturbs, impedes, or renders infeasible the orderly conduct of the meeting and includes, but is not limited to one of the following:

(a) A failure to comply with reasonable and lawful regulations adopted by the Board of Directors of District.

(b) Engaging in behavior that constitutes use of force or a true threat of force.

3) "Two-way telephonic service" means a telephone service that does not require internet access and allows participants to dial a telephone number to listen and verbally participate.

4) "True threat of force" means a threat that has sufficient indicia of intent and seriousness, that a reasonable observer would perceive it to be an actual threat to use force by the person making the threat.

B. Applicability

This Policy's procedures for Disruptive Conduct apply to all open and public District meetings.

This Policy's Service Disruption procedures apply to all open and public District meetings at which remote public participation is required under the Brown Act. Consistent with the Brown Act, Service Disruption procedures shall not apply to the following meetings:

1) Meetings held to attend a judicial or administrative proceeding to which the District is a party.

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2) Meetings held to inspect real or personal property provided that the topic of the meeting is limited to items directly related to the real or personal property.

3) Meetings held to meet with elected or appointed officials of the United States or the State of California, solely to discuss a legislative or regulatory issue affecting the District and over which the federal or state officials have jurisdiction.

4) Meetings held to meet in or nearby a facility owned by the District, provided that the topic of the meeting is limited to items directly related to the facility.

5) Meetings held in an emergency situation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.5.

C. Remote Public Access Generally

When remote public access is required under the Brown Act, the District shall provide members of the public with an opportunity to attend and participate in the meeting using a two-way telephonic or internet service, provided that adequate telephonic or internet service is operational at the meeting location.

If adequate telephonic or internet service is not operational at the meeting location, the District shall not be required to provide remote access. If adequate telephonic or internet service is operational for only a portion of the meeting, the District shall provide remote access during that portion of the meeting.

Members of the public participating remotely shall be provided the same opportunity to provide public comment as members of the public attending in person, including the same time allotment.

D. Response to Service Disruption

If the President or Board Secretary becomes aware of a Service Disruption:

1) The President or Board Secretary shall immediately announce the Service Disruption to the public.

2) The President shall call for a recess of the open session and may convene the legislative body in an authorized closed session, consistent with the Brown Act. The recess shall last for one hour or until service is restored, whichever is earlier.

3) During the recess, District staff shall make a good faith effort to diagnose and restore the disrupted service.

After the expiration of the hour, if service has not been restored, the President or Board Secretary shall report on the status of staff's efforts to restore remote access services, and the District may reconvene to:

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(a) Adjourn the meeting;

(b) Extend the recess to allow staff more time to make a good faith effort to restore remote access services; or

(c) Continue the open session portion of the meeting by adopting, by roll call vote, the following or a substantially similar finding:

"The District has made good faith efforts to restore telephonic service in accordance with its adopted policy, and the public interest in continuing the meeting outweighs the public interest in remote public access."

Upon adoption of the finding, the District may continue the open session portion of the meeting despite the fact that remote access services have not been restored.

E. Service Disruption Recordkeeping

When a Service Disruption occurs, the Board Secretary shall enter a brief statement into the meeting minutes, including:

1) The nature and time of the service disruption;

2) The time the meeting was reconvened (if applicable);

3) Any finding adopted pursuant to Section D.

F. Disruptive Conduct Prohibited

No person shall engage in Disruptive Conduct during a Board Meeting such as but not limited to yelling, interrupting or interfering with attendees' ability to hear and understand.

G. Response to Disruptive Conduct

If the President or Board Secretary becomes aware of an individual engaging in Disruptive Conduct during the meeting:

1) The President or Board Secretary shall warn the person that their behavior is disrupting the meeting and their failure to cease that behavior immediately may result in their removal from the meeting.

2) If the person to whom the President gave the above warning persists in disrupting the meeting, the President may order staff to:

(a) Mute or otherwise limit the individual's ability to disrupt the meeting, while allowing the individual to continue to observe and attend the meeting; or

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(b) Remove the individual from the meeting if paragraph (b)(i) is not sufficient to address the disrupting behavior.

Where an attendee's behavior poses a true threat of force, the steps above are not required and the President or Board Secretary may immediately remove the individual.

H. Review and Updates

This Policy may be amended by the District at a noticed public meeting in open session and may not be placed on the consent calendar.

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Senate Bill No. 707

CHAPTER 327

An act to amend Sections 54952.7, 54953, 54953.5, 54953.7, 54954.2, 54954.3, 54956, 54956.5, 54957.6, 54957.9, and 54957.95 of, to amend and repeal Section 54952.2 of, to add Sections 54953.8, 54953.8.1, 54953.8.2, and 54957.96 to, and to add and repeal Sections 54953.4, 54953.8.3, 54953.8.4, 54953.8.5, 54953.8.6, and 54953.8.7 of, the Government Code, relating to local government.

[Approved by Governor October 3, 2025. Filed with Secretary of State October 3, 2025.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 707, Durazo. Open meetings: meeting and teleconference requirements.

(1) Existing law, the Ralph M. Brown Act, requires, with specified exceptions, that all meetings of a legislative body, as defined, of a local agency be open and public and that all persons be permitted to attend and participate.

This bill would, beginning July 1, 2026, and until January 1, 2030, require an eligible legislative body, as defined, to comply with additional meeting requirements, including that, except as specified, all open and public meetings include an opportunity for members of the public to attend via a 2-way telephonic service or a 2-way audiovisual platform, as defined, and that the eligible legislative body take specified actions to encourage residents to participate in public meetings, as specified. The bill would require an eligible legislative body, on or before July 1, 2026, to approve at a noticed public meeting in open session a policy regarding disruption of telephonic or internet services occurring during meetings subject to these provisions, as specified, and would require the eligible legislative body to comply with certain requirements relating to disruption, including for certain disruptions, recessing the open session for at least one hour and making a good faith attempt to restore the service, as specified.

(2) Existing law prohibits a majority of the members of a legislative body, outside a meeting authorized by the act, from using a series of communications of any kind to discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item of business that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body. Existing law defines "meetings" for these purposes to mean any congregation of a majority of the members of a legislative body at the same time and location, as specified, to hear, discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body. Until January 1, 2026, existing law excepts from the prohibition a member engaging in separate conversations or communications outside of

a meeting with any other person using an internet-based social media platform for specified purposes, provided, among other things, that a majority of the members do not use the internet-based social media platform to discuss among themselves business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body.

This bill would make the above-described exception related to communications on an internet-based social media platform applicable indefinitely.

(3) Existing law requires a legislative body, prior to taking final action, to orally report a summary of a recommendation for a final action on specified forms of compensation for a local agency executive, as defined, during the open meeting in which the final action is to be taken.

This bill would also require the legislative body to make that oral report, as provided above, prior to taking final action on those specified forms of compensation for a department head or other similar administrative officer of the local agency.

(4) Existing law requires a legislative body of a local agency or its designee, at least 72 hours before a regular meeting, to post an agenda that meets specified requirements, including that the agenda contain a brief general description of each item of business to be transacted or discussed at the meeting, as specified.

This bill would, beginning July 1, 2026, and until July 1, 2030, require the agenda for each meeting of an eligible legislative body, as defined, to be translated into all applicable languages. The bill would define "applicable languages" to mean languages, according to data from the most recent American Community Survey, spoken jointly by 20% or more of the applicable population, as specified, provided that 20% or more of the population that speaks that language that in that city or county speaks English less than "very well," as specified, and except as provided.

Existing law requires every agenda for regular meetings to provide an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the legislative body on any item of interest of the public, as specified. Existing law specifies that the agenda is not required to provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the legislative body on any item that has already been considered by a committee, as specified, except if the item has been substantially changed since the committee heard the item, as determined by the legislative body.

This bill would add certain exceptions to the provision related to an item that has already been considered by a committee, including excepting committees whose primary subject matter jurisdiction focuses on elections, budgets, police oversight, privacy, removing from, or restricting access to, materials available in public libraries, or taxes or related spending proposals, except as specified.

(5) Existing law authorizes a legislative body of a local agency to require a copy of the act to be given to each member of the legislative body and specified persons elected to serve as a member of the legislative body, and authorizes an elected legislative body member to require a copy to be given

to each member of each legislative body all or a majority of whose members are appointed by or under the authority of the elected legislative body.

This bill would instead require a local agency to provide a copy of the act to any person elected or appointed to serve as a member of a legislative body of the local agency.

Existing law authorizes legislative bodies of local agencies to impose requirements upon themselves which allow greater access to their meetings than prescribed by the minimal standards set forth in the act, and authorizes an elected legislative body of a local agency to also impose those requirements on those appointed legislative bodies of the local agency of which all or a majority of the members are appointed by or under the authority of the elected legislative body.

This bill would remove the above-described requirement that members of an appointed legislative body of a local agency must be appointed by or under the authority of the elected legislative body of a local agency in order for the elected legislative body to impose the above-described requirements on the appointed legislative body.

(6) Existing law provides any person attending an open and public meeting of a legislative body of a local agency with the right to record the proceedings with an audio or visual recorder or a still or motion picture camera, as specified.

This bill would remove the reference to an audio or visual recorder or a still or motion picture camera for purposes of recording the proceedings, as described above.

(7) Existing law authorizes a legislative body of a local agency to use teleconferencing, as specified, and requires a legislative body of a local agency that elects to use teleconferencing to comply with specified general requirements, including that the local agency post agendas at all teleconference locations, identify each teleconference location in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and have each teleconference location be accessible to the public. Existing law also requires that, during the teleconference, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, except as specified.

Existing law authorizes members who are outside the jurisdiction of a health authority, as defined, that conducts a teleconferencing meeting to, notwithstanding the above-described general teleconference provisions, count towards the establishment of a quorum when participating in the teleconference if, among other things, at least 50% of the number of members that would establish a quorum are present within the boundaries of the territory over which the authority exercises jurisdiction.

Existing law authorizes, in certain circumstances, the legislative body of a local agency to use specified alternative teleconferencing which include provisions related to, among others, notice of the means by which members of the public may access the meeting and offer public comment and identifying and including an opportunity for all persons to attend via a call-in option or an internet-based service option. Those circumstances in which

the legislative body of a local agency is authorized to use the alternative teleconferencing provisions include specified circumstances relating to a state of emergency, as defined, and, until January 1, 2026, subject to specified limitations, a member's need to participate remotely due to just cause, defined to include, among other things, a need related to a physical or mental disability, or emergency circumstances, as defined, if certain quorum and disclosure requirements are met.

Existing law also authorizes certain eligible legislative bodies, including neighborhood councils and student body associations and student-run community college organizations to, until January 1, 2026, use alternate teleconferencing if, among other requirements, the city council or board of trustees, as applicable, has adopted an authorizing resolution and ⅔ of the neighborhood city council or specified student organization, as applicable, votes to use alternate teleconference provisions, as specified.

This bill would revise and recast the above-specified teleconferencing and alternative teleconferencing provisions to uniformly apply certain noticing, disclosure, accessibility, and public commenting provisions. The bill would require a legislative body of a local agency that elects to use teleconferencing pursuant to these alternative teleconferencing provisions to comply with, in addition to any other applicable requirements under the act, specified requirements, including that the legislative body provides at least either 2-way audiovisual platform or 2-way telephonic service and a live webcasting of the meeting as a means by which the public may, among other things, remotely hear and visually observe the meeting, and that a member of the legislative body who participates in a teleconference meeting from a remote location pursuant to these alternative teleconferencing provisions and the specific provision of law that the member relied upon to permit their participation by teleconferencing are listed in the minutes of the meeting. The bill would require a local agency to identify and make available to legislative bodies a list of one or more meeting locations that may be available for use by the legislative bodies to conduct their meetings.

The bill would specify that nothing in the bill's provisions is to be construed to prohibit a member of a legislative body with a disability, as defined, from participating in any meeting of the legislative body by remote participation as a reasonable accommodation pursuant to any applicable law. The bill would apply certain provisions relative to, among other things, quorum establishment to that circumstance.

The bill would instead authorize a health authority, as defined, to conduct a teleconference meeting pursuant to the above-described alternative teleconferencing provisions.

The bill would revise and recast the alternative teleconferencing provisions applicable in a state of emergency, as defined. The bill would also include a local emergency, as defined, as a circumstance in which a legislative body of a local agency is authorized to use the alternative teleconferencing provisions.

The bill would revise and recast the alternative teleconferencing provisions applicable in cases of a member's need to participate remotely due to just

cause or emergency circumstances, as defined, to remove the provision applicable to emergency circumstances, to revise related definitions, including broadening the definition of just cause to include, among other things, a physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member from attending in person, and to require the minutes for a meeting to identify the specific provision of law that each member relied upon to participate remotely, as specified. The bill would extend the authorization to use the alternative teleconferencing provision until January 1, 2030.

The bill would revise and recast the alternative teleconferencing provisions applicable to neighborhood councils and student body associations and student-run community college organizations. In regards to the alternative teleconferencing provisions applicable to student body associations and student-run community college organizations, the bill would exempt the California Online Community College from specified requirements for an in-person quorum, a physical location for public participation, and certain accommodations under the authorization, and remove the ability for a person with a disability that requires certain accommodations to count towards the in-person quorum requirement. The bill would specify that the student body associations and student-run community college organizations described above are those in any community college recognized within the California Community Colleges system, and would extend the authorization to the Student Senate for California Community Colleges. The bill would extend the authorization to use the alternative teleconferencing provisions applicable to neighborhood councils and student body associations and student-run community college organizations until January 1, 2030.

The bill would, until January 1, 2030, also authorize a specified subsidiary body of local agencies to conduct a teleconference meeting pursuant to the above-described alternative teleconferencing provisions, provided that it complies with the requirements for alternative teleconferencing described above and additional requirements, including that the subsidiary body designates one physical meeting location within the boundaries of the legislative body that created the subsidiary body where members of the subsidiary body who are not participating remotely shall be present and members of the public may physically attend, observe, hear, and participate in the meeting, as specified.

The bill would, until January 1, 2030, also authorize specified multijurisdictional bodies of local agencies to conduct a teleconference meeting pursuant to the above-described alternative teleconferencing provisions, provided that it complies with the requirements for alternative teleconferencing described above and additional requirements, including that the eligible multijurisdictional body has adopted a resolution that authorizes the multijurisdictional body to use teleconferencing at a regular meeting in open session.

The bill would specify that these teleconferencing provisions are cumulative, and would authorize a legislative body to elect to use any teleconferencing provisions that are applicable to a meeting, regardless of

whether any other teleconferencing provisions would also be applicable to that meeting.

Existing law defines "teleconference" for purposes of the authorization for a legislative body of a local agency to use teleconferencing to mean a meeting of a legislative body, the members of which are in different locations, connected by electronic means, through either audio or video, or both.

This bill would specify that "teleconference" does not include the attendance of one or more members of a legislative body in a meeting of the body solely by watching or listening via webcasting or any other similar electronic medium that does not permit members to interactively speak, discuss, or deliberate on matters.

(8) Existing law authorizes a special meeting to be called any time by, among other persons, the presiding officer of the legislative body of a local agency, by delivering specified written notices and posting a notice on the local agency's internet website, if the local agency has one. Existing law requires specified legislative bodies to comply with the internet website posting requirement.

The bill would remove the requirement that only specified legislative bodies comply with the internet website posting requirement, thereby imposing that requirement on all legislative bodies.

(9) Existing law authorizes a legislative body of a local agency to hold an emergency meeting without complying with specified notice and posting requirements in the case of emergency circumstances, as specified, and imposes various requirements under these provisions applicable to either legislative bodies generally or legislative bodies which are a school board.

This bill would remove the school board distinction from the above-described provisions, thereby imposing the same requirements to hold an emergency meeting on all legislative bodies of local agencies.

By imposing additional duties on legislative bodies of local agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(10) Existing law authorizes, in addition to other related specified authorizations, the presiding member of the legislative body conducting a meeting or their designee to remove, or cause the removal of, an individual for disrupting the meeting. Existing law defines "disrupting" for these purposes to mean engaging in behavior during a meeting of a legislative body that actually disrupts, disturbs, impedes, or renders infeasible the orderly conduct of the meeting, as specified.

This bill would specify that a meeting for purposes of that provision includes any teleconferenced meeting. The bill would specify that the existing authority of a legislative body or its presiding officer to remove or limit participation by persons who engage in behavior that actually disrupts, disturbs, impedes, or renders infeasible the orderly conduct of the meeting, as specified, applies to members of the public participating in a meeting via a 2-way telephonic service or a 2-way audiovisual platform, as those terms are defined.

(11) The bill would make other updates to references in the act.

(12) Existing constitutional provisions require that a statute that limits the right of access to the meetings of public bodies or the writings of public officials and agencies be adopted with findings demonstrating the interest protected by the limitation and the need for protecting that interest.

This bill would make legislative findings to that effect.

(13) The California Constitution requires local agencies, for the purpose of ensuring public access to the meetings of public bodies and the writings of public officials and agencies, to comply with a statutory enactment that amends or enacts laws relating to public records or open meetings and contains findings demonstrating that the enactment furthers the constitutional requirements relating to this purpose.

This bill would make legislative findings to that effect.

(14) The bill would include findings that changes proposed by this bill address a matter of statewide concern rather than a municipal affair and, therefore, apply to all cities, including charter cities.

(15) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 54952.2 of the Government Code, as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 89 of the Statutes of 2020, is amended to read:

54952.2. (a) As used in this chapter, "meeting" means any congregation of a majority of the members of a legislative body at the same time and location, including teleconference location as permitted by Section 54953, to hear, discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body.

(b) (1) A majority of the members of a legislative body shall not, outside a meeting authorized by this chapter, use a series of communications of any kind, directly or through intermediaries, to discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item of business that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not be construed as preventing an employee or official of a local agency, from engaging in separate conversations or communications outside of a meeting authorized by this chapter with members of a legislative body in order to answer questions or provide information regarding a matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the local agency, if that person does not communicate to members of the legislative body the comments or position of any other member or members of the legislative body.

(3) (A) Paragraph (1) shall not be construed as preventing a member of the legislative body from engaging in separate conversations or communications on an internet-based social media platform to answer

questions, provide information to the public, or to solicit information from the public regarding a matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body provided that a majority of the members of the legislative body do not use the internet-based social media platform to discuss among themselves business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body. A member of the legislative body shall not respond directly to any communication on an internet-based social media platform regarding a matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body that is made, posted, or shared by any other member of the legislative body.

(B) For purposes of this paragraph, all of the following definitions shall apply:

(i) "Discuss among themselves" means communications made, posted, or shared on an internet-based social media platform between members of a legislative body, including comments or use of digital icons that express reactions to communications made by other members of the legislative body.

(ii) "Internet-based social media platform" means an online service that is open and accessible to the public.

(iii) "Open and accessible to the public" means that members of the general public have the ability to access and participate, free of charge, in the social media platform without the approval by the social media platform or a person or entity other than the social media platform, including any forum and chatroom, and cannot be blocked from doing so, except when the internet-based social media platform determines that an individual violated its protocols or rules.

(c) Nothing in this section shall impose the requirements of this chapter upon any of the following:

(1) Individual contacts or conversations between a member of a legislative body and any other person that do not violate subdivision (b).

(2) The attendance of a majority of the members of a legislative body at a conference or similar gathering open to the public that involves a discussion of issues of general interest to the public or to public agencies of the type represented by the legislative body, provided that a majority of the members do not discuss among themselves, other than as part of the scheduled program, business of a specified nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the local agency. Nothing in this paragraph is intended to allow members of the public free admission to a conference or similar gathering at which the organizers have required other participants or registrants to pay fees or charges as a condition of attendance.

(3) The attendance of a majority of the members of a legislative body at an open and publicized meeting organized to address a topic of local community concern by a person or organization other than the local agency, provided that a majority of the members do not discuss among themselves, other than as part of the scheduled program, business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body of the local agency.

(4) The attendance of a majority of the members of a legislative body at an open and noticed meeting of another body of the local agency, or at an open and noticed meeting of a legislative body of another local agency, provided that a majority of the members do not discuss among themselves, other than as part of the scheduled meeting, business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body of the local agency.

(5) The attendance of a majority of the members of a legislative body at a purely social or ceremonial occasion, provided that a majority of the members do not discuss among themselves business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body of the local agency.

(6) The attendance of a majority of the members of a legislative body at an open and noticed meeting of a standing committee of that body, provided that the members of the legislative body who are not members of the standing committee attend only as observers.

SEC. 2. Section 54952.2 of the Government Code, as added by Section 2 of Chapter 89 of the Statutes of 2020, is repealed.

SEC. 3. Section 54952.7 of the Government Code is amended to read:

54952.7. A local agency shall provide a copy of this chapter to any person elected or appointed to serve as a member of a legislative body of the local agency.

SEC. 4. Section 54953 of the Government Code, as amended by Section 2 of Chapter 534 of the Statutes of 2023, is amended to read:

54953. (a) All meetings of the legislative body of a local agency shall be open and public, and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the legislative body of a local agency, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

(b) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the legislative body of a local agency may use teleconferencing for the benefit of the public and the legislative body of a local agency in connection with any meeting or proceeding authorized by law. The teleconferenced meeting or proceeding shall comply with all otherwise applicable requirements of this chapter and all otherwise applicable provisions of law relating to a specific type of meeting or proceeding.

(2) Teleconferencing, as authorized by this section, may be used for all purposes in connection with any meeting within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body. If the legislative body of a local agency elects to use teleconferencing, the legislative body of a local agency shall comply with all of the following:

(A) All votes taken during a teleconferenced meeting shall be by rollcall.

(B) The teleconferenced meetings shall be conducted in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties or the public appearing before the legislative body of a local agency.

(C) The legislative body shall give notice of the meeting and post agendas as otherwise required by this chapter.

(D) The legislative body shall allow members of the public to access the meeting and the agenda shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the legislative body directly pursuant to Section 54954.3.

(3) If the legislative body of a local agency elects to use teleconferencing, it shall post agendas at all teleconference locations. Each teleconference location shall be identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and each teleconference location shall be accessible to the public. During the teleconference, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body shall participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, except as expressly provided in this chapter.

(4) The teleconferencing requirements of this subdivision shall not apply to remote participation described in subdivision (c).

(c) (1) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit a member of a legislative body with a disability from participating in any meeting of the legislative body by remote participation as a reasonable accommodation pursuant to any applicable law.

(2) A member of a legislative body participating in a meeting by remote participation pursuant to this subdivision shall do both of the following:

(A) The member shall participate through both audio and visual technology, except that any member with a disability, as defined in Section 12102 of Title 42 of the United States Code, may participate only through audio technology if a physical condition related to their disability results in a need to participate off camera.

(B) The member shall disclose at the meeting before any action is taken, whether any other individuals 18 years of age or older are present in the room at the remote location with the member, and the general nature of the member's relationship with any of those individuals.

(3) Remote participation under this subdivision shall be treated as in-person attendance at the physical meeting location for all purposes, including any requirement that a quorum of the legislative body participate from any particular location. The provisions of subdivision (b) and Sections 54953.8 to 54953.8.7, inclusive, shall not apply to remote participation under this subdivision.

(d) (1) No legislative body shall take action by secret ballot, whether preliminary or final.

(2) The legislative body of a local agency shall publicly report any action taken and the vote or abstention on that action of each member present for the action.

(3) (A) Prior to taking final action, the legislative body shall orally report a summary of a recommendation for a final action on the salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of either of the following during the open meeting in which the final action is to be taken:

(i) A local agency executive, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 3511.1.

(ii) A department head or other similar administrative officer of the local agency.

(B) This paragraph shall not affect the public's right under the California Public Records Act (Division 10 (commencing with Section 7920.000) of Title 1) to inspect or copy records created or received in the process of developing the recommendation.

(e) For purposes of this section, both of the following definitions apply:

(1) "Disability" means a physical disability or a mental disability as those terms are defined in Section 12926 and used in Section 12926.1, or a disability as defined in Section 12102 of Title 42 of the United States Code.

(2) (A) "Teleconference" means a meeting of a legislative body, the members of which are in different locations, connected by electronic means, through either audio or video, or both.

(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), "teleconference" does not include one or more members watching or listening to a meeting via webcasting or any other similar electronic medium that does not permit members to interactively speak, discuss, or deliberate on matters.

(3) "Remote participation" means participation in a meeting by teleconference at a location other than any physical meeting location designated in the notice of the meeting.

SEC. 5. Section 54953.4 is added to the Government Code, to read:

54953.4. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that public access, including through translation of agendas as required by this section, is necessary for an informed populace. The Legislature encourages local agencies to adopt public access requirements that exceed the requirements of this chapter by translating additional languages, employing human translators, and conducting additional outreach.

(b) (1) In addition to any other applicable requirements of this chapter, a meeting held by a eligible legislative body pursuant to this chapter shall comply with both of the following requirements:

(A) (i) (I) (ia) All open and public meetings shall include an opportunity for members of the public to attend via a two-way telephonic service or a two-way audiovisual platform, except if adequate telephonic or internet service is not operational at the meeting location. If adequate telephonic or internet service is operational at the meeting location during only a portion of the meeting, the legislative body shall include an opportunity for members of the public to attend via a two-way telephonic service or a two-way audiovisual platform during that portion of the meeting.

(ib) (Ia) On or before July 1, 2026, an eligible legislative body shall approve at a noticed public meeting in open session, not on the consent calendar, a policy regarding disruption of telephonic or internet service occurring during meetings subject to this sub-subclause. The policy shall address the procedures for recessing and reconvening a meeting in the event of disruption and the efforts that the eligible legislative body shall make to attempt to restore the service.

(Ib) If a disruption of telephonic or internet service that prevents members of the public from attending or observing the meeting via the two-way

telephonic service or two-way audiovisual platform occurs during the meeting, the eligible legislative body shall recess the open session of the meeting for at least one hour and make a good faith attempt to restore the service. The eligible legislative body may meet in closed session during this period. The eligible legislative body shall not reconvene the open session of the meeting until at least one hour following the disruption, or until telephonic or internet service is restored, whichever is earlier.

(Ic) Upon reconvening the open session, if telephonic or internet service has not been restored, the eligible legislative body shall adopt a finding by rollcall vote that good faith efforts to restore the telephonic or internet service have been made in accordance with the policy adopted pursuant to sub-sub-subclause (Ia) and that the public interest in continuing the meeting outweighs the public interest in remote public access.

(II) Subclause (I) does not apply to a meeting that is held to do any of the following:

(ia) Attend a judicial or administrative proceeding to which the local agency is a party.

(ib) Inspect real or personal property provided that the topic of the meeting is limited to items directly related to the real or personal property.

(ic) Meet with elected or appointed officials of the United States or the State of California, solely to discuss a legislative or regulatory issue affecting the local agency and over which the federal or state officials have jurisdiction.

(id) Meet in or nearby a facility owned by the agency, provided that the topic of the meeting is limited to items directly related to the facility.

(ie) Meet in an emergency situation pursuant to Section 54956.5.

(ii) If an eligible legislative body elects to provide a two-way audiovisual platform, the eligible legislative body shall publicly post and provide a call-in option, and activate any automatic captioning function during the meeting if an automatic captioning function is included with the two-way audiovisual platform. If an eligible legislative body does not elect to provide a two-way audiovisual platform, the eligible legislative body shall provide a two-way telephonic service for the public to participate in the meeting, pursuant to subclause (I).

(B) (i) All open and public meetings for which attendance via a two-way telephonic service or a two-way audiovisual platform is provided in accordance with paragraph (1) shall provide the public with an opportunity to provide public comment in accordance with Section 54954.3 via the two-way telephonic or two-way audiovisual platform, and ensure the opportunity for the members of the public participating via a two-way telephonic or two-way audiovisual platform to provide public comment with the same time allotment as a person attending a meeting in person.

(2) (A) An eligible legislative body shall reasonably assist members of the public who wish to translate a public meeting into any language or wish to receive interpretation provided by another member of the public, so long as the interpretation is not disrupting to the meeting, as defined in Section 54957.95. The eligible legislative body shall publicize instructions on how

to request assistance under this subdivision. Assistance may include any of the following, as determined by the eligible legislative body:

(i) Arranging space for one or more interpreters at the meeting location.

(ii) Allowing extra time during the meeting for interpretation to occur.

(iii) Ensuring participants may utilize their personal equipment or reasonably access facilities for participants to access commercially available interpretation services.

(B) This section does not require an eligible legislative body to provide interpretation of any public meeting, however, an eligible legislative body may elect to provide interpretation of any public meeting.

(C) The eligible legislative body is not responsible for the content or accuracy of any interpretation facilitated, assisted with, or provided under this subdivision. An action shall not be commenced or maintained against the eligible legislative body arising from the content or accuracy of any interpretation facilitated, assisted with, or provided under this subdivision.

(3) An eligible legislative body shall take the following actions to encourage residents, including those in underrepresented communities and non-English-speaking communities, to participate in public meetings:

(A) Have in place a system for electronically accepting and fulfilling requests for meeting agendas and documents pursuant to Section 54954.1 through email or through an integrated agenda management platform. Information about how to make a request using this system shall be accessible through a prominent direct link posted on the primary internet website home page of the eligible legislative body.

(B) (i) Create and maintain an accessible internet webpage dedicated to public meetings that includes, or provides a link to, all of the following information:

(I) A general explanation of the public meeting process for the eligible legislative body.

(II) An explanation of the procedures for a member of the public to provide in-person or remote oral public comment during a public meeting or to submit written public comment.

(III) A calendar of all public meeting dates with calendar listings that include the date, time, and location of each public meeting.

(IV) The agenda posted online pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 54954.2.

(ii) The eligible legislative body shall include a link to the webpage required by subparagraph (A) on the home page of the eligible legislative body’s internet website.

(C) (i) Make reasonable efforts, as determined by the legislative body, to invite groups that do not traditionally participate in public meetings to attend those meetings, which may include, but are not limited to, all the following:

(I) Media organizations that provide news coverage in the jurisdiction of the eligible legislative body, including media organizations that serve non-English-speaking communities.

(II) Good government, civil rights, civic engagement, neighborhood, and community group organizations, or similar organizations that are active in the jurisdiction of the eligible legislative body, including organizations active in non-English-speaking communities.

(ii) Legislative bodies shall have broad discretion in the choice of reasonable efforts they make under this subparagraph. No action shall be commenced or maintained against an eligible legislative body arising from failing to provide public meeting information to any specific group pursuant to this subparagraph.

(c) (1) (A) The agenda for each meeting of an eligible legislative body shall be translated into all applicable languages, and each translation shall be posted in accordance with Section 54954.2. Each translation shall include instructions in the applicable language describing how to join the meeting by the telephonic or internet-based service option, including any requirements for registration for public comment.

(B) The accessible internet webpage provided under subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) shall be translated into all applicable languages, and each translation shall be accessible through a prominent direct link posted on the primary internet website home page of the eligible legislative body.

(2) A translation made using a digital translation service shall satisfy the requirements of paragraph (1).

(3) The eligible legislative body shall make available a physical location that is freely accessible to the public in reasonable proximity to the physical location in which the agenda and translations are posted as described in paragraph (1), and shall allow members of the public to post additional translations of the agenda in that location.

(4) The eligible legislative body is not responsible for the content or accuracy of any translation provided pursuant to this subdivision. No action shall be commenced or maintained against an eligible legislative body arising from the content, accuracy, posting, or removal of any translation provided by the eligible legislative body or posted by any person pursuant to this subdivision.

(5) For the purposes of this section, the agenda does not include the entire agenda packet.

(d) This section shall not be construed to affect or supersede any other applicable civil rights, nondiscrimination, or public access laws.

(e) For purposes of this section, all of the following definitions apply:

(1) (A) "Applicable languages" means languages, according to data from the most recent American Community Survey, spoken jointly by 20 percent or more of the applicable population, provided that 20 percent or more of the population that speaks that language in that city or county speaks English less than "very well."

(B) For the purposes of subparagraph (A), the applicable population shall be determined as follows:

(i) For an eligible legislative body that is a city council or county board of supervisors, the applicable population shall be the population of the city or county.

(ii) For an eligible legislative body of a special district, the applicable population shall be either of the following, at the discretion of the board of directors of the special district:

(I) The population of the county with the greatest population within the boundaries of the special district.

(II) The population of the service area of the special district, if the special district has the data to determine what languages spoken by the population within its service area meet the requirements of paragraph (A).

(C) If more than three languages meet the criteria set forth in subparagraph (A), "applicable languages" shall mean the three languages described in subparagraph (A) that are spoken by the largest percentage of the population.

(D) An eligible legislative body may elect to determine the applicable languages based upon a source other than the most recent American Community Survey if it makes a finding, based upon substantial evidence, that the other source provides equally or more reliable data for the territory over which the eligible legislative body exercises jurisdiction.

(2) "Eligible legislative body" means any of the following:

(A) A city council of a city with a population of 30,000 or more.

(B) A county board of supervisors of a county, or city and county, with a population of 30,000 or more.

(C) A city council of a city located in a county with a population of 600,000 or more.

(D) The board of directors of a special district that has an internet website and meets any of the following conditions:

(i) The boundaries of the special district include the entirety of a county with a population of 600,000 or more, and the special district has over 200 full-time equivalent employees.

(ii) The special district has over 1,000 full-time equivalent employees.

(iii) The special district has annual revenues, based on the most recent Financial Transaction Report data published by the California State Controller, that exceed four hundred million dollars ($400,000,000), adjusted annually for inflation commencing January 1, 2027, as measured by the percentage change in the California Consumer Price Index from January 1 of the prior year to January 1 of the current year, and the special district employs over 200 full-time equivalent employees.

(3) "Two-way audiovisual platform" means an online platform that provides participants with the ability to participate in a meeting via both an interactive video conference and a two-way telephonic service.

(4) "Two-way telephonic service" means a telephone service that does not require internet access and allows participants to dial a telephone number to listen and verbally participate.

(f) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2026.

(g) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2030, and as of that date is repealed.

SEC. 6. Section 54953.5 of the Government Code is amended to read:

54953.5. (a) Any person attending an open and public meeting of a legislative body of a local agency shall have the right to record the proceedings in the absence of a reasonable finding by the legislative body of the local agency that the recording cannot continue without noise, illumination, or obstruction of view that constitutes, or would constitute, a persistent disruption of the proceedings.

(b) Any recording of an open and public meeting made for whatever purpose by or at the direction of the local agency shall be subject to inspection pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Division 10 (commencing with Section 7920.000) of Title 1), but, notwithstanding Section 34090, may be erased or destroyed 30 days after the recording. Any inspection of an audio or video recording shall be provided without charge on equipment made available by the local agency.

SEC. 7. Section 54953.7 of the Government Code is amended to read:

54953.7. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, legislative bodies of local agencies may impose requirements upon themselves which allow greater access to their meetings than prescribed by the minimal standards set forth in this chapter. In addition thereto, an elected legislative body of a local agency may impose those requirements on appointed legislative bodies of the local agency.

SEC. 8. Section 54953.8 is added to the Government Code, to read:

54953.8. (a) The legislative body of a local agency may use teleconferencing as authorized by subdivision (b) of Section 54953 without complying with the requirements of paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 54953 in any of the circumstances described in Sections 54953.8.1 to 54953.8.7, inclusive.

(b) A legislative body that holds a teleconference meeting pursuant to this section shall, in addition to any other applicable requirements of this chapter, comply with all of the following:

(1) The legislative body shall provide at least one of the following as a means by which the public may remotely hear and visually observe the meeting, and remotely address the legislative body:

(A) A two-way audiovisual platform.

(B) A two-way telephonic service and a live webcasting of the meeting.

(2) In each instance in which notice of the time of the teleconference meeting held pursuant to this section is otherwise given or the agenda for the meeting is otherwise posted, the legislative body shall also give notice of the means by which members of the public may access the meeting and offer public comment. The agenda shall identify and include an opportunity for all persons to attend via a call-in option or an internet-based service option.

(3) In the event of a disruption that prevents the legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the

local agency's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1.

(4) The legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and must provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comment in real time.

(5) Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the local legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate.

(6) (A) A legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to paragraph (5), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

(B) A legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to paragraph (5), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.

(C) A legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to paragraph (5), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.

(7) Any member of the legislative body who participates in a teleconference meeting from a remote location pursuant to this section and the specific provision of law that the member relied upon to permit their participation by teleconferencing shall be listed in the minutes of the meeting.

(8) The legislative body shall have and implement a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities, consistent with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12132), and resolving any doubt in favor of accessibility. In each instance in which notice of the time of the meeting is otherwise given or the agenda for the meeting is otherwise posted, the legislative body shall also give notice of the procedure for receiving and resolving requests for accommodation.

(9) The legislative body shall conduct meetings subject to this chapter consistent with applicable civil rights and nondiscrimination laws.

(c) A local agency shall identify and make available to legislative bodies a list of one or more meeting locations that may be available for use by the legislative bodies to conduct their meetings.

(d) (1) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a legislative body from providing the public with additional teleconference locations.

(2) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a legislative body from providing the public with additional physical locations in which the public may observe and address the legislative body by electronic means.

(e) A member of a legislative body who participates in a teleconference meeting from a remote location pursuant to this section shall publicly disclose at the meeting before any action is taken whether any other individuals 18 years of age or older are present in the room at the remote location with the member, and the general nature of the member's relationship with those individuals.

(f) The teleconferencing provisions described in Section 54953 and Sections 54953.8.1 to 54953.8.7, inclusive, are cumulative. A legislative body may elect to use any teleconferencing provisions that are applicable to a meeting, regardless of whether any other teleconferencing provisions would also be applicable to that meeting.

(g) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Remote location" means a location from which a member of a legislative body participates in a meeting pursuant to paragraph (7) of subdivision (b), other than any physical meeting location designated in the notice of the meeting. Remote locations need not be accessible to the public.

(2) "Teleconference" means a meeting of a legislative body, the members of which are in different locations, connected by electronic means, through either audio or video, or both.

(3) "Two-way audiovisual platform" means an online platform that provides participants with the ability to participate in a meeting via both an interactive video conference and a two-way telephonic service. A two-way audiovisual platform may be structured to disable the use of video for the public participants.

(4) "Two-way telephonic service" means a telephone service that does not require internet access and allows participants to dial a telephone number to listen and verbally participate.

(5) "Webcasting" means a streaming video broadcast online or on television, using streaming media technology to distribute a single content source to many simultaneous listeners and viewers.

SEC. 9. Section 54953.8.1 is added to the Government Code, to read:

54953.8.1. (a) A health authority may conduct a teleconference meeting pursuant to Section 54953.8, provided that it complies with the requirements of that section.

(b) Nothing in this section or Section 54953.8 shall be construed as discouraging health authority members from regularly meeting at a common physical site within the jurisdiction of the authority or from using teleconference locations within or near the jurisdiction of the authority.

(c) For purposes of this section, a health authority means any entity created pursuant to Sections 14018.7, 14087.31, 14087.35, 14087.36, 14087.38, and 14087.9605 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, any joint powers authority created pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section

6500) of Chapter 5 of Division 7 for the purpose of contracting pursuant to Section 14087.3 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and any advisory committee to a county-sponsored health plan licensed pursuant to Chapter 2.2 (commencing with Section 1340) of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code if the advisory committee has 12 or more members.

SEC. 10. Section 54953.8.2 is added to the Government Code, to read:

54953.8.2. (a) A legislative body of a local agency may conduct a teleconference meeting pursuant to Section 54953.8 during a proclaimed state of emergency or local emergency, provided that it complies with the requirements of that section and the teleconferencing is used in either of the following circumstances:

(1) For the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

(2) After a determination described in paragraph (1) is made that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

(b) If the state of emergency or local emergency remains active, in order to continue to teleconference pursuant to this section, the legislative body shall, no later than 45 days after teleconferencing for the first time pursuant to this section, and every 45 days thereafter, make the following findings by majority vote:

(1) The legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency or local emergency.

(2) The state of emergency or local emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person.

(c) This section shall not be construed to require the legislative body to provide a physical location from which the public may attend or comment.

(d) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 54953.8, a legislative body conducting a teleconference meeting pursuant to this section may elect to use a two-way telephonic service without a live webcasting of the meeting.

(e) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Local emergency" means a condition of extreme peril to persons or property proclaimed by the governing body of the local agency affected, in accordance with Section 8630 of the California Emergency Services Act (Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 8550) of Division 1 of Title 2), as defined in Section 8680.9, or a local health emergency declared pursuant to Section 101080 of the Health and Safety Code. Local emergency, as used in this section, refers only to local emergencies in the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction.

(2) "State of emergency" means state of emergency proclaimed pursuant to Section 8625 of the California Emergency Services Act (Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 8550) of Division 1 of Title 2).

SEC. 11. Section 54953.8.3 is added to the Government Code, to read:

54953.8.3. (a) A legislative body of a local agency may conduct a teleconference meeting pursuant to Section 54953.8 if, during the

teleconference meeting, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body participates in person from a singular physical location clearly identified on the agenda, which location shall be open to the public and situated within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, provided that the legislative body complies with the requirements of Section 54953.8 and all of the following additional requirements:

(1) A member of the legislative body notifies the legislative body at the earliest opportunity possible, including at the start of a regular meeting, of their need to participate remotely for just cause, including a general description of the circumstances relating to their need to appear remotely at the given meeting.

(2) The member shall participate through both audio and visual technology.

(3) (A) The provisions of this subdivision shall not serve as a means for any member of a legislative body to participate in meetings of the legislative body solely by teleconference from a remote location for just cause for more than the following number of meetings, as applicable:

(i) Two meetings per year, if the legislative body regularly meets once per month or less.

(ii) Five meetings per year, if the legislative body regularly meets twice per month.

(iii) Seven meetings per year, if the legislative body regularly meets three or more times per month.

(B) For the purpose of counting meetings attended by teleconference under this paragraph, a "meeting" shall be defined as any number of meetings of the legislative body of a local agency that begin on the same calendar day.

(b) The minutes for the meeting shall identify the specific provision in subdivision (c) that each member relied upon to participate remotely. This subdivision shall not be construed to require the member to disclose any medical diagnosis or disability, or any personal medical information that is otherwise exempt under existing law, including, but not limited to, the Confidentiality of Medical Information Act (Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 56) of Part 2.6 of Division 1 of the Civil Code).

(c) For purposes of this section, "just cause" means any of the following:

(1) Childcare or caregiving need of a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner that requires them to participate remotely. "Child," "parent," "grandparent," "grandchild," and "sibling" have the same meaning as those terms do in Section 12945.2.

(2) A contagious illness that prevents a member from attending in person.

(3) A need related to a physical or mental condition that is not subject to subdivision (c) of Section 54953.

(4) Travel while on official business of the legislative body or another state or local agency.

(5) An immunocompromised child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner of the member that requires the member to participate remotely.

(6) A physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member from attending in person.

(7) Military service obligations that result in a member being unable to attend in person because they are serving under official written orders for active duty, drill, annual training, or any other duty required as a member of the California National Guard or a United States Military Reserve organization that requires the member to be at least 50 miles outside the boundaries of the local agency.

(d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2030, and as of that date is repealed.

SEC. 12. Section 54953.8.4 is added to the Government Code, to read:

54953.8.4. (a) An eligible neighborhood council may conduct a teleconference meeting pursuant to Section 54953.8, provided that it complies with the requirements of that section and all of the following have occurred:

(1) (A) The city council for a city described in paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) considers whether to adopt a resolution to authorize eligible neighborhood councils to use teleconferencing as described in this section at an open and regular meeting.

(B) If the city council adopts a resolution described in subparagraph (A), an eligible neighborhood council may elect to use teleconferencing pursuant to this section if a majority of the eligible neighborhood council votes to do so. The eligible neighborhood council shall notify the city council if it elects to use teleconferencing pursuant to this section and its justification for doing so.

(C) Upon receiving notification from an eligible neighborhood council described in subparagraph (B), the city council may adopt a resolution to prohibit the eligible neighborhood council from using teleconferencing pursuant to this section.

(2) After completing the requirements of subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1), an eligible neighborhood council that holds a meeting pursuant to this subdivision shall do all of the following:

(A) At least a quorum of the members of the eligible neighborhood council shall participate from locations within the boundaries of the city in which the eligible neighborhood council is established.

(B) At least once per year, at least a quorum of the members of the eligible neighborhood council shall participate in person from a singular physical location that is open to the public and within the boundaries of the eligible neighborhood council.

(3) If the meeting is during regular business hours of the offices of the city council member that represents the area that includes the eligible neighborhood council, the eligible neighborhood council shall provide a publicly accessible physical location from which the public may attend or comment, which shall be the offices of the city council member who

represents the area where the eligible neighborhood council is located, unless the eligible neighborhood council identifies an alternative location.

(4) If the meeting is outside regular business hours, the eligible neighborhood council shall make reasonable efforts to accommodate any member of the public that requests an accommodation to participate in the meeting.

(b) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Accommodation" means providing a publicly accessible physical location for the member of the public to participate from, providing access to technology necessary to participate in the meeting, or identifying locations or resources available that could provide the member of the public with an opportunity to participate in the meeting.

(2) "Eligible neighborhood council" means a neighborhood council that is an advisory body with the purpose to promote more citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs that is established pursuant to the charter of a city with a population of more than 3,000,000 people that is subject to this chapter.

(c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2030, and as of that date is repealed.

SEC. 13. Section 54953.8.5 is added to the Government Code, to read:

54953.8.5. (a) An eligible community college student organization may conduct a teleconference meeting pursuant to Section 54953.8, provided that it complies with the requirements of that section and all of the following additional requirements:

(1) An eligible community college student organization may only use teleconferencing as described in Section 54953.8 after all the following have occurred:

(A) The board of trustees for a community college district considers whether to adopt a resolution to authorize eligible community college student organizations to use teleconferencing as described in this section at an open and regular meeting.

(B) If the board of trustees for a community college district adopts a resolution described in subparagraph (A), an eligible community college student organization may elect to use teleconferencing pursuant to this section if a majority of the eligible community college student organization votes to do so. The eligible community college student organization shall notify the board of trustees if it elects to use teleconferencing pursuant to this section and its justification for doing so.

(C) Upon receiving notification from an eligible community college student organization as described in subparagraph (B), the board of trustees may adopt a resolution to prohibit the eligible community college student organization from using teleconferencing pursuant to this section.

(D) (i) Except as specified in clause (ii), at least a quorum of the members of the eligible community college student organization shall participate from a singular physical location that is accessible to the public and is within the community college district in which the eligible community college student organization is established.

(ii) The requirements described in clause (i) shall not apply to the California Online Community College.

(iii) Notwithstanding the requirements of clause (i), a person may count toward the establishment of a quorum pursuant to clause (i) regardless of whether the person is participating at the in-person location of the meeting or remotely if the person meets any of the following criteria:

(I) The person is under 18 years of age.

(II) The person is incarcerated.

(III) The person is unable to disclose the location that they are participating from because of either of the following circumstances:

(ia) The person has been issued a protective court order, including, but not limited to, a domestic violence restraining order.

(ib) The person is participating in a program that has to remain confidential, including, but not limited to, an independent living program.

(IV) The person provides childcare or caregiving to a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner that requires them to participate remotely. For purposes of this subclause, "child," "parent," "grandparent," "grandchild," and "sibling" have the same meaning as those terms are defined in Section 12945.2.

(2) An eligible community college student organization that holds a meeting by teleconference as described in Section 54953.8 shall do the following, as applicable:

(A) (i) Except as specified in subparagraph (B), if the meeting is during regular business hours of the offices of the board of trustees of the community college district, the eligible community college student organization shall provide a publicly accessible physical location from which the public may attend or comment, which shall be the offices of the board of trustees of the community college district, unless the eligible community college student organization identifies an alternative location.

(ii) Except as specified in subparagraph (B), if the meeting is outside regular business hours, the eligible community college student organization shall make reasonable efforts to accommodate any member of the public that requests an accommodation to participate in the meeting. For the purposes of this subparagraph, "accommodation" means providing a publicly accessible physical location for the member of the public to participate from, providing access to technology necessary to participate in the meeting, or identifying locations or resources available that could provide the member of the public with an opportunity to participate in the meeting.

(B) The requirements described in subparagraph (A) shall not apply to the California Online Community College.

(b) For purposes of this section, "eligible community college student organization" means a student body association organized pursuant to Section 76060 of the Education Code, or any other student-run community college organization that is required to comply with the meeting requirements of this chapter, that is in any community college recognized within the California Community Colleges system and includes the Student Senate for California Community Colleges.

(c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2030, and as of that date is repealed.

SEC. 14. Section 54953.8.6 is added to the Government Code, to read:

54953.8.6. (a) An eligible subsidiary body may conduct a teleconference meeting pursuant to Section 54953.8, provided that it complies with the requirements of that section and all of the following additional requirements:

(1) The eligible subsidiary body shall designate one physical meeting location within the boundaries of the legislative body that created the eligible subsidiary body where members of the subsidiary body who are not participating remotely shall be present and members of the public may physically attend, observe, hear, and participate in the meeting. At least one staff member of the eligible subsidiary body or the legislative body that created the eligible subsidiary body shall be present at the physical meeting location during the meeting. The eligible subsidiary body shall post the agenda at the physical meeting location, but need not post the agenda at a remote location.

(2) (A) A member of the eligible subsidiary body shall visibly appear on camera during the open portion of a meeting that is publicly accessible via the internet or other online platform, except if the member has a physical or mental condition not subject to subdivision (c) of Section 54953 that results in a need to participate off camera.

(B) The visual appearance of a member of the eligible subsidiary body on camera may cease only when the appearance would be technologically infeasible, including, but not limited to, when the member experiences a lack of reliable broadband or internet connectivity that would be remedied by joining without video.

(C) If a member of the eligible subsidiary body does not appear on camera due to challenges with internet connectivity, the member shall announce the reason for their nonappearance prior to turning off their camera.

(3) An elected official serving as a member of an eligible subsidiary body in their official capacity shall not participate in a meeting of the eligible subsidiary body by teleconferencing pursuant to this section unless the use of teleconferencing complies with the requirements of paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 54953.

(4) (A) In order to use teleconferencing pursuant to this section, the legislative body that established the eligible subsidiary body by charter, ordinance, resolution, or other formal action shall make the following findings by majority vote before the eligible subsidiary body uses teleconferencing pursuant to this section for the first time, and every six months thereafter:

(i) The legislative body has considered the circumstances of the eligible subsidiary body.

(ii) Teleconference meetings of the eligible subsidiary body would enhance public access to meetings of the eligible subsidiary body, and the public has been made aware of the type of remote participation, including audio-visual or telephonic, that will be made available at a regularly scheduled meeting and has been provided the opportunity to comment at

an in-person meeting of the legislative body authorizing the subsidiary body to meet entirely remotely.

(iii) Teleconference meetings of the eligible subsidiary body would promote the attraction, retention, and diversity of eligible subsidiary body members.

(B) (i) An eligible subsidiary body authorized to use teleconferencing pursuant to this section may request to present any recommendations it develops to the legislative body that created it.

(ii) Upon receiving a request described in clause (i), the legislative body that created the subsidiary body shall hold a discussion at a regular meeting held within 60 days after the legislative body receives the request, or if the legislative body does not have another regular meeting scheduled within 60 days after the legislative body receives the request, at the next regular meeting after the request is received.

(iii) The discussion required by clause (ii) shall not be placed on a consent calendar, but may be combined with the legislative body's subsequent consideration of the findings described in subparagraph (A) for the following 12 months.

(iv) The legislative body shall not take any action on any recommendations included in the report of a subsidiary body until the next regular meeting of the legislative body following the discussion described in clause (ii).

(C) After the legislative body makes the findings described in subparagraph (A), the eligible subsidiary body shall approve the use of teleconferencing by majority vote before using teleconference pursuant to this section.

(D) The legislative body that created the eligible subsidiary body may elect to prohibit the eligible subsidiary body from using teleconferencing pursuant to this section at any time.

(b) (1) For purposes of this section, "eligible subsidiary body" means a legislative body that meets all of the following:

(A) Is described in subdivision (b) of Section 54952.

(B) Serves exclusively in an advisory capacity.

(C) Is not authorized to take final action on legislation, regulations, contracts, licenses, permits, or any other entitlements, grants, or allocations of funds.

(D) Does not have primary subject matter jurisdiction, as defined by the charter, an ordinance, a resolution, or any formal action of the legislative body that created the subsidiary body, that focuses on elections, budgets, police oversight, privacy, removing from, or restricting access to, materials available in public libraries, or taxes or related spending proposals.

(2) An eligible subsidiary body may include members who are elected officials, members who are not elected officials, or any combination thereof.

(c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2030, and as of that date is repealed.

SEC. 15. Section 54953.8.7 is added to the Government Code, to read:

54953.8.7. (a) An eligible multijurisdictional body may conduct a teleconference meeting pursuant to Section 54953.8, provided that it complies with the requirements of that section and all of the following additional requirements:

(1) The eligible multijurisdictional body has adopted a resolution that authorizes the eligible multijurisdictional body to use teleconferencing pursuant to this section at a regular meeting in open session.

(2) At least a quorum of the members of the eligible multijurisdictional body shall participate from one or more physical locations that are open to the public and within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction.

(3) A member of the eligible multijurisdictional body who receives compensation for their service on the eligible multijurisdictional body shall participate from a physical location that is open to the public. For purposes of this paragraph, "compensation" does not include reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses.

(4) A member of the eligible multijurisdictional body may participate from a remote location provided that:

(A) The eligible multijurisdictional body identifies each member of the eligible multijurisdictional body who plans to participate remotely in the agenda.

(B) The member shall participate through both audio and visual technology.

(5) A member of the eligible multijurisdictional body shall not participate in a meeting remotely pursuant to this section, unless the location from which the member participates is more than 20 miles each way from any physical location of the meeting described in paragraph (2).

(6) The provisions of this section shall not serve as a means for any member of a legislative body to participate in meetings of the legislative body solely by teleconference from a remote location for more than the following number of meetings, as applicable:

(A) Two meetings per year, if the legislative body regularly meets once per month or less.

(B) Five meetings per year, if the legislative body regularly meets twice per month.

(C) Seven meetings per year, if the legislative body regularly meets three or more times per month.

(D) For the purpose of counting meetings attended by teleconference under this paragraph, a "meeting" shall be defined as any number of meetings of the legislative body of a local agency that begin on the same calendar day.

(b) For the purposes of this section, both of the following definitions apply:

(1) "Eligible multijurisdictional body" means a multijurisdictional board, commission, or advisory body of a multijurisdictional, cross-county agency, the membership of which board, commission, or advisory body is appointed,

and the board, commission, or advisory body is otherwise subject to this chapter.

(2) "Multijurisdictional" means either of the following:

(A) A legislative body that includes representatives from more than one county, city, city and county, or special district.

(B) A legislative body of a joint powers entity formed pursuant to an agreement entered into in accordance with Article 1 (commencing with Section 6500) of Chapter 5 of Division 7 of Title 1.

(c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2030, and as of that date is repealed.

SEC. 16. Section 54954.2 of the Government Code, as amended by Section 92 of Chapter 131 of the Statutes of 2023, is amended to read:

54954.2. (a) (1) At least 72 hours before a regular meeting, the legislative body of the local agency, or its designee, shall post an agenda that meets all of the following requirements:

(A) The agenda shall contain a brief general description of each item of business to be transacted or discussed at the meeting, including items to be discussed in closed session. A brief general description of an item generally need not exceed 20 words.

(B) The agenda shall specify the time and location of the regular meeting and shall be posted in a location that is freely accessible to members of the public and on the local agency's internet website, if the local agency has one.

(C) (i) If requested, the agenda shall be made available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with a disability, as required by Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12132), and the federal rules and regulations adopted in implementation thereof.

(ii) The agenda shall include information regarding how, to whom, and when a request for disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, may be made by a person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting.

(2) For a meeting occurring on and after January 1, 2019, of a legislative body of a city, county, city and county, special district, school district, or political subdivision established by the state that has an internet website, the following provisions shall apply:

(A) An online posting of an agenda shall be posted on the primary internet website home page of a city, county, city and county, special district, school district, or political subdivision established by the state that is accessible through a prominent, direct link to the current agenda. The direct link to the agenda shall not be in a contextual menu; however, a link in addition to the direct link to the agenda may be accessible through a contextual menu.

(B) An online posting of an agenda, including, but not limited to, an agenda posted in an integrated agenda management platform, shall be posted in an open format that meets all of the following requirements:

(i) Retrievable, downloadable, indexable, and electronically searchable by commonly used internet search applications.

(ii) Platform independent and machine readable.

(iii) Available to the public free of charge and without any restriction that would impede the reuse or redistribution of the agenda.

(C) A legislative body of a city, county, city and county, special district, school district, or political subdivision established by the state that has an internet website and an integrated agenda management platform shall not be required to comply with subparagraph (A) if all of the following are met:

(i) A direct link to the integrated agenda management platform shall be posted on the primary internet website home page of a city, county, city and county, special district, school district, or political subdivision established by the state. The direct link to the integrated agenda management platform shall not be in a contextual menu. When a person clicks on the direct link to the integrated agenda management platform, the direct link shall take the person directly to an internet website with the agendas of the legislative body of a city, county, city and county, special district, school district, or political subdivision established by the state.

(ii) The integrated agenda management platform may contain the prior agendas of a legislative body of a city, county, city and county, special district, school district, or political subdivision established by the state for all meetings occurring on or after January 1, 2019.

(iii) The current agenda of the legislative body of a city, county, city and county, special district, school district, or political subdivision established by the state shall be the first agenda available at the top of the integrated agenda management platform.

(iv) All agendas posted in the integrated agenda management platform shall comply with the requirements in clauses (i), (ii), and (iii) of subparagraph (B).

(D) The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to a political subdivision of a local agency that was established by the legislative body of the city, county, city and county, special district, school district, or political subdivision established by the state.

(E) For purposes of this paragraph, both of the following definitions apply:

(1) “Integrated agenda management platform” means an internet website of a city, county, city and county, special district, school district, or political subdivision established by the state dedicated to providing the entirety of the agenda information for the legislative body of the city, county, city and county, special district, school district, or political subdivision established by the state to the public.

(2) “Legislative body” means a legislative body that meets the definition of subdivision (a) of Section 54952.

(3) No action or discussion shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that members of a legislative body or its staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights under Section 54954.3. In addition, on their own initiative or in response to questions posed by the public, a member of a legislative body or its staff may ask a question for clarification,

make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on their own activities. Furthermore, a member of a legislative body, or the body itself, subject to rules or procedures of the legislative body, may provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the legislative body may take action on items of business not appearing on the posted agenda under any of the conditions stated below. Prior to discussing any item pursuant to this subdivision, the legislative body shall publicly identify the item.

(1) Upon a determination by a majority vote of the legislative body that an emergency situation exists, as defined in Section 54956.5.

(2) Upon a determination by a two-thirds vote of the members of the legislative body present at the meeting, or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present, that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the local agency subsequent to the agenda being posted as specified in subdivision (a).

(3) The item was posted pursuant to subdivision (a) for a prior meeting of the legislative body occurring not more than five calendar days prior to the date action is taken on the item, and at the prior meeting the item was continued to the meeting at which action is being taken.

(c) This section is necessary to implement and reasonably within the scope of paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 3 of Article I of the California Constitution.

(d) For purposes of subdivision (a), the requirement that the agenda be posted on the local agency's internet website, if the local agency has one, shall only apply to a legislative body that meets either of the following standards:

(1) A legislative body as that term is defined by subdivision (a) of Section 54952.

(2) A legislative body as that term is defined by subdivision (b) of Section 54952, if the members of the legislative body are compensated for their appearance, and if one or more of the members of the legislative body are also members of a legislative body as that term is defined by subdivision (a) of Section 54952.

SEC. 17. Section 54954.3 of the Government Code is amended to read:

54954.3. (a) (1) Every agenda for regular meetings shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the legislative body on any item of interest to the public, before or during the legislative body's consideration of the item, that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body, provided that no action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda unless the action is otherwise authorized by subdivision (b) of Section 54954.2.

(2) (A) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the agenda need not provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the legislative body on any item that has already been considered by a committee, composed

exclusively of members of the legislative body, at a public meeting wherein all interested members of the public were afforded the opportunity to address the committee on the item, before or during the committee's consideration of the item.

(B) Subparagraph (A) shall not apply if any of the following conditions are met:

(i) The item has been substantially changed since the committee heard the item, as determined by the legislative body.

(ii) When considering the item, a quorum of the committee members did not participate from a singular physical location, that was clearly identified on the agenda, open to the public, and situated within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction.

(iii) The committee has primary subject matter jurisdiction, as defined by the charter, an ordinance, a resolution, or any formal action of the legislative body that created the subsidiary body, that focuses on elections, budgets, police oversight, privacy, removing from, or restricting access to, materials available in public libraries, or taxes or related spending proposals. This clause shall not apply to an item if the local agency has adopted a law applicable to the meeting of the committee at which the item that was considered prohibits the committee from placing a limit on the total amount of time for public comment on the item.

(3) Every notice for a special meeting shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the legislative body concerning any item that has been described in the notice for the meeting before or during consideration of that item.

(b) (1) The legislative body of a local agency may adopt reasonable regulations to ensure that the intent of subdivision (a) is carried out, including, but not limited to, regulations limiting the total amount of time allocated for public testimony on particular issues and for each individual speaker.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), when the legislative body of a local agency limits time for public comment, the legislative body of a local agency shall provide at least twice the allotted time to a member of the public who utilizes a translator to ensure that non-English speakers receive the same opportunity to directly address the legislative body of a local agency.

(3) Paragraph (2) shall not apply if the legislative body of a local agency utilizes simultaneous translation equipment in a manner that allows the legislative body of a local agency to hear the translated public testimony simultaneously.

(c) The legislative body of a local agency shall not prohibit public criticism of the policies, procedures, programs, or services of the agency, or of the acts or omissions of the legislative body. Nothing in this subdivision shall confer any privilege or protection for expression beyond that otherwise provided by law.

SEC. 18. Section 54956 of the Government Code is amended to read:

54956. (a) (1) A special meeting may be called at any time by the presiding officer of the legislative body of a local agency, or by a majority

of the members of the legislative body, by delivering written notice to each member of the legislative body and to each local newspaper of general circulation and radio or television station requesting notice in writing and posting a notice on the local agency's internet website, if the local agency has one. The notice shall be delivered personally or by any other means and shall be received at least 24 hours before the time of the meeting as specified in the notice. The call and notice shall specify the time and place of the special meeting and the business to be transacted or discussed. No other business shall be considered at these meetings by the legislative body. The written notice may be dispensed with as to any member who at or prior to the time the meeting convenes files with the clerk or secretary of the legislative body a written waiver of notice. The waiver may be given by telephone or electronic mail. The written notice may also be dispensed with as to any member who is actually present at the meeting at the time it convenes.

(2) The call and notice shall be posted at least 24 hours prior to the special meeting in a location that is freely accessible to members of the public.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, a legislative body shall not call a special meeting regarding the salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits, of the legislative body or of a local agency executive, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 3511.1. However, this subdivision does not apply to a local agency calling a special meeting to discuss the local agency's budget.

SEC. 19. Section 54956.5 of the Government Code is amended to read:

54956.5. (a) For purposes of this section, "emergency situation" means both of the following:

(1) An emergency, which shall be defined as a work stoppage, crippling activity, or other activity that severely impairs public health, safety, or both, as determined by a majority of the members of the legislative body.

(2) A dire emergency, which shall be defined as a crippling disaster, mass destruction, terrorist act, or threatened terrorist activity that poses peril so immediate and significant that requiring a legislative body to provide one-hour notice before holding an emergency meeting under this section may endanger the public health, safety, or both, as determined by a majority of the members of the legislative body.

(b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2), in the case of an emergency situation involving matters upon which prompt action is necessary due to the disruption or threatened disruption of public facilities, a legislative body may hold an emergency meeting without complying with either the 24-hour notice requirement or the 24-hour posting requirement of Section 54956 or both of the notice and posting requirements.

(2) Each local newspaper of general circulation and radio or television station that has requested notice of special meetings pursuant to Section 54956 shall be notified by the presiding officer of the legislative body, or designee thereof, one hour prior to the emergency meeting, or, in the case of a dire emergency, at or near the time that the presiding officer or designee notifies the members of the legislative body of the emergency meeting.

(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the notice required by this paragraph shall be given by telephone and all telephone numbers provided in the most recent request of a newspaper or station for notification of special meetings shall be exhausted. In the event that telephone services are not functioning, the notice requirements of this paragraph shall be deemed waived, and the legislative body, or designee of the legislative body, shall notify those newspapers, radio stations, or television stations of the fact of the holding of the emergency meeting, the purpose of the meeting, and any action taken at the meeting as soon after the meeting as possible.

(B) For an emergency meeting held pursuant to this section, the presiding officer of the legislative body, or designee thereof, may send the notifications required by this paragraph by email instead of by telephone, as provided in subparagraph (A), to all local newspapers of general circulation, and radio or television stations, that have requested those notifications by email, and all email addresses provided by representatives of those newspapers or stations shall be exhausted. In the event that internet services and telephone services are not functioning, the notice requirements of this paragraph shall be deemed waived, and the legislative body, or designee of the legislative body, shall notify those newspapers, radio stations, or television stations of the fact of the holding of the emergency meeting, the purpose of the meeting, and any action taken at the meeting as soon after the meeting as possible.

(c) During a meeting held pursuant to this section, the legislative body may meet in closed session pursuant to Section 54957 if agreed to by a two-thirds vote of the members of the legislative body present, or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, by a unanimous vote of the members present.

(d) All special meeting requirements, as prescribed in Section 54956 shall be applicable to a meeting called pursuant to this section, with the exception of the 24-hour notice requirement.

(e) The minutes of a meeting called pursuant to this section, a list of persons who the presiding officer of the legislative body, or designee of the legislative body, notified or attempted to notify, a copy of the rollcall vote, and any actions taken at the meeting shall be posted for a minimum of 10 days in a public place as soon after the meeting as possible.

SEC. 20. Section 54957.6 of the Government Code is amended to read:

54957.6. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a legislative body of a local agency may hold closed sessions with the local agency's designated representatives regarding the salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of its represented and unrepresented employees, and, for represented employees, any other matter within the statutorily provided scope of representation, subject to all of the following conditions:

(1) Prior to the closed session, the legislative body of the local agency shall hold an open and public session in which it identifies its designated representatives.

(2) The closed session shall be for the purpose of reviewing its position and instructing the local agency's designated representatives.

(3) The closed session may take place prior to and during consultations and discussions with representatives of employee organizations and unrepresented employees.

(4) Any closed session with the local agency's designated representative regarding the salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits may include discussion of an agency's available funds and funding priorities, but only insofar as these discussions relate to providing instructions to the local agency's designated representative.

(5) The closed session shall not include final action on the proposed compensation of one or more unrepresented employees.

(6) For the purposes enumerated in this section, a legislative body of a local agency may also meet with a state conciliator who has intervened in the proceedings.

(b) For the purposes of this section, the term "employee" shall include an officer or an independent contractor who functions as an officer or an employee, but shall not include any elected official, member of a legislative body, or other independent contractors.

SEC. 21. Section 54957.9 of the Government Code is amended to read:

54957.9. In the event that any meeting is willfully interrupted by a group or groups of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of the meeting unfeasible and order cannot be restored by the removal of individuals who are willfully interrupting the meeting, the members of the legislative body conducting the meeting may order the meeting room cleared and continue in session. Only matters appearing on the agenda may be considered in such a session. Representatives of the press or other news media, except those participating in the disturbance, shall be allowed to attend any session held pursuant to this section. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the legislative body from establishing a procedure for readmitting an individual or individuals not responsible for willfully disturbing the orderly conduct of the meeting.

SEC. 22. Section 54957.95 of the Government Code is amended to read:

54957.95. (a) (1) In addition to authority exercised pursuant to Sections 54954.3 and 54957.9, the presiding member of the legislative body conducting a meeting or their designee may remove, or cause the removal of, an individual for disrupting the meeting, including any teleconferenced meeting.

(2) Prior to removing an individual, the presiding member or their designee shall warn the individual that their behavior is disrupting the meeting and that their failure to cease their behavior may result in their removal. The presiding member or their designee may then remove the individual if they do not promptly cease their disruptive behavior. This paragraph does not apply to any behavior described in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (b).

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Disrupting" means engaging in behavior during a meeting of a legislative body that actually disrupts, disturbs, impedes, or renders infeasible

the orderly conduct of the meeting and includes, but is not limited to, one of the following:

(A) A failure to comply with reasonable and lawful regulations adopted by a legislative body pursuant to Section 54954.3 or any other law.

(B) Engaging in behavior that constitutes use of force or a true threat of force.

(2) "True threat of force" means a threat that has sufficient indicia of intent and seriousness, that a reasonable observer would perceive it to be an actual threat to use force by the person making the threat.

SEC. 23. Section 54957.96 is added to the Government Code, to read:

54957.96. (a) The existing authority of a legislative body or its presiding officer to remove or limit participation by persons who engage in behavior that actually disrupts, disturbs, impedes, or renders infeasible the orderly conduct of the meeting, including existing limitations upon that authority, shall apply to members of the public participating in a meeting via a two-way telephonic service or a two-way audiovisual platform.

(b) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Two-way audiovisual platform" means an online platform that provides participants with the ability to participate in a meeting via both an interactive video conference and a two-way telephonic service. A two-way audiovisual platform may be structured to disable the use of video for the public participants.

(2) "Two-way telephonic service" means a telephone service that does not require internet access and allows participants to dial a telephone number to listen and verbally participate.

SEC. 24. The Legislature finds and declares that Section 4 of this act, which amends Section 54953 of, Section 5 of this act, which adds Section 54953.4 to, Sections 8 to 15, inclusive, of this act, which add Sections 54953.8 to 54953.8.7, respectively, to, Section 19 of this act, which amends Section 54956.5 of, Section 22 of this act, which amends Section 54957.95 of, and Section 23 of this act, which adds Section 54957.96 to, the Government Code, impose a limitation on the public's right of access to the meetings of public bodies or the writings of public officials and agencies within the meaning of Section 3 of Article I of the California Constitution. Pursuant to that constitutional provision, the Legislature makes the following findings to demonstrate the interest protected by this limitation and the need for protecting that interest:

(a) This act is necessary to provide opportunities for public participation in meetings of specified public agencies and to promote the recruitment and retention of members of those agencies.

(b) This act is necessary to ensure minimum standards for public participation and notice requirements allowing for greater public participation in meetings.

(c) This act is necessary to modernize the Ralph M. Brown Act to reflect recent technological changes that can promote greater public access to local officials.

(d) The exclusively virtual nature of the California Online Community College presents unique barriers to the requirements for an in-person quorum, a physical location for public participation, and certain accommodations. Participating students of the online community college come from all across the state and necessitating travel for these requirements would pose a significant and exclusionary barrier.

SEC. 25. The Legislature finds and declares that Sections 1 and 2 of this act, which amend and repeal Section 54952.2, respectively, of, Section 3 of this act, which amends Section 54952.7 of, Section 4 of this act, which amends Section 54953 of, Section 5 of this act, which adds Section 54953.4 to, Section 6 of this act, which amends Section 54953.5 of, Section 7 of this act, which amends Section 54953.7 of, Sections 8 to 15, inclusive, of this act, which add Sections 54953.8 to 54953.8.7, respectively, to, Section 16 of this act, which amends Section 54954.2 of, Section 17 of this act, which amends Section 54954.3 of, Section 18 of this act, which amends Section 54956 of, Section 19 of this act, which amends Section 54956.5 of, Section 20 of this act, which amends Section 54957.6 of, Section 21 of this act, which amends Section 54957.9 of, Section 22 of this act, which amends Section 54957.95 of, and Section 23 of this act, which adds Section 54957.96 to, the Government Code, further, within the meaning of paragraph (7) of subdivision (b) of Section 3 of Article I of the California Constitution, the purposes of that constitutional section as it relates to the right of public access to the meetings of local public bodies or the writings of local public officials and local agencies. Pursuant to paragraph (7) of subdivision (b) of Section 3 of Article I of the California Constitution, the Legislature makes the following findings:

(a) This act is necessary to provide opportunities for public participation in meetings of specified public agencies and to promote the recruitment and retention of members of those agencies.

(b) This act is necessary to ensure minimum standards for public participation and notice requirements allowing for greater public participation in meetings.

(c) This act is necessary to modernize the Ralph M. Brown Act to reflect recent technological changes that can promote greater public access to local officials.

(d) The exclusively virtual nature of the California Online Community College presents unique barriers to the requirements for an in-person quorum, a physical location for public participation, and certain accommodations. Participating students of the online community college come from all across the state and necessitating travel for these requirements would pose a significant and exclusionary barrier.

SEC. 26. The Legislature finds and declares that adequate public access to meetings is a matter of statewide concern and is not a municipal affair as that term is used in Section 5 of Article XI of the California Constitution. Therefore, this bill would apply to all cities, including charter cities.

SEC. 27. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs

that may be incurred by a local agency or school district under this act would result from a legislative mandate that is within the scope of paragraph (7) of subdivision (b) of Section 3 of Article I of the California Constitution.

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Agenda Item: 10

Board Meeting Date: November 18, 2026
Prepared By: Lesley Dobalian
Approved By: Brett Hodgkiss

SUBJECT: POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the General Manager to enter into a five-year power purchase agreement with Direct Energy for the purchase of electrical power, delivered by San Diego Gas & Electric, to the District's electrical power meters.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: The Board authorized a similar power purchase agreement with Strategic Energy, LLC in 2001 and with Direct Energy in 2013, 2016, and 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT: The anticipated commodity price for electrical power under the proposed agreement will be fixed during the period of the agreement and is expected to range between $0.045 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) and $0.052 per kWh, depending on market forces and the length of the agreement (one to five years). During the last five-year agreement with Direct Energy, the District paid a fixed commodity price of $0.05022 per kWh for 60 months.

SUMMARY: Power prices are volatile, and power providers are typically only able to honor quoted rates for long-term power purchase agreements for a 24-hour period. The following power contract quotes, valid as of November 9, 2026, are provided for illustrative purposes. Final pricing will be provided at the Board meeting on November 18, 2026.

Direct Energy Fixed Power Pricing – Cost per kWh

Length of Agreement	11/09/2026
12-month	$0.04538
24-month	$0.04840
36-month	$0.04976
48-month	$0.05087
60-month	$0.05183

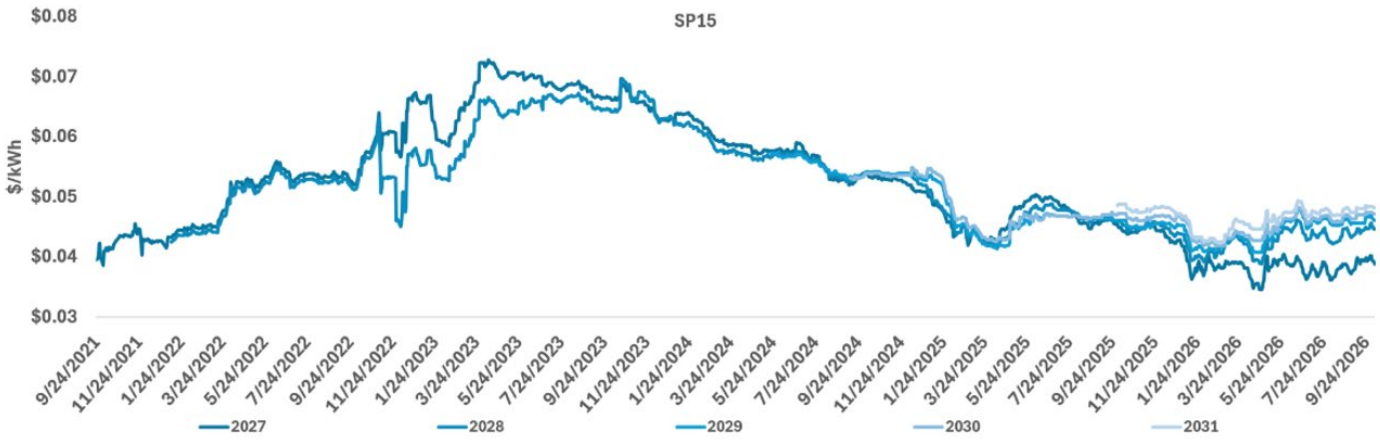
DETAILED REPORT: San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) customers receive bundled services with both power generation and delivery provided by SDG&E or unbundled services with electricity generation provided by a third-party. As a "Direct Access" customer, the District receives unbundled services which separates electrical power costs into two components: 1) the cost of scheduling, delivering and metering electrical power for which the District pays to SDG&E; and 2) the cost of producing the electrical power itself which the District contracts with a third-party power provider, Direct Energy. In addition, the District has entered into a contract with CleanCapital to purchase solar power generated at the District headquarters.

The following table shows the unit cost of power purchased from Direct Energy, SDG&E, and CleanCapital.

Power Provider	**Cost per kWh** (as of November 9, 2026)
Direct Energy	$0.04538 to $0.05183 (depending on term)
SDG&E	$0.08772 to $0.20247 (depending on rate type/time-of-use)
CleanCapital	$0.210326

Wholesale power market pricing has been volatile since the District's contract with Direct Energy was executed in 2021. The chart shows trends in southern California wholesale pricing based on South Path 15 (SP15), the primary benchmark for wholesale electricity in southern California. Wholesale power market prices increased significantly through 2023 and then declined through 2026. Current market pricing remains low with small differences expected in wholesale power costs between 2027 and 2031. Therefore, staff recommends entering into a five-year power purchase agreement with Direct Energy to lock in the purchase price of electrical power delivered by SDG&E.

Southern California Wholesale Power Market Pricing Trends (SP15)



Source: NRG Energy analysis based on SP15 wholesale power market data.

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Agenda Item: 11

Board Meeting Date:	**November 18, 2026**
Prepared By:	**Ramae Ogilvie**
Approved By:	**Brett Hodgkiss**

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION HONORING DIRECTOR FRANK NUÑEZ

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-XX honoring Director Frank Nuñez for his service on the Vista Irrigation District Board of Directors since April 21, 2025.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: None.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

SUMMARY: Director Nuñez has served as Director of Division 2 since he was appointed to fill a vacancy by the Board on April 21, 2025; his term will end on December 4, 2026. During Director Nuñez's term, the District accomplished many activities; it conducted a comprehensive cost of service/water rate study; moved forward with the environmental, engineering and design services for the Vista Flume Pipeline Replacement project; completed the Deodar Reservoir Rehabilitation project for which the District received the Outstanding Seismic Retrofit Project award from the American Society of Civil Engineers San Diego Section and Project of the Year Award in Structures $2 million to $5 million from the American Public Works Association San Diego and Imperial Counties Chapter; continued efforts to mitigate harmful algal blooms in Lake Henshaw; published Triennial Health Goal Report in 2025; updated its Emergency Response Plan in compliance with the America's Water Infrastructure Act; and adopted the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Supply Response Program.

During Director Nuñez's tenure, the District received significant honors such as the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association, the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) President's Special Recognition Workers' Compensation and Property program awards; and the District was a recipient of a Wellness grant from ACWA JPIA.

During his 19 months on the Board, Director Nuñez was a member of both the Water Sustainability and the Public Affairs Committees, serving as chair on the Water Sustainability Committee in 2026. He also served on the ACWA Agriculture Committee. As recognition of Director Nuñez's service to the District and its customers, the attached resolution is presented for the Board's consideration.

ATTACHMENT: Draft resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-XX

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
HONORING DIRECTOR FRANK NUÑEZ

WHEREAS, Frank Nuñez has served as Director of Division 2 from April 21, 2025 with his current term ending on December 4, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Director Nuñez has conscientiously and ably served as a member of the Board during that period; and

WHEREAS, during his term, the District accomplished many activities; it conducted a comprehensive cost of service/water rate study and moved forward with the environmental, engineering and design services for the Vista Flume Pipeline Replacement project; continued efforts to mitigate harmful algal blooms in Lake Henshaw; published the Triennial Health Goal Report in 2025; updated its Emergency Response Plan in compliance with the America's Water Infrastructure Act; and adopted the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Supply Response Program; and

WHEREAS, during Director Nuñez's tenure, the District completed the award-winning Deodar Reservoir Rehabilitation project; and

WHEREAS, during his time on the Board, the District received significant honors such as the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association, the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) President's Special Recognition Workers' Compensation and Property program awards; the District was also a recipient of Wellness grant from ACWA JPIA; and

WHEREAS, during Director Nuñez's term, he was a member of both the Water Sustainability and the Public Affairs Committees, serving as chair of the Water Sustainability Committee in 2026, and served on the ACWA Agriculture Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors and staff of the Vista Irrigation District do hereby express to Frank Nuñez their appreciation for his accomplishments and outstanding efforts for the benefit of all the people of the Vista Irrigation District during his tenure as a Board member.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following roll call vote of the Board of Directors for the Vista Irrigation District this 18th day of November 2026.

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

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Marty Miller, President

ATTEST:

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Ramae Ogilvie, Secretary
Board of Directors
Vista Irrigation District

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Agenda Item: 12

Board Meeting Date:	**November 18, 2026**
Prepared By:	**Ramae Ogilvie**
Approved By:	**Brett Hodgkiss**

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION HONORING DIRECTOR PETER KUCHINSKY II

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-XX honoring Director Peter Kuchinsky II for his service on the Vista Irrigation District Board of Directors since June 1, 2022.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: None.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

SUMMARY: Director Kuchinsky has served as Director of Division 3 since he was appointed to fill a vacancy by the Board on June 1, 2022; his term will end on December 4, 2026. During his term, the District accomplished many activities; it prepared a Harmful Algal Bloom Management and Mitigation Plan and comprehensive cost of service/water rate study; completed the Vista Flume Replacement Alignment Study; published Triennial Health Goal Reports in 2022 and 2025; celebrated its 100th anniversary; finalized its Risk and Resilience Assessment and updated its Emergency Response Plan in compliance with the America's Water Infrastructure Act, and adopted the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Supply Response Program, and successfully negotiated new three-year agreements with all District employee groups.

The District also completed several infrastructure projects, including the Edgehill Reservoir Replacement and Pump Station project, Deodar Reservoir Rehabilitation project for which the District received the Outstanding Seismic Retrofit Project award from the American Society of Civil Engineers San Diego Section and Project of the Year Award in Structures $2 million to $5 million from the American Public Works Association San Diego and Imperial Counties Chapter, and Twin Stands replacement project on Borden Bench section of the Vista Flume, while Director Kuchinsky served on the Board.

During Director Kuchinsky's tenure, the District received significant honors such as the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association, the District of Distinction Accreditation at the Platinum Level and the Transparency Certificate of Excellence, both from Special District Leadership Foundation, and the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) President's Special Recognition Workers' Compensation and Property program awards. The District was also a recipient of Wellness and Risk Control grants from ACWA JPIA and Future Supply Actions program funding for the Lake Henshaw Oxygenation Pilot Study from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

During his four plus years on the Board, Director Kuchinsky was a member of both the Water Sustainability and the Public Affairs Committees, serving as chair of both. He also served on the ACWA JPIA Liability Program Committee and ACWA Business Development Committee. As recognition of Director Kuchinsky's service to the District and its customers, the attached resolution is presented for the Board's consideration.

ATTACHMENT: Draft resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-XX

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
HONORING DIRECTOR PETER KUCHINSKY II

WHEREAS, Peter Kuchinsky II has served as Director of Division 3 from June 1, 2022 with his current term ending on December 4, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Director Kuchinsky has conscientiously and ably served as a member of the Board during that period; and

WHEREAS, during his term, the District accomplished many activities; it prepared a Harmful Algal Bloom Management and Mitigation Plan and comprehensive cost of service/water rate study; completed the Vista Flume Replacement Alignment Study; published Triennial Health Goal Reports in 2022 and 2025; celebrated its 100th anniversary; finalized its Risk and Resilience Assessment and updated its Emergency Response Plan in compliance with the America's Water Infrastructure Act, adopted the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Supply Response Program, and successfully negotiated new three-year agreements with all District employee groups; and

WHEREAS, during Director Kuchinsky's tenure, the District completed several infrastructure projects, including the Edgehill Reservoir Replacement and Pump Station project, the award-winning Deodar Reservoir Rehabilitation project and Twin Stands replacement project on Borden Bench section of the Vista Flume; and

WHEREAS, during his time on the Board, the District received significant honors such as the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association, the District of Distinction Accreditation at the Platinum Level and the Transparency Certificate of Excellence, both from Special District Leadership Foundation, and the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) President's Special Recognition Workers' Compensation and Property program awards; the District was also a recipient of Wellness and Risk Control grants from ACWA JPIA and Future Supply Actions program funding for the Lake Henshaw Oxygenation Pilot Study from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; and

WHEREAS, during Director Kuchinsky's term, he was a member of both the Water Sustainability and the Public Affairs Committees, serving as chair of both, and served on the ACWA JPIA Liability Program Committee and ACWA Business Development Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors and staff of the Vista Irrigation District do hereby express to Peter Kuchinsky II their appreciation for his accomplishments and outstanding efforts for the benefit of all the people of the Vista Irrigation District during his tenure as a Board member.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following roll call vote of the Board of Directors for the Vista Irrigation District this 18th day of November 2026.

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

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Marty Miller, President

ATTEST:

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Ramae Ogilvie, Secretary
Board of Directors
Vista Irrigation District

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Agenda Item: 13

Board Meeting Date: **November 18, 2026**
Prepared By: **Brett Hodgkiss**

SUBJECT: MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

SUMMARY: Informational report by staff and directors concerning the San Diego County Water Authority. No action will be required.

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Agenda Item: 14.A

Board Meeting Date: **November 18, 2026**
Prepared By: **Ramae Ogilvie**

SUBJECT: REPORTS ON MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED BY DIRECTORS

SUMMARY: Directors will present brief reports on meetings and events attended since the last Board meeting.

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Agenda Item: 14.B

Board Meeting Date: November 18, 2026
Prepared By: Ramae Ogilvie
Approved By: Brett Hodgkiss

SUBJECT: SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

SUMMARY: The following is a listing of upcoming meetings and events. Requests to attend any of the following events should be made during this agenda item.

	SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS	ATTENDEES
1	**ACWA 2026 Fall Conference** *December 1-3, 2026; Anaheim, CA* *Cancellation deadlines: 11/4-11/20/26: 50% Refund; 11/21/26: No refund*	Sanchez (R)(H) MacKenzie (R)(H) Miller (R)(H)
2	**Colorado River Water Users Association Conference** *December 9-11, 2026; Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, NV* *Registration deadline: November 24, 2026; Cancellation deadline: November 24, 2026*	MacKenzie (R)(H) Miller (R)(H)(A) Sanchez (R)(H)
3	**ACWA 2027 Legislative Symposium** *February 10, 2027; Sacramento, CA* *Registration deadline: TBD*	
4	**Urban Water Institute 2027 Spring Conference** *February 24-26, 2027; Indian Wells, CA* *Early Registration deadline: November 6, 2026*	
5	**2027 Special District Legislative Days** *March 31 – April 1, 2027; Sacramento, CA* *Registration deadline: TBD*	
6	**ACWA 2027 Spring Conference** *May 11-13, 2027; San Francisco, CA* *Registration deadline: TBD*	
7	**CSDA 2027 Annual Conference** *August 30 – September 2, 2027; San Diego, CA* *Registration deadline: TBD*	
8	**ACWA 2027 Fall Conference** *November 30 – December 2, 2027; Long Beach, CA* *Registration deadline: TBD*	
9	**Colorado River Water Users Association Conference** *December 8-10, 2027; Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, NV* *Registration deadline: TBD*	

** Non-per diem meeting except when serving as an officer of the organization.*
The following abbreviations indicate arrangements that have been made by staff:
R=Registration; **H**=Hotel; **A**=Airline; **S**=Shuttle; **C**=Car; **T**=Tentative; ◊=Attendee to Self-Register

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Agenda Item: 15

Board Meeting Date: **November 18, 2026**
Prepared By: **Brett Hodgkiss**

SUBJECT: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS AND/OR PRESS RELEASES

SUMMARY: This item is placed on the agenda to enable the Board to identify and schedule future items for discussion at upcoming Board meetings and/or identify press release opportunities.

Staff-generated list of tentative items for future agendas:

- Annual Organizational Meeting (December)
- Fiscal Year 2026 Audit (January 2027)
- District Committees and Outside Organization appointments (January 2027)
- Financing Capital Projects presentation (April 2027)
- Governance/Strategic Plan
- Concession Management Agreement - Lake Henshaw Recreation Area Operations
- Liability, Property and Workers' Compensation insurance review

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Agenda Item: 16

Board Meeting Date: **November 18, 2026**
Prepared By: **Ramae Ogilvie**

SUBJECT: COMMENTS BY DIRECTORS

SUMMARY: This item is placed on the agenda to enable individual Board members to convey information to the Board and the public not requiring discussion or action.

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Agenda Item: 17

Board Meeting Date: **November 18, 2026**
Prepared By: **Brett Hodgkiss**

SUBJECT: COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL

SUMMARY: Informational report by the General Counsel on items not requiring discussion or action.

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Agenda Item: 18

Board Meeting Date: **November 18, 2026**
Prepared By: **Brett Hodgkiss**

SUBJECT: COMMENTS BY GENERAL MANAGER

SUMMARY: Informational report by the General Manager on items not requiring discussion or action.

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Agenda Item: 19

Board Meeting Date: **November 18, 2026**
Prepared By: **Brett Hodgkiss**

SUBJECT: CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – INITIATION OF LITIGATION

SUMMARY: Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4).
Number of cases: 1

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Agenda Item: 20

Board Meeting Date: **November 18, 2026**
Prepared By: **Brett Hodgkiss**

SUBJECT: CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

SUMMARY: Discussion concerning real property transactions in compliance with Government Code section 54956.8 regarding:

Property:	Unaddressed property commonly known as part of Warner Ranch (136-160-43-00)
VID Negotiator:	Brett Hodgkiss, General Manager
Negotiating Party:	United States Department of Navy
Under Negotiation:	Lease and License Agreement Price and Terms