

# **Manager's Report**

**To the SC-OR Commissioners by Glen Sturdevant  
on November 14, 2025**

## **Operations & Maintenance**

There were no operational issues to report this month.

## **Project Update**

### ***Solar***

- The project is underway and moving forward.

### ***Plant Upgrade***

- The plant upgrade is moving forward on schedule. We will have a large change order coming soon.

### ***RCPS***

- We hosted a jobsite walk for the RCPS project on Wednesday, November 12, 2025. Manager Jamie Boucher from T.W.S.D. was in attendance.

## **SC-OR**

### ***Funding***

- We were informed that SC-OR would be removed from the fundable list for the SRF (State Revolving Funds) loan program.

### ***Gloden Feather Mobile Home Park***

- Pipeline assessment on Hwy 162 bridge is needed.

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### **Entities Reports**

#### ***T.W.S.D.***

- We hosted a JPA/county meeting (The Oroville Sewer Group) on November 6, 2025 to discuss future projects and development in the county. Manager Jamie Boucher and District Engineer Chris Heindell were in attendance.
- I held a meeting with Manager Jamie Boucher and District Engineer Chris Heindell to update them on the SRF program.

#### ***City of Oroville***

- We hosted a JPA/county meeting (The Oroville Sewer Group) on November 6, 2025 to discuss future projects and development in the county. Public Works Director Alyssa Stutz and Public Works Operations Manager Jamie McGuire were in attendance.

#### ***L.O.A.P.U.D.***

- We hosted a JPA/county meeting (The Oroville Sewer Group) on November 6, 2025 to discuss future projects and development in the county. Manager Dave Goyer and Field Operations Supervisor Vince Victorino were in attendance.
- I held a meeting with Manager Dave Goyer to update him on the SRF program.

# **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SEWERAGE COMMISSION - OROVILLE REGION**

(Held at the Commission office on October 28, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.)

## **1. Call to Order ❖**

Chairperson Mastelotto called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

## **2. Roll Call ❖**

Commissioners present were Mastelotto from the Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District, Pittman and Goodson from the City of Oroville, and Hatley from the Thermalito Water and Sewer District. Absent was Commissioner Clark from Thermalito Water and Sewer District. Staff present were Manager Glen Sturdevant and Plant Supervisor Mikah Salsi, along with Attorney Ryan Jones, who joined by Zoom.

## **3. Salute to the Flag ❖**

Commissioner Goodson led the commissioners and staff in the salute to the flag.

## **4. Acknowledgment of Visitors ❖**

None.

## **5. Board Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 23, 2025 ❖**

Upon consensus, the minutes of the September 23, 2025 regular meeting were unanimously approved.

## **6. Employee Safety Meeting Minutes held on October 23, 2025 ❖**

Upon consensus, the minutes of the October 23, 2025 safety meeting were unanimously approved.

## **7. Authorization of Warrants ❖**

Commissioner Pittman met with Manager Sturdevant and reviewed the warrants earlier, and having found everything to be in order made a motion for their approval. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Mastelotto. Warrants 30655-30721 in the total amount of \$1,458,590.61 from September 24 to October 28, 2025, including Commissioner fees and electronic fund transfers, were unanimously approved and ordered paid.

## **8. Fiscal Reports ❖**

The fiscal reports for July-September 2025 are not yet available for review. Manager Sturdevant explained C.L.A. was hired a few months to conduct SC-OR's pre-audit, as approved by Board, but the process is taking longer than anticipated. As a result, the FY 2024-2025 audit has been rescheduled to November 2025. However, the September bank reconciliations were provided to the Board for review.

## **9. Closed Session ❖**

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 5:03pm, and reconvened to open session at 5:21pm. Pursuant to Gov. Code 54957, the Board conducted a Public Employee Performance Evaluation for the SC-OR Manager. Attorney Jones stated the Board provided their general feedback and direction for the evaluation, and there was nothing further to report.

## **10. NPDES CEQA Exemption & Resolution 07-25 ❖**

Manager Sturdevant explained NPDES stands for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, which pertains to SC-OR's permit, and CEQA stands for California Environmental Quality Act. He then invited Plant Supervisor Salsi to speak on the topic of the NPDES CEQA Exemption and Resolution 07-25. Plant Supervisor stated that both items are related to SC-OR's permit renewal application. He noted that this is the first time CEQA compliance has been required as part of the renewal process. Historically, SC-OR has received a five-year NPDES permit, which includes a section for CEQA compliance. However, during the previous two permit, the State of California did not require CEQA compliance. This year, the State is requiring SC-OR to adopt an environmental exemption as part of the renewal. If adopted, the NPDES CEQA Exemption and Resolution 07-25 will be processed through Butte County.

Upon consensus, the NPDES CEQA Exemption & Resolution 07-25 were unanimously adopted.

## **11. Consider Cost for Cabinetry ❖**

Manager Sturdevant stated the Board previously approved \$11,700 to cover the cost for the purchase of the tables. An additional \$5,300 was approved by the Board to determine whether it would cover the cost of matching cabinetry and a bookshelf. However, the quote from Miller's Cabinets came in higher than anticipated. Manager Sturdevant referenced renderings of the proposed cabinetry and bookshelf, outlining the cost breakdowns. For the kitchen area cabinets only, the cost is estimated at \$5,571 (excludes bookshelf; refrigerator remains in current location). For the kitchen area cabinets plus bookshelf, the cost is estimated at \$9,126.99 (refrigerator remains in current location). For the kitchen area cabinets, bookshelf, and hallway cabinetry, the cost is estimated at \$11,178.23 (refrigerator remains in current location). SC-OR will be responsible for removing the old cabinets and preparing the space for installation. The quote does not include countertops, sink, plumbing, or appliance reinstallation. These additional items are estimated to cost: countertop and sink at \$1,500-\$1,800 with a total estimated

additional costs of approximately \$5,000. Manager Sturdevant noted that relocating the refrigerator to the opposite wall would improve the layout and aesthetics. Renderings were provided for this option, with updated quotes. For the kitchen area cabinets only (with refrigerator moved) the cost is estimated at \$8,924. For the kitchen area cabinets (with refrigerator moved) plus bookshelf the cost is estimated at \$12,500. For the kitchen area cabinets (with refrigerator moved), bookshelf, and hallway cabinetry the cost is estimated at \$14,541. Commissioner Goodson and Chairperson Mastelotto inquired about the status of the tables and Manager Sturdevant responded that the Board will be seated at the new cherry table during the next meeting. Manager Sturdevant obtained quotes exclusively from Miller's Cabinets versus other cabinet makers due to a concern about matching the cabinetry color with the new tables. Chairperson Mastelotto asked about the option of staining the existing cabinets or replacing the cabinet doors and Commissioner Pittman noted that could be costly. Commissioner Pittman expressed interest in the cabinet design that includes relocating the refrigerator and inquired about the feasibility of purchasing pre-made shelves. Manager Sturdevant responded that pre-made shelves would cost approximately \$3,500-\$3,600. Chairperson Mastelotto inquired about the total cost for the kitchen area and bookcases. Manager Sturdevant confirmed the quote was \$12,514, with an additional \$2,500 estimated for the sink and countertop, bringing the total not to exceed \$15,000.

A motion was made by Commissioner Salvucci to approve the kitchen cabinetry replacement for a not to exceed \$15,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Goodson, and passed the following vote: Hatley – Yes, Mastelotto – Yes, Pittman – Yes.

## **12. SC-OR Policy 2600 (Health and Welfare Benefits) ❖**

Manager Sturdevant provided an overview of SC-OR's existing Policy 2600 (Health and Welfare Benefits), which allows retirees to convert up to 50% of their accumulated sick leave into a monetary amount. This amount can then be used to pay for monthly medical insurance premiums until the funds are exhausted. The policy does not incur any cost to SC-OR and offers retirees a supplemental benefit that can be applied toward SC-OR's medical insurance or Medicare. This update was prompted by Lauri Pittman's retirement and is intended to provide employees with additional options.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pittman amend amending SC-OR's Policy 2600 (Health and Welfare Benefits). The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Hatley, and was unanimously approved.

## **13. Manhole repair contract with Duke Sherwood Contracting ❖**

Manager Sturdevant reached out to multiple contractors about the repair of three (3) SC-OR manholes that were discovered to have leaks. Only Duke Sherwood Contracting showed any interest. These manholes are downstream from the newly replaced East Interceptor and it is Manager Sturdevant's goal to get them repaired as the first part of an annual manhole rehab program starting at the plant and moving out into SC-OR's system. Manager Sturdevant noted the importance of SC-OR shoring up its system before going after the individual entities over theirs. Commissioner Goodson asked why the project was not put out to a formal bid process. Manager Sturdevant responded that SC-OR has

the designation of an irrigation district, which eliminates some of the bid requirements. With that said, it is SC-OR's precedent to gather three (3) quotes for the Board to choose from and to try to ensure the best price. In this case, he could not find two (2) other local contractors interested in the job. In the future, he will continue to try to bring multiple quotes for the Board to choose from, as is the precedent of SC-OR.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pittman to approve the manhole repair contract with Duke Sherwood Contracting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Goodson, and passed the following vote: Hatley – Yes, Mastelotto – Yes, Pittman – Yes

**14. Attorney's Report (All items may be subject to Board action) ❖**

Attorney Jones stated he did not have anything of significance to report.

**15. Manager's Report (All items may be subject to Board action) ❖**

Manager Sturdevant reported on the following:

SC-OR had no operational issues to report this month. The application for SC-OR's NPDES renewal has been submitted. On October 5, 2025, Manager Sturdevant attend a three-day governance training through the Special Districts Leadership Academy. The class included only three managers; the remaining participants were board members. He offered to include information about future training opportunities in upcoming manager reports for any interested board members. The solar project is progressing, and new fencing has been installed around the solar field. Rudy Creek Pump Station project was released for bidding last Friday and will remain open for a five-week bid period. An update will be provided to the Board as the process continues. Manager Sturdevant met with Butte County Supervisor Connelly to request additional funding for SC-OR's project, but unfortunately the response was not favorable. He noted that he will continue to follow up and make periodic requests.

**SC-OR JPA Entity Meetings:**

**T.W.S.D.:** A JPA meeting was held to review the outcomes of the multifamily unit recounts conducted a year ago. The process went well, with L.O.A.P.U.D.'s experience prompting SC-OR to follow up on these efforts.

District Engineer Chris Heindel is currently working on the project to connect Golden Feather Mobile Home Park. An inspection is scheduled for November 19, 2025 to access the bridge and evaluate the condition of the existing line. The findings will be used to prepare a report that could support a request for state assistance—either to upgrade to a larger line or to install a secondary line.

**City of Oroville:** A JPA meeting was held to review the outcomes of the multifamily unit recounts conducted a year ago. There were no additional updates or items to report on.

**L.O.A.P.U.D.:** A JPA meeting was held to review the outcomes of the multifamily unit recounts conducted a year ago. There were no additional updates or items to report on.

## **16. Visitor's Comments ❖**

None.

## **17. Commissioner and Staff Comments ❖**

Commissioner Pittman commented on Bridge Street/Mitchell, noting that he observed the placement of riprap loads being used to reinforce the roadway and prevent the adjacent ditch from collapsing. He also observed that road closure signs had been posted. Commissioner Pittman also commented on the status of public utilities, noting that updates are expected by end of December. Commissioner Goodson inquired about the approval timelines for biomass and solar with the City of Oroville. Commissioner Pittman responded that biomass is projected to be implemented in about 2-3 years, while solar is currently in process and expected to be approved within a year by the City Council, Oroville.

## **18. Adjournment ❖**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m. to the regular meeting scheduled for November 19, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

GLEN E. STURDEVANT, CLERK

Sewerage Commission - Oroville Region

Bank Reconciliation - Golden Valley Bank

Fiscal Year Ended 30 June 2026

**BALANCE PER BANK**

Ending Balance on Bank Statement	31-Oct-25	1,374,478.41
Less Outstanding Warrants		(337,242.93)
Equals Adjusted Bank Balance at	31-Oct-25	<u>1,037,235.48</u>

**BALANCE PER BOOKS**

Beginning Prior Checkbook Balance	1-Oct-25	<u>400,975.12</u>
Deposits		2,686,002.47
Less Transfers Out		(557,553.40)
Less Warrants Written		(1,399,618.27)
Less <b>Net</b> Payroll Warrants		(92,570.44)
Equals Adjusted Checkbook Balance	31-Oct-25	<u>1,037,235.48</u>

SEWERAGE COMMISSION - OROVILLE REGION  
 GOLDEN VALLEY BANK MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT  
 FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026

Date Detail	Deposits	Withdrawals	Balance	IntRate
<b>1-Jul-25 Balance Forward</b>			<b>4,974,070.18</b>	
24-Jul-25 Deposit	3,250,000.00		8,224,070.18	
31-Jul-25 Interest earned	20,667.72		8,244,737.90	4.270%
21-Aug-25 Transfer to general checking		1,710,907.91	6,533,829.99	
22-Aug-25 Transfer from general checking	642,009.77		7,175,839.76	
31-Aug-25 Interest earned	27,899.38		7,203,739.14	
30-Sep-25 Interest earned	24,790.42		7,228,529.56	
20-Oct-25 Transfer to general checking		300,000.00	6,928,529.56	
31-Oct-25 Interest earned	25,117.97		6,953,647.53	4.240%

## SEWERAGE COMMISSION - OROVILLE REGION

## CALIFORNIA CLASS ACCOUNT

FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026

Date Detail	Deposits	Withdrawals	Balance	IntRate
<b>1-Jul-25 BEGINNING BALANCE</b>			<b>7,485,227.00</b>	
22-Jul-25 Transfer to checking		480,078.51	7,005,148.49	
31-Jul-25 Dividend reinvestment (interest)	27,102.74		7,032,251.23	4.343%
13-Aug-25 Transfer to checking		452,725.73	6,579,525.50	
31-Aug-25 Dividend reinvestment (interest)	24,869.83		6,604,395.33	4.324%
30-Sep-25 Dividend reinvestment (interest)	23,190.81		6,627,586.14	4.273%
23-Oct-25 Transfer from checking	303,553.40		6,931,139.54	
31-Oct-25 Dividend reinvestment (interest)	23,893.79		6,955,033.33	4.189%

SEWERAGE COMMISSION - OROVILLE REGION

LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND

FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026

Date Detail	Deposits	Withdrawals	Balance	IntRate
1-Jul-25 Balance Forward			7,535,736.10	4.400%
22-Jul-25 Withdrawal - Warrants		(482,000.00)	7,053,736.10	
12-Aug-25 Withdrawal - Warrants		(452,000.00)	6,601,736.10	
30-Sep-25 Qtrly interest rec'd	75,608.41		6,677,344.51	4.340%
24-Oct-25 Transfer from checking	254,000.00		6,931,344.51	



**CLIENT ALERT MEMO**

**BROWN ACT – SB 707**

**By:** Scott E. Porter, Partner  
Lisa Kranitz, Of Counsel  
Tiffany Darden, Associate

**Date:** November 5, 2025

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SB 707<sup>1</sup> will substantially revise the Ralph M. Brown Act<sup>2</sup>, California’s local government open meeting law. Although many portions of SB 707 take effect January 1, 2026, its most substantial revisions will take effect July 1, 2026, when new Government Code Section 54953.4 becomes effective.

- **Remote Meetings.** Starting July 1, 2026, the public must be allowed to remotely participate in meetings of an “eligible legislative body.”
- **Remote Meeting Policy.** By July 1, 2026, an “eligible legislative body” must have adopted a written policy for handling technical disruptions to the remote access.
- **Translating Agendas.** Starting July 1, 2026, many “eligible legislative bodies” must translate agendas (but not agenda packets) into additional languages.

In theory, many portions of SB 707 will sunset on January 1, 2030. History shows, however, that most legislative revisions eventually become permanent.

**DISCUSSION**

**A. Rules Applicable only to “Eligible Legislative Bodies” – Effective July 1, 2026**

**Eligible Legislative Bodies – Defined**

SB 707’s most significant legal changes relate to expanded public participation requirements for meetings of an “eligible legislative body.” New Government Code section 54953.4(e) will become effective on July 1, 2026. It defines “eligible legislative body” as being any of the following:

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<sup>1</sup> SB 707: [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202520260SB707](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB707).

<sup>2</sup> Government Code § 54950 et seq.

- (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.<sup>3</sup>
- (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 that exceed four hundred million dollars (\$400,000,000) and the special district employs over 200 full-time equivalent employees.

Other legislative bodies, such as planning commissions, are not within the meaning of “eligible legislative body.”

### **When the Public Must Be Allowed to Participate Remotely**

Starting July 1, 2026, “eligible legislative bodies” must allow the public to attend and comment in real time during their meetings through either:

- Telephone + Webcast. A “two-way telephonic service”<sup>4</sup> (i.e., traditional telephone) *and* live webcasting<sup>5</sup> of the meeting; or
- Two-way audiovisual platform<sup>6</sup> (such as Zoom or Teams) that allows participants to see and hear the meeting (with the option to participate by telephone).

Remote attendees must be given the right of public comment<sup>7</sup> and be provided “the same time allotment as a person attending a meeting in person.”<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> This means that even if a city has a population of less than 30,000, it will still be subject to these rules if it is in a county which has a population of 600,000 or more.

<sup>4</sup> “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. New Gov’t Code § 54953.8(g)(4).

<sup>5</sup> “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. New Gov’t Code § 54953.8(g)(5).

<sup>6</sup> “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. New Gov’t Code § 54953.4(e)(3).

<sup>7</sup> New Gov’t Code § 54953.4(b)(1)(B)(i).

<sup>8</sup> New Gov’t Code § 54954.3(b)(1)(B)(i). Remote participation by the public is different than a “teleconferenced” meeting of board members. Teleconferencing by members of the legislative body is subject to its own set of rules, such as the requirement to have voice votes and posting of notices of the remote teleconferenced meeting locations. See Gov’t Code § 54953(b)(2).

## Accommodating Disabilities of the Public

State law already requires agencies to have a procedure “for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable accommodation”<sup>9</sup> and that meeting agendas be “made available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with a disability.”<sup>10</sup> Also, agendas have long been required to include information regarding how to request a disability-related accommodation (e.g., auxiliary aids, captioning).<sup>11</sup> Starting July 1, 2026, to assist those members of the public with disabilities, if the eligible legislative body is using an audiovisual platform (e.g., Zoom), it must “activate any automatic captioning function during the meeting if an automatic captioning function is included” on the platform.<sup>12</sup>

## Technology Failures During Meetings – Policy

On or before July 1, 2026, each eligible legislative body must approve a “policy regarding disruption of telephonic or internet service occurring during meetings.”<sup>13</sup> The policy must be adopted in open session, and not via the consent calendar.<sup>14</sup> 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.”<sup>15</sup>

If the agency’s phone or internet service fails and the public cannot participate as a result, the meeting must recess, and the agency must “make a good faith attempt to restore the service.”<sup>16</sup> 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.” In other words, if it takes only five minutes to fix, the meeting can reconvene at the five-minute mark. The legislative body “may meet in closed session during this period.”<sup>17</sup>

Conversely, if the service is not fixed by the end of one hour, the meeting may be resumed at that time if the eligible legislative body adopts “a finding by rollcall vote that good faith efforts to restore the telephonic or internet service have been made in accordance with [the agency’s remote participation policy].”<sup>18</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> Existing Gov’t Code § 54953(g) will be recodified at Government Code § 54953.8(b)(8).

<sup>10</sup> Existing Gov’t Code § 54954.2(a)(1) will be recodified a subsection (a)(1)(C).

<sup>11</sup> *Id.*

<sup>12</sup> New Gov’t Code § 54953.4(b)(1)(A)(ii).

<sup>13</sup> New Gov’t Code § 54953(b)(1)(A)(i)(I)(ib)(Ia).

<sup>14</sup> *Id.*

<sup>15</sup> New Gov’t Code § 54953.4(b)(1)(A)(i)(I)(ib).

<sup>16</sup> *Id.*

<sup>17</sup> New Gov’t Code § 54953.4(b)(1)(A)(i)(I)(ib)(Ib).

<sup>18</sup> New Gov’t Code § 54953.4(b)(1)(A)(i)(I)(ib)(Ic).

## Webpage to Request Agendas

Starting July 1, 2026, for meetings of eligible legislative bodies, agencies must have a system to electronically allow the public to request the receipt of agendas and documents.<sup>19</sup> The agency must also have a dedicated webpage which provides: (1) “a general explanation of the public meeting process”; (2) “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”; (3) a calendar of the date, time, place all meetings; and (4) posted agendas.<sup>20</sup> The agency’s home page must link to this webpage. As described below, the webpage must be translated into all “applicable languages.”<sup>21</sup>

Although there is no enforcement mechanism for failure to do so, starting July 1, 2026, agencies are also to invite groups “that do not traditionally participate in public meetings to attend those meetings.”<sup>22</sup> Examples can include media organizations, good government groups, civil rights groups, and civic engagement groups.<sup>23</sup>

## Translating Agendas

Starting July 1, 2026,<sup>24</sup> eligible legislative bodies must translate agendas and the webpage with meeting-access instructions into all “applicable languages” in the jurisdiction, up to a maximum of the three most common non-English languages.<sup>25</sup>

“Applicable languages” are those (according to data from the most recent American Community Survey<sup>26</sup>) spoken jointly by 20 percent or more of the applicable population, provided that 20 percent or more of *that population* speaks English less than “very well.”<sup>27</sup> This means, for example, that translation may be required, even if as little as 4% of the jurisdiction’s total population (20% of that 20%) speaks English less than “very well.”

Each translation “shall be accessible through a prominent direct link posted on the primary internet website home page of the eligible legislative body.”<sup>28</sup> Agenda packets (e.g., staff reports and their attachments) need not be translated.<sup>29</sup> Translation of agendas and webpages may be accomplished via a “digital translation service” (a term that is not

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<sup>19</sup> New Gov’t Code § 54953.4(b)(3)(A).

<sup>20</sup> New Gov’t Code § 54953.4(3)(B).

<sup>21</sup> New Gov’t Code § 54953.4(c)(1)(B). As described below, such translation may be made with a “digital translation service.”

<sup>22</sup> New Gov’t Code § 54953.4(b)(3)(C)(i).

<sup>23</sup> New Gov’t Code § 54953.4(b)(3)(C)(i)(II).

<sup>24</sup> New Gov’t Code § 54953.4(f).

<sup>25</sup> New Gov’t Code § 54953.4(c)(1).

<sup>26</sup> An agency may make a finding “supported by substantial evidence” that a source other than the American Community Survey provides “equally or more reliable data” for the jurisdiction. New Gov’t Code § 54953.4(e)(1)(D).

<sup>27</sup> New Gov’t Code § 54953.4(e).

<sup>28</sup> New Gov’t Code § 54953.4(c)(1)(B).

<sup>29</sup> New Gov’t Code § 54953.4(c)(5).

defined but would likely include something like Google Translate).<sup>30</sup> Agencies are not liable for incorrect translations.<sup>31</sup>

Each translated agenda shall be publicly posted, per standard agenda posting rules, and explain how to participate via a telephonic or internet-based service option, “including any requirements for registration for public comment.”<sup>32</sup>

Near the posted agendas, the agency must make a physical space available at which members of the public may post additional translations of the agenda in that location.<sup>33</sup> There is no liability for the agency “arising from the content, accuracy, posting, or removal of any translation provided by the eligible legislative body or posted by any person.”<sup>34</sup>

### **Translations During Meetings**

Starting July 1, 2026, agencies “shall publicize instructions on how to request language-related assistance.”<sup>35</sup> Permissible methods of assistance may include arranging space for interpreters, allowing extra time during the meeting for translation to occur (beyond the existing requirement to allow double time for translations)<sup>36</sup>, and ensuring participants may use commercial language translation interpretation services.<sup>37</sup>

Although “assistance” is required for meetings, agencies are not required to provide interpretation.<sup>38</sup> Agencies are exempt from liability “arising from the content or accuracy of any interpretation facilitated, assisted with, or provided [during meetings].”<sup>39</sup>

## **B. Teleconferencing – Effective January 1, 2026**

### **Teleconference Participation by Legislative Body Members**

When members of a legislative body participate in a meeting via teleconference, the minutes must state the statutory authority that permitted the remote attendance.<sup>40</sup>

Teleconferencing is allowed by seven different statutory authorizations – each statute has its own additional requirements that should be referenced before engaging in a teleconference pursuant to that authority:

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<sup>30</sup> New Gov’t Code § 54953.4(c)(2).

<sup>31</sup> New Gov’t Code § 54953.4(c)(4).

<sup>32</sup> New Gov’t Code § 54953.4(c)(1).

<sup>33</sup> New Gov’t Code § 54953.4(c)(3).

<sup>34</sup> New Gov’t Code § 54953.4(c)(4).

<sup>35</sup> New Gov’t Code § 54953.4(b)(2)(A).

<sup>36</sup> See existing Gov’t Code § 54954.3(b)(2).

<sup>37</sup> New Gov’t Code § 54953.4(b)(2)(A).

<sup>38</sup> New Gov’t Code § 54953.4(b)(2)(B).

<sup>39</sup> New Gov’t Code § 54953.4(b)(2)(C).

<sup>40</sup> New Gov’t Code § 54953.8(b)(7).

1. Health authorities.<sup>41</sup>
2. A local emergency or state of emergency.<sup>42</sup>
3. Just cause when at least a quorum are in person in a single location.<sup>43</sup>
4. Eligible neighborhood councils.<sup>44</sup>
5. Eligible community college student organizations.<sup>45</sup>
6. Eligible subsidiary bodies (i.e., certain advisory bodies).<sup>46</sup>
7. Eligible multijurisdictional bodies.<sup>47</sup>

### **ADA – Accommodating Disabilities of Legislative Body Members**

A member of a legislative body with a disability may appear remotely at meetings as a reasonable accommodation. In this case, the standard teleconferencing rules, such the requirement that all votes be taken via rollcall votes, does not apply.<sup>48</sup> Rather, such person must participate via both audio and visual technology, unless “a physical condition related to their disability results in a need to participate off camera.” Additionally, such person shall must announce at the meeting, before any action is taken, whether “any other individuals 18 years of age or older are present in the room with the member,” and the “general nature of the member’s relationship with any of those individuals.”<sup>49</sup> Such remote participation shall count for all purposes as physical attendance, including any quorum requirements.<sup>50</sup>

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<sup>41</sup> New Gov’t Code § 54953.8.1.

<sup>42</sup> See New Gov’t Code § 54953.8.2.

<sup>43</sup> See New Gov’t Code § 54953.8.3, which extended the authority for remote participation for “just cause” through January 1, 2030. To operate via the “just cause,” there are still multiple additional requirements, such as: (1) near the start of the meeting the legislative member must describe the “just cause” authorizing their participation via teleconference; (2) the legislator must be on both audio and video; and (3) the number of just-cause authorizations cannot exceed the annual maximum number of such meetings (either 2, 5 or 7). The minutes must identify the “just cause” which allows the councilmember to participate via teleconference. The prior authority for “emergency circumstances” is now within the definition of “just cause.” The definition of “just cause” was expanded to include certain prior bases for “emergency circumstances” such as caregiving, illness, family medical emergencies and military service.

<sup>44</sup> New Gov’t Code § 54953.8.4.

<sup>45</sup> New Gov’t Code § 54953.8.5.

<sup>46</sup> New Gov’t Code § 54953.8.6. Such bodies must serve exclusively in an advisory capacity, and cannot be authorized to take final action on legislation, contracts, or entitlements.

<sup>47</sup> New Gov’t Code § 54953.8.7.

<sup>48</sup> New Subsection (b)(4) of Gov’t Code § 54953.

<sup>49</sup> Newly added subsection (c)(1)(B) of Gov’t Code § 54953.

<sup>50</sup> New subsection (c)(3) of Gov’t Code § 54953.

### **C. Generally Applicable Provisions – Effective January 1, 2026**

#### **Executive Salaries**

Currently, before taking final action on a recommendation for a final action on salaries or fringe benefits of any “local agency executive” (which includes department heads), the legislative body must orally report a summary of the recommendation.<sup>51</sup> This rule will be expanded, effective January 1, 2026, to also apply to the salary and fringe benefits of any administrative officer which holds a position similar to that of a department head.<sup>52</sup>

#### **Disruptive Participants**

The Brown Act was amended to clarify that the authority of the presiding member (e.g., the Mayor or chair) to remove an individual for disrupting a meeting also extends to the removal of an individual from a remote teleconferenced meeting,<sup>53</sup> and to the removal of members of the public participating via a two-way telephonic service or a two-way audiovisual platform.<sup>54</sup>

#### **Special Meetings**

All notices for special meetings must 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.<sup>55</sup>

Currently, special meetings cannot be called regarding “salaries, salary schedules, or compensation in the form of fringe benefits” of a local agency executive; on January 1, 2026, that limitation will be expanded to also prohibit such special meetings to affect the salaries, salary schedules, or fringe benefits of “the legislative body.”<sup>56</sup>

Also, starting January 1, 2026, all special meetings must meet the 24-hour agenda noticing requirement.<sup>57</sup> This deletes the exceptions for meetings of (1) boards that govern a private corporation, limited liability company or other entity that either exercises delegated governmental authority or receives local funds and includes a member of the local agency on its board; and (2) certain lessees of hospitals.<sup>58</sup>

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<sup>51</sup> Existing Gov't Code § 54953(c)(3).

<sup>52</sup> Revised Gov't Code § 54953(d)(3).

<sup>53</sup> Revised Gov't Code § 54957.95(a)(1).

<sup>54</sup> New Gov't Code § 54957.96.

<sup>55</sup> Revised Gov't Code § 54954.3(a)(3).

<sup>56</sup> Revised Gov't Code § 54956(b).

<sup>57</sup> Revised Gov't Code § 54956.

<sup>58</sup> Per deletion of subsection (c) of Gov't Code § 54956 via Section 18 of SB 707.

## Public Recording Rights

The Brown Act currently allows meetings to be recorded “with an audio or video or video recorder or a still or motion picture camera.” Effective January 1, 2026, the reference to the type of technology used is deleted to confirm that it allows recording via any type of technology.<sup>59</sup>

## No Sunset - Social Media Posting

SB 707 makes permanent the previous addition of subsection (b)(3) to Government Code section 54952.2 which confirmed, among other things, that it is not a Brown Act violation for a single member of a legislative body to post on a social media platform, provided that a majority of the members of the legislative body do not use the social media platform to discuss among themselves something in the legislative body’s jurisdiction, or directly respond to any social media post that is “made, posted, or shared by any other member of the legislative body” on a matter within the legislative body’s jurisdiction.<sup>60</sup>

## Distribution of the Brown Act to Members

Starting January 1, 2026, local agencies will be required to provide a copy of the Brown Act “to any person elected or appointed” as a member of *any* body which is subject to the Brown Act.<sup>61</sup> Although the statute does not expressly require the “copy” to be provided in a paper format, many jurisdictions will opt to provide a printed copy to each new member upon taking office.

It appears likely, but uncertain, that this requirement applies solely on a going-forward basis. That said, to avoid any doubt, agencies may consider providing a copy of the Brown Act to each of the members of their legislative bodies.

## Public Comment on Prior Subcommittee Comments

SB 707 narrows an exemption that has historically allowed agencies to limit public comment on certain items.<sup>62</sup> Currently, if a committee is comprised entirely of members of the legislative body (e.g., a city’s “housing committee”), and such committee allowed prior public comment an item, unless the item had been substantially changed since the committee heard the item, no additional public comment is required to be allowed on the item when the main legislative body takes up the item.

Starting on January 1, 2026, to qualify for that exception, two new requirements must also be met for the exemption to apply. First, a quorum of such committee must have participated from a singular physical location that was clearly identified on the agenda,

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<sup>59</sup> Revised Gov’t Code § 54953.5.

<sup>60</sup> See Section 1 of SB 707, which deleted subsection (d) from Gov’t Code 54952.2.

<sup>61</sup> Revised Gov’t Code § 54952.7. Until December 31, 2025, this section establishes that agencies *may* provide a copy of the Brown Act to the members of their legislative bodies.

<sup>62</sup> Revised Gov’t Code § 54954.3.

open to the public, and situated within the jurisdiction.<sup>63</sup> Second, the committee must not have jurisdiction over any of the following subjects: “elections, budgets, police oversight, privacy, removing from, or restricting access to, materials available in public libraries, or taxes or related spending proposals.”<sup>64</sup> This second provision does not apply if the committee has adopted a law applicable to the committee’s meetings which does not limit the total amount of time for public comment on the item.

### **HOW THIS AFFECTS YOUR AGENCY**

SB 707 will substantially change how local agencies conduct public meetings. Particularly important is that by July 1, 2026, “eligible legislative bodies” will need to:

1. Offer real-time remote participation to the public.
2. Have adopted a written disruption policy.
3. Translate agendas and access webpages when 20 percent or more of residents speak a non-English language and at least 20 percent of that group have limited English proficiency.

Because these requirements carry substantial operational and budgetary impacts, agencies should evaluate their technology capacity, staffing, and procedures now to ensure full compliance by July 1, 2026.

Please contact your general counsel if you have any questions regarding this memo.

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<sup>63</sup> Revised Gov’t Code § 54954.3(a)(2)(B)(ii).

<sup>64</sup> Revised Gov’t Code § 54954.3(a)(2)(B)(iii).

# **Environmental Compliance Report**

To the SC-OR Commissioners and Staff from Kendra Morgan

***November 19, 2025***

## **INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT PROGRAM**

### **INSPECTIONS**

The dischargers submitted their monthly flow reports for October 2025. All dischargers and lines appear to be in compliance with their permits.

### **ENFORCEMENT**

There are no enforcement items to report.

### **ACTIVITIES**

All operations continued as normal in the laboratory and environmental areas.

# Sewerage Commission - Oroville Region

## Monthly Flows Report - Oct-25

Name of Agency	Total Monthly Flow (MG)	Average Daily Flow (MG)	Total Peak Flow (MG)	Date of Peak Flow
<b>SC-OR Plant Total 19,176.84 EDU's</b>	89.327	2.882	6.20	10/13/2025
<b>Lake Oroville Area P.U.D. 6,255.88 EDU's</b>	24.029	0.775	1.30	10/19/2025
<b>Thermalito Water and Sewer 2,966.96 EDU's</b>	13.259	0.428	1.08	10/7/2025
<b>City of Oroville 9,954 EDU's</b>	44.000	1.419	4.07	10/13/2025

**EDU % remaining**

7.358%

*Ground water dewatering*

8.039 Million gallons

*Septage Pumps*

0.0360 Million Gallons/Month

*Monthly Rainfall*

1.47 Total Inches/Month