

**AGENDA
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026**



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COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN
EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026**

Dear Workforce Development Board Members:

Attached is your agenda for the Wednesday, May 27, 2026, meeting of the Workforce Development Board (WDB).

The meeting will be held:

DATE: Wednesday, May 27, 2026
TIME: 7:30 a.m.
PLACE: WorkNet Building
6221 West Lane, Suite #105
Stockton, CA

If you have any questions, please call me at 468-2245.

Sincerely,

PATRICIA VIRGEN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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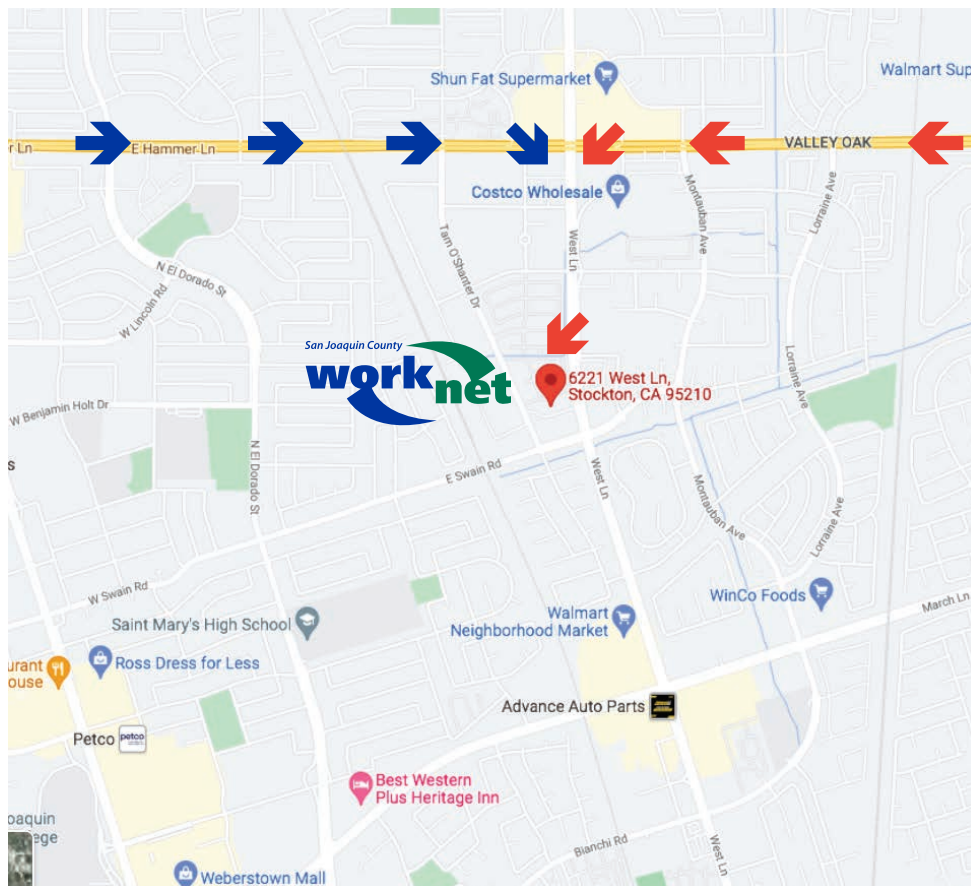
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From Interstate 5

From **Interstate 5**, take the **Hammer Lane West** exit. Head **eastbound on Hammer Lane** and prepare to turn **RIGHT** on West Ln from Hammer Lane (Next main intersection after Tam O'Shanter), to head **south on West Lane**. Using the right lane, you will pass one set of traffic lights on Hammertown, and then proceed to turn into our parking lot just before Swain. **Look for the WorkNet sign as a cue to turn into our parking lot.**

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AGENDA
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

May 27, 2026 - 7:30 a.m.
Stockton WorkNet Center
6221 West Lane, Suite 105
Stockton, CA 95210

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

STATEMENTS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

PUBLIC COMMENT

ACTION ITEMS

- A-1 Retroactively approve the agreement with San Joaquin Delta Community College District (Delta College) to accept funding in the amount of \$563,128 to support the High Road Construction Careers (HRCC): Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3) Program for the period of January 1, 2025 through January 1, 2027

PRESENTATION

- P-1 SB 707 Brown Act Update – William Greenlee
- P-2 GoSJ: Connecting Community to Opportunity – Janine Kaeslin

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- I-1 WorkNet Center Customer Service Survey
- I-2 Success Stories

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

BOARD MEMBERS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

***** PUBLIC COMMENT *****

Public Comments, limited to 250 words or less, may be submitted by sending an email to wdbcomments@sjcworknet.org. **Please no personal attacks.**

Every effort will be made to read all comments received into the record, but some comments may not be read due to time limitations. Comments received after an agenda item will be made part of the official record on file.

If you need disability-related modification or accommodation in order to participate in this meeting, please contact Marcella Galindo at (209) 468-3517 at least 48 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The next WDB meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22, 2026.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MINUTES
OF THE
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

February 25, 2026

WorkNet

6221 West Lane, Suite 105, Stockton, CA 95210

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Diane Vigil, Chair

Gene Acevedo	LaChelle Adams
William Kelly	Mark Berger
Dr. Lisa Aguilera Lawrenson	Jateen Bhakta
Eddie Lira	Troy Brown
Foung Ly	John Doucette
Tim Robertson	Frank Ferral
Doug Strach	Les Fong
Michael Sorensen	Mahalia Gotico
Robert Gutierrez	Linda Wilcox
Gorgina Halaufia	Chris Woods
Jose Hernandez	Brian Wright
Raul Hernandez	

MEMBERS ABSENT

Brooke McCollough	Jason Schwarz
Steven Stevenson	

GUESTS/STAFF PRESENT

John Lutzow, Employment & Economic Development Dept.
Douglas Francovich, Employment & Economic Development Dept.
Jose Parocua, Employment & Economic Development Dept.
Tina LaBounty, Employment & Economic Development Dept.
Nicole Snyder, Employment & Economic Development Dept.
Patty Virgen, Employment & Economic Development Dept.
Belinda Petate-Chan, Employment & Economic Development Dept.
Alejandra Mata, Employment & Economic Development Dept.
Armando Ayala, Employment & Economic Development Dept.
Marcella Galindo, Employment & Economic Development Dept.
Megan McSwain, Employment & Economic Development Dept.
Andrea Moccia, Employment & Economic Development Dept.
Kirin Virk, County Counsel
Nighat Iqbal, Employment Development Department

Guests who did not identify themselves may not be listed.

ROLL CALL

Chair Vigil called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum of the Board was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Adams moved, and Mr. Ferral seconded to approve the August 27, 2025, Workforce Development Board meeting minutes. Board Members Mr. Lira, Mr. Wright and Mr. J. Hernandez abstained from approval of the Minutes.

STATEMENTS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ACTION ITEMS

A-1 Amend Workforce Development Board Bylaws Regarding Alternate Designee and Vacancy Notifications Provision

Chair Vigil presented Action Item 1 to amend Workforce Development Board Bylaws regarding designee and vacancy notifications provision related to this action.

Mr. Lutzow discussed the need to amend the Workforce Development Board Bylaws regarding Alternate Designee and Vacancy Notifications Provision.

MOTION

Mr. Acevedo moved, and Mr. Ferral seconded to amend Workforce Development Board Bylaws Regarding Alternate Designee and Vacancy Notifications Provision. M/S/C unanimously.

A-2 Approval of 2026 Workforce Development Board Meeting Schedule

Chair Vigil presented Action Item 2 to authorize the approval of 2026 Workforce Development Board Meeting Schedule. The question of beginning the meeting at a time other than 7:30 am was mentioned; the time of the meeting remained the same.

MOTION

Mr. Ferral moved, and Mr. Fong seconded to approve the 2026 Workforce Development Board Meeting Schedule.

M/S/C unanimously.

A-3 Authorization to Transfer Funds from Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Formula Dislocated Worker Program to WIOA Formula Adult Program

Chair Vigil presented Action Item 3 to authorize the Transfer of funds from Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Formula Dislocated Worker Program to WIOA Formula Adult Program and authorize the Executive Director to sign all documents related to this action, contingent upon state approval.

Mr. Parocua provided a presentation summarizing the information contained in the agenda item.

Mr. Parocua explained that the purpose of the transfer is to address the need for increased services to Adult participants compared to Dislocated Workers participants, aligning resources with the higher demand for Adult program services while leaving sufficient resources to meet any potential demand from Dislocated Workers.

Director Virgen discussed how WIOA Funds are distributed by the State to the County Level.

MOTION

Mr. J. Hernandez moved, and Mr. Fong seconded to approve the Authorization to Transfer Funds from Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Formula Dislocated Worker Program to WIOA Formula Adult Program.
M/S/C unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

P-1 WIOA Program Resilience in San Joaquin County

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

INFORMATION ITEMS

I-1 WorkNet Center Customer Service Survey

I-2 Success Stories

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Virgen provided the following updates:

- Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act remains unauthorized. Last year there was a bipartisan proposal Stronger Workforce for Americans Act, but it did not pass. This year it appears WIOA will remain unauthorized.
- Federal funding is expected to remain available through Program Year 2026-27. At this time, staff anticipates funding levels to remain relatively stable; however, final allocation amounts will not be known until the State completes its distribution calculations. Funding allocations are determined using the State's formula, which takes into consideration factors such as unemployment levels, barriers to employment, and other criteria established by the State for each local area.
- SB 617 is a new law intended to strengthen the WARN notice process by requiring employers subject to WARN to provide local workforce development boards with local contact information and details regarding whether and how they would coordinate services for affected employees.
- SB617 will increase the number of Rapid Response activities provided by EEDD.
- Staff attended the iHub Innovation Summit at the Great Wolf Lodge on March 10, 2026.
- Staff also attended the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce REXPO at the Hilton on March 17, 2026.

MEMBERS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wright moved, and Ms. Halaufia seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 am.

M/S/C unanimously.

STATEMENTS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

PUBLIC COMMENT

ITEM #1

**RETROACTIVELY APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH SAN JOAQUIN DELTA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT TO ACCEPT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$563,128 TO SUPPORT THE HIGH ROAD CONSTRUCTION CAREERS:
MULTI-CRAFT CORE CURRICULUM PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OF
JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH JANUARY 1, 2027**

DATE: May 27, 2026

ACTION ITEM: ____1____

TO: San Joaquin County Workforce Development Board

FROM: Patricia Virgen, Executive Director

SUBJECT: RETROACTIVE APPROVAL OF SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH SAN JOAQUIN DELTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT TO ACCEPT FUNDING FOR THE HIGH ROAD CONSTRUCTION CAREERS (HRCC) PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH JANUARY 1, 2027, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$563,128.

IT IS RECOMMENDED:

1. Retroactively approve the agreement with San Joaquin Delta Community College District (Delta College) to accept funding in the amount of \$563,128 to support the High Road Construction Careers (HRCC): Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3) Program for the period of January 1, 2025 through January 1, 2027;
2. Authorize the Executive Director or Designee to sign and execute all necessary documents related to this Agreement; and
3. Forward the recommendation and Agreement to the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors for approval.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) administers the HRCC Initiative, which supports regional partnerships designed to expand access to quality careers in the construction trades. The HRCC Initiative prioritizes collaboration among workforce boards, community colleges, building and construction trades councils, and community-based organizations to create structured career pathways that include industry-recognized training, supportive services, and direct entry into state-certified apprenticeship programs.

As the lead grantee and fiscal agent, Delta College has been awarded funding under the HRCC Initiative (Grant No. HRCC-R10-24-SJDC) for the period of January 1, 2025 through January 1, 2027, in the total amount of \$903,128. Through this partnership, Delta College will collaborate with the San Joaquin County Workforce Development Board through the EEDD to expand construction-related Career Technical Education (CTE)

programs, establish pathways for awarding Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) tied to completion of the North America's Building Trades Unions' MC3, and strengthen connections to state-approved apprenticeship programs within the building trades. As part of this regional partnership, the EEDD will serve as a subrecipient and receive \$563,128 to provide participant-centered workforce services. The San Joaquin Building and Construction Trades Council will receive \$340,000 to deliver MC3 training and apprenticeship readiness instruction.

Retroactive approval is requested due to the extended development and coordination period required following EEDD's notice of involvement in April 2025. Delta College required several months to review grant requirements, identify partners, and define roles and responsibilities, with in-person partner coordination beginning in October 2025. As the lead grantee, Delta College was also responsible for developing and executing subrecipient agreements to formalize each partner's scope of work, budget, and compliance obligations. Additional time was needed to obtain partner budgets and scopes of work, develop and approve the Credit for Prior Learning curriculum, and complete internal contract review processes. Approval at this time will allow for formal acceptance of the funding and continuation of program activities in compliance with grant requirements.

Under this agreement, EEDD will assist Delta College in serving approximately 50 participants throughout San Joaquin County, through the HRCC MC3 program by providing comprehensive workforce services, including:

- i. Case management to include:
 - a. Intake,
 - b. Eligibility Determination,
 - c. Assessments and,
 - d. Enrollments and Co-Enrollment into WIOA Programs,
- ii. Referral to Other Services,
- iii. Development of Individual Employment Plans (IEPs),
- iv. Job Readiness Activities,
- v. Supportive Services,
- vi. Coordination in Application to Union Apprentice Programs,
- vii. Placement, and Post-Placement Follow Up

These services are designed to support participants in successfully entering and completing pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship pathways in the construction trades. The HRCC program will prioritize service to populations facing barriers to employment, including justice-involved individuals, women, and women of color, among others.

FISCAL IMPACT:

If approved by the Board of Supervisors, \$563,128 will be obligated to support EEDD's implementation of the HRCC MC3 program with Delta College. There is no County General Fund impact or required match associated with this agreement.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN FOLLOWING APPROVAL:

Submit recommendation for approval to the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors (June 2, 2026)

ACTION TAKEN: APPROVED:_____ DISAPPROVED:_____ OTHER:_____

BY:_____ DATE:_____

MOTIONED BY:_____ SECONDED BY:_____

YES:_____

NO:_____

Subrecipient Agreement

Parties

Delta College	San Joaquin Delta Community College District
Subrecipients	San Joaquin County Employment and Economic Development Department (WorkNet) San Joaquin Building & Construction Trades Council (BCT)

Administrative Information and Funding Allocation

Title/Program	High Road Construction Careers (HRCC)
Total Allocation	\$903,128.00
Funding Source	CCCCO High Road Construction Careers
Term of Agreement	January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2027
WorkNet Allocation	\$563,128.00
BCT Allocation	\$340,000.00

Therefore, in consideration of the above Administrative Information and Funding Allocation, which are incorporated into this Subrecipient Agreement (this “Agreement”) by reference, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Exhibits

1.1 **Incorporation.** Subrecipients must comply with the following exhibits, each of which is incorporated by reference and attached as indicated:

A. Exhibit A

(1) Statement of Work and Signatory Authorization

B. Exhibit B

(1) Budget

C. Exhibit C

(1) Certificate of Insurance

2. Term

The term of this Agreement (the “Term”) may not exceed the period stated on the first page (page 1) of this Agreement unless modified or extended in writing by San Joaquin Delta Community College District (“Delta College”). Delta College may terminate, modify, or extend the Term based on one or more periodic evaluations of Subrecipients’ performance under this Agreement, or as provided below.

3. Services

Subrecipients must timely perform the services described in the Exhibit A, in accordance with this Agreement. Subrecipients, its employees, subcontractors, and assigns, agree to avoid unnecessary and duplicative efforts in performing the Services, as defined in the Statement of Work (Exhibit A).

4. Compensation.

4.1 Delta College will compensate Subrecipients for the Services at a rate and method of compensation that complies with the Statement of Work and Budget (Exhibit A and Exhibit B). Delta College is not obligated to compensate Subrecipients for any services not described in this Agreement without the prior written consent of Delta College. Delta College is not obligated to compensate Subrecipients for any work, services, or functions relating to Subrecipients' efforts to obtain Delta College's business or for negotiating with Delta College to enter into this Agreement.

4.2 Delta College will compensate Subrecipients for any Services provided only after submission of an itemized invoice by Subrecipients. Once approved, Delta College will pay invoices within (90) working days following receipt of the invoice. Subrecipients must provide Delta College with all documentation, explanations, or justifications requested by Delta College concerning the adequacy or accuracy of its invoices for the performance of the Services to Delta College's reasonable satisfaction.

4.3 Delta College agrees to pay and Subrecipients agree to accept as full compensation for performance of tasks under this Agreement a sum not to exceed the amount listed in the Administrative Information and Funding Allocation details above as more fully described in Exhibit A and Exhibit B.

4.4 Any costs not contained in the Statement of Work and Budget (Exhibit A and Exhibit B) associated with the performance of these services shall be borne by the Subrecipients irrespective of whether or not such tasks were performed to the benefit of Delta College or expenses incurred by the Subrecipients or its employees, agents, or subcontractors.

4.5 In no event shall the maximum compensation including, but not limited to, fees, reimbursement, costs, and expenses, paid to the Subrecipients under this agreement exceed the amount listed in the Funding Allocation table above without the prior written consent of Delta College.

5. Record Keeping

Subrecipients must give Delta College, or its duly authorized representatives, reasonable access to any and all records in Subrecipients' possession, and its employees, agents, and subcontractors. Subrecipients are subject to the examination and audit of all records directly or indirectly related to Subrecipients' Services by Delta College for a period of up to five (5) years after the final payment under this Agreement.

7. Non-Discrimination Clause

During the performance of this Agreement, all three Parties must comply with applicable federal and state laws and regulations. Accordingly, no Party may, because of ethnic group identification, age, sex, color, disability, medical condition, national origin, race, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, religion, religious creed, or political belief exclude from participation, deny benefits to, or discriminate against any person benefiting from this Agreement.

8. Defense, Indemnity, and Hold Harmless

8.1 Subrecipients. Subrecipients must defend, indemnify, and hold harmless San Joaquin Delta Community College District “Delta College”, and their directors, officers, boards, commissions, employees, volunteers, agents, and independent contractors, from and against all losses, costs, expenses, demands, damages, penalties, liabilities, interests, recoveries, claims, and judgments, including, without limitation, attorneys’ fees and costs, to defend against any claims, demands, causes of action, suits, charges, or legal or administrative proceedings, caused by, arising out of, or in any way connected with any act or omission of Subrecipients or Subrecipients’ directors, officers, employees, agents, independent contractors, or volunteers, directly or indirectly related to the performance of the Services under this Agreement. Subrecipients must reimburse Delta College any funds expended due to those acts or omissions from non-federal funds. Any approval for payment or actual payment made to Subrecipients will not constitute a waiver of Delta College’s claims, defenses, or indemnification rights provided under this Agreement.

8.2 Delta College will defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Subrecipients, and its directors, officers, boards, commissions, employees, volunteers, and agents, from and against all losses, costs, expenses, demands, damages, penalties, liabilities, interests, recoveries, claims, and judgments, including, without limitation, attorneys’ fees and costs, to defend against any claims, demands, causes of action, suits, charges, or legal or administrative proceedings, caused by, arising out of, or in any way connected with any act or omission of Delta College or Delta College’s directors, officers, employees, agents, independent contractors, or volunteers, directly or indirectly related to the performance of the Services under this Agreement.

9. Insurance

Subrecipients must comply with all insurance requirements described in Exhibit C, as amended, or as otherwise provided in this Agreement.

10. Independent Contractor

10.1 Status. Subrecipients are independent contractors. No person employed by Subrecipients to furnish the Services is an employee of Delta College. In performing the Services, Subrecipients, including any of Subrecipients’ owners, officers, partners, officers, agents, employees, and independent contractors, will at all times be acting and performing as an independent contractor, and will act in their independent capacity and not as an officer, agent, employee, joint venturer, partner, or associate of Delta College. Delta College has no right to control or supervise or direct the manner or method by which Subrecipients perform their obligations under this Agreement. However, Delta College may administer this Agreement so as to verify that Subrecipients are providing the Services and performing their obligations in accordance with this Agreement.

10.2 Employer Duties. Subrecipients have the sole obligation to provide its employees with all legally required notices and postings, as well as all employee wages and benefits, and will make all Social Security and other withholdings required by applicable federal or state laws and regulations.

10.3 Compliance. Subrecipients must ensure that all of its staff and its third-party subcontractors abide by and strictly comply with Delta College policies, procedures, and directives, including, but not limited to, Delta College's zero tolerance policy on harassment as described in Delta College's personnel manual.

11. Termination

11.1 By Delta College.

- A. **Default.** A Subrecipient will be in default under this Agreement if any of the following occur:
 - (1) Subrecipient illegally used any funds provided under this Agreement;
 - (2) Subrecipient failed to comply with a material provision of this Agreement;
 - (3) Subrecipient submitted a substantially incorrect or incomplete report; or
 - (4) Subrecipient improperly performed any of the Services.

- B. **Notice.** Should an event of default occur, Delta College shall provide a notice of default to the Subrecipient and shall give Subrecipient at least ten (10) calendar days to address the default from the date the electronic notice is sent. If the Subrecipient fails to satisfactorily address the default within the time prescribed by Delta College, Delta College may do any of the following:
 - (1) Declare the funding be immediately repaid, with interest, which shall be equal to State of California general obligation bond interest rate in effect at the time of the default;
 - (2) Terminate any obligation to make future payments to the Subrecipient
 - (3) Terminate the Agreement; and/or
 - (4) Take any other action that it deems necessary to protect its interests.

- C. Delta College may immediately suspend or terminate this Agreement if the State of California suspended or terminated, in full or in part, a grant under which Delta College receives money to compensate Subrecipients for the Services.

- D. **Termination For Convenience.** Termination for convenience of the Delta College, by thirty (30) days written notice, in full or in part, when it is in the Delta College 's interest. In the event of termination for convenience, Delta College will only pay those funds actually incurred by Subrecipients in performing Services up to the date of termination.

11.2 By Subrecipients. Subrecipients may suspend or terminate this Agreement when circumstances beyond Subrecipients' control have made compliance with this Agreement impossible or impracticable. In such an event, Subrecipients must give Delta College thirty (30) days' written notice, complete with an explanation, acceptable to Delta College in its reasonable discretion, of these circumstances. This notice will serve as a request to terminate this Agreement. Within five (5) business days of receiving this written notice, Delta College will provide written notice to Subrecipients either approving or denying Subrecipients' request and the terms and conditions of its approval or denial. If Delta College fails to provide this written notice to Subrecipients within five (5) business days, Subrecipients must treat its request as denied by Delta College and continue to perform the Services in accordance with this Agreement.

11.3 Payment

(1) Delta College may demand in writing that Subrecipients repay any funds disbursed to Subrecipients under this Agreement if Delta College determines, in its reasonable discretion, that Subrecipients did not expend these funds in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. On receiving Delta College's demand, Subrecipients must promptly refund these funds, or at Delta College's option, Delta College may deduct any repayment from future payments by Delta College owing to Subrecipients under this Agreement or any other agreement, as may be applicable and otherwise due.

(2) In no event will any payment to Subrecipients constitute a waiver of any breach of this Agreement or any default that may then exist on the part of Subrecipients. Neither will any payment impair or prejudice any remedy available to Delta College with respect to the breach or default.

12. Notices

All notices under this Agreement must be in writing and may be delivered in person (by hand or by courier) or may be sent by regular, certified, or registered mail, or U.S. Postal Service Express Mail, with postage prepaid, by facsimile transmission, or by electronic transmission (email) and will be deemed sufficiently given if served in a manner specified in this section. The addresses and addressees noted below are that Party's designated address and addressee for delivery or mailing of notices. Either Party may, by written notice to the other, specify a different address for notice. Any notice sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, will be deemed given on the date of delivery shown on the receipt card, or if no delivery date is shown, three (3) days after the postmark date. If sent by regular mail, the notice will be deemed given forty-eight (48) hours after it is addressed as required in this section and mailed with postage prepaid. Notices delivered by United States Express Mail or overnight courier that guarantee next day delivery will be deemed given twenty-four (24) hours after delivery to the Postal Service or courier. Notices transmitted by facsimile transmission or similar means (including email) will be deemed delivered upon telephone or similar confirmation of delivery (confirmation report from fax machine is sufficient), provided a copy is also delivered via personal delivery or mail. If notice is received after 4:00 p.m. or on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, it will be deemed received on the next business day.

San Joaquin County Employment and Economic Development Department

6221 West Ln Suite 105, Stockton, CA 95210
Attention: Patty Virgin, Executive Director
Phone: (209) 468-3500
Email: pvirgen@sjcworknet.org

San Joaquin Building & Construction Trades Council
3984 Cherokee Rd, Stockton, CA 95215
Attention: Tim Robertson, Executive Director
Phone: (209) 901-9600
Email: tim@sjbuildingtrades.org

San Joaquin Delta Community College District
5151 Pacific Ave, Stockton CA 95207
Attention: Dr. Katrina Leon, Dean of Career Technical Education
Phone: (209) 954-5230
Email: katrina.johnsonleon@deltacollege.edu

13. General

13.1 Assignment and Subcontracting. Neither Party may assign, transfer, or subcontract this Agreement nor its rights or duties hereunder without the prior written consent of the other Parties.

13.2 Agreement Binding on Successors. This Agreement shall be binding upon Delta College and Subgrantees and their successors, executors, administrators, legal representatives, and assigns with respect to all the covenants and conditions set forth herein.

13.3 Entire Agreement. This Agreement, including all attachments, exhibits, regulations and policies incorporated or referenced within, constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties regarding the subject matter within and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements, representations, or understandings of any nature whatsoever unless expressly included in this Agreement.

13.4 No Authority to Bind Delta College. Subrecipients, in their performance of the Services or any other duties under this Agreement, have no authority to bind Delta College to any agreements or undertakings.

13.5 Non-Exclusive. This Agreement is not an exclusive agreement and Delta College, at its sole discretion, has the right to negotiate with and enter into contracts with others providing the same or similar services to those provided by Subrecipients.

13.6 Modifications. Delta College may, from time to time, initiate a change to the scope of the Services. Any such changes are subject to Subrecipients' approval, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

13.7 Waiver. No covenant or condition of this Agreement may be waived except by Delta College's written consent.

13.8 Governing Law and Venue. This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Venue for any dispute or litigation arising under this Agreement will be in the County of San Joaquin, State of California, if instituted in the state courts, or the Eastern District of California (Sacramento), if instituted in the federal courts.

13.9 Remedies. Parties may pursue any and all remedies available by law as needed to enforce its rights under this Agreement.

13.10 Partial Invalidity. If any provision of this Agreement, or any portion of a provision, is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of this Agreement, including, without limitation, the portions of any provision not held to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, will nevertheless continue to be in full force and effect without being impaired or invalidated in any way.

13.11 Headings and Construction. The subject headings of the sections and paragraphs of this Agreement are included for purposes of convenience only and do not affect the construction or interpretation of any of its provisions. All words used in this Agreement include the plural as well as the singular number, and vice versa; words used in this Agreement in the present tense include the future as well as the present; and words used in this Agreement in the masculine gender include the feminine and neuter genders, whenever the context so requires. No provision of this Agreement will be interpreted for or against a Party because that Party or its legal representative drafted the provision, and this Agreement will be construed as if jointly prepared by the Parties.

13.12 Time. Time is of the essence in this Agreement.

13.13 Non-Collusion Covenant. Subrecipients represent and warrant that they have in no way entered into any contingent fee arrangement with any firm or person in an effort to obtain this Agreement with Delta College. Subrecipients have not received from Delta College any incentive, special payments, or considerations not related to payment or reimbursement for the provision of the Services.

13.14 Lobbying Activity. Subrecipients may not use any funds provided under this Agreement for the support, defeat, or influence of legislation or appropriations pending before the Congress.

13.15 Costs and Expenses. Each Party will pay all costs and expenses incurred, or to be incurred, by it in negotiating and preparing this Agreement and its exhibits, and in closing and carrying out the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, including, without limitation, its attorneys', paralegals', and other professionals' fees and costs.

13.16 Signature Authority. Subrecipients represent and warrant that they have capacity, full power, and authority to enter into and perform this Agreement, and that the person signing this Agreement on behalf of Contractor has been properly authorized and empowered to enter into this Agreement.

13.17 **Counterparts.** The Parties may execute this Agreement simultaneously or in counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which together will constitute one and the same agreement.

13.18 **Attorneys' Fees.** If an action at law or in equity is necessary to enforce or interpret the terms of this Agreement, the prevailing Party is entitled to reasonable attorneys', paralegals', and other professionals' fees and costs in addition to any other reasonable relief to which it may be entitled.

VII. Signatures

Partner Organization	Authorized Signatory	Signature	Date
San Joaquin Delta Community College District	Dr. Lisa Aguilera Lawrenson, Superintendent/President	_____	_____
San Joaquin County Employment & Economic Development Department	Patricia Virgen, Executive Director	_____	_____
San Joaquin Building & Construction Trades Council	Michael Mark, Financial Secretary, Treasures	_____	_____

Attached Exhibits A–B

Exhibit A – Statement of Work

Exhibit B – Budget Summary and Reimbursement Terms

- Funding Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office (CCCCO) HRCC Initiative FY 2024–2026 Grant No. HRCC-R10-24-SJDC
- Purpose: Participant support services & placement
- Not-to-Exceed: \$ 563,128.00
- Allowable Costs: Personnel, fringe, participant stipends, supplies, travel (local), indirect $\leq 8\%$.
- Quarterly invoice with backup docs due within thirty (30) days of quarter close; Delta College pays within forty-five (45) days.

Exhibit A

San Joaquin County Employment and Economic Development Department (WorkNet)

Statement of Work

High Road Construction Careers (HRCC): Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3)

Effective Dates: January 1, 2025 – January 1, 2027

I. Purpose

This Statement of Work establishes a partnership between San Joaquin Delta Community College District (Delta College), as lead grantee, and the San Joaquin County Employment and Economic Development Department (WorkNet) to implement participant support, enrollment, and placement activities under the High Road Construction Careers (HRCC) Initiative funded by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO).

The HRCC initiative supports a regional construction career pathway that includes:

1. Youth pre-apprenticeship exploration cohorts,
2. Union-led pre-apprenticeship and registered apprenticeship training opportunities, with priority given to identified populations, and
3. Development and implementation of the Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3) and Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) at Delta College, enabling participants to earn postsecondary credit for prior learning, apprenticeship participation, or related work experience.

WorkNet shall provide outreach, intake, assessment, case management, supportive services, and job placement assistance to support participant success across all program components.

II. Scope of Work

The WorkNet shall provide services under this Agreement as follows (Services):

1. Outreach & Recruitment

WorkNet may support recruitment activities in coordination with Delta College and the San Joaquin County Building Trades Council to identify and recruit eligible participants for HRCC-funded cohorts. Recruitment efforts shall prioritize individuals from populations identified in the HRCC grant, including but not limited to youth, justice-involved individuals, women, women of color, and other underrepresented or barriered populations. WorkNet shall support recruitment for youth pre-apprenticeship exploration cohorts, apprenticeship-aligned cohorts, and justice-involved or reentry-focused cohorts, as applicable, to ensure a strong and diverse pipeline of participants.

2. Intake, Eligibility, and Enrollment

WorkNet shall conduct participant intake, eligibility determination, and enrollment into the HRCC initiative and, where appropriate, co-enroll with Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)-funded programs. WorkNet shall collect and maintain required participant documentation and case files in compliance with CCCC, WIOA, and other federal, state, and local laws as required. WorkNet shall coordinate enrollment and participant transitions between program components, including movement from youth exploration cohorts into pre-apprenticeship, apprenticeship, or MC3 and Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) pathways.

3. Assessment and Career Planning

WorkNet shall administer career readiness, aptitude, and employability assessments as appropriate to support participant placement into construction career pathways. Based on assessment results, WorkNet shall develop and maintain an Individual Employment Plan (IEP) for each enrolled participant that identifies career goals, training needs, and supportive service requirements. WorkNet shall provide ongoing career counseling and case management services throughout the participant's period of enrollment to support progress, retention, and successful outcomes.

4. Case Management and Supportive Services

WorkNet shall provide comprehensive case management services to support participant engagement, persistence, and completion across all HRCC program components. WorkNet shall administer participant supportive services in accordance with HRCC guidelines, including but not limited to transportation assistance, participant stipends, personal protective equipment (PPE), tools, and other needs-based supports as allowable. WorkNet shall also coordinate referrals to partner agencies, community-based organizations, or other resources as necessary to address barriers to participation and employment.

5. Job Readiness, Apprenticeship Preparation, and Work Experience

WorkNet shall deliver or coordinate job readiness, apprenticeship preparation, and employability activities aligned with the expectations of the building and construction trades. As appropriate and subject to funding availability, WorkNet shall coordinate On-the-Job Training (OJT), work experience, or transitional employment placements with approved employers and partners. WorkNet shall support participant transitions into union-led pre-apprenticeship and registered apprenticeship programs.

6. Placement and Follow-Up

WorkNet will coordinate with Delta College in securing employment for participants, placement into registered apprenticeship programs, or continued education opportunities aligned with construction career pathways. WorkNet shall provide post-placement follow-up and retention services for participants for a minimum period consistent with HRCC requirements. WorkNet shall coordinate with Delta College, labor partners, and employers to document placement outcomes, retention, and wage progression, as applicable.

7. Reporting and Performance Monitoring

WorkNet shall submit quarterly programmatic and fiscal reports to Delta College that include participant demographics, services provided, outcomes achieved, and expenditures incurred under this Statement of

Work, and associated agreements. WorkNet shall participate in partner meetings, monitoring activities, audits, and site visits as required by Delta College or the CCCCCO. WorkNet shall maintain complete and accurate records to support performance reporting, fiscal reimbursement, and compliance with all applicable grant and regulatory requirements.

III. Payment & Reporting

The contractor shall be compensated for the Services provided under this Statement of Work and associated agreements as follows:

1. Payment Provisions
 - This is a cost reimbursement contract
 - Delta College will pay the Contractor a maximum of \$563,128.00 for services provided to participants under this Statement of Work and associated agreements
2. Invoice Provisions
 - All invoices are to be submitted electronically to accountspayable@deltacollege.edu and Cc: michelle.castanon@deltacollege.edu.
 - Contractor will Invoice Delta College for actual costs incurred during the billing period, as per budget of this contract.
 - Grant invoices will be due: April 30, July 31, October 31, and January 31.
 - Invoices not received within ninety (90) days after expenditures have been incurred will not be honored.
 - All Invoices must be received within thirty (30) days after contract closes to be honored.

Delta College shall:

- Act as lead and fiscal agent for the project.
- Perform all required cumulative participants, program, and fiscal tracking for state reporting.
- Perform program and fiscal monitoring of this agreement.
- Convene project meetings, conference calls or other necessary events as needed.

IV. Compliance

All activities shall comply with CCCCCO HRCC terms and 2 CFR 200.

V. Signatures

Delta College Authorized Signatory: Dr. Lisa Aguilera Lawrenson, Superintendent/President
WorkNet Authorized Signatory: Patricia Virgen, Executive Director

(Signature lines and dates to follow)

VII. Signatures

Partner Organization	Authorized Signatory	Signature	Date
San Joaquin Delta Community College District	Dr. Lisa Aguilera Lawrenson, Superintendent/President	_____	_____
San Joaquin County Employment and Economic Development Department	Patricia Virgen, Executive Director	_____	_____

Exhibit B – Budget Summary and Reimbursement Terms

Partner: San Joaquin County EEDD		Year 1 03/01/26 09/30/26	
Series 1000	<i>Salaries</i>	\$108,764	
		\$0	
Total 1000			\$108,764
Series 2000	<i>Benefits</i>	\$86,014	
		\$0	
Total 2000			\$86,014
Series 3000	<i>Supportive Services</i>	\$322,400	
		\$0	
Total 3000			\$322,400
Series 4000	Supplies	\$1,300	
		\$0	
		\$0	
Total 4000			\$1,300
Series 5000	Mileage	\$580	
		\$0	
		\$0	
	Equipment		
		\$0	
	Contractual Services		
		\$0	
Total 5000			\$580
TDC	Total Direct Costs	\$519,058	
MTDC	Modified Total Direct	\$519,058	
IND	Indirect (CAP)	\$44,070	
Annual Total		\$563,128	
Project Total		\$563,128	
50 students - CPP		\$11,262.56	

PRESENTATION #1

P-1 SB 707 BROWN ACT UPDATE



MEMORANDUM

To: Department Liaisons for County Boards, Commissions, and Committees
From: Rachél DeBord, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Date: May 1, 2026
Subject: **Senate Bill 707 (SB 707) Brown Act Update – San Joaquin County Advisory Bodies**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide department liaisons with a comprehensive summary of the amendments to the Ralph M. Brown Act enacted through Senate Bill 707 (SB 707) and to clarify how those changes affect County boards, commissions, committees, and other advisory bodies.

Because departments provide administrative support to County bodies, liaisons are often responsible for meeting scheduling, agenda preparation, notices, member onboarding, and procedural compliance.

This memorandum is general guidance only and does not replace advice from County Counsel.

I. Key Definitions

Legislative Body

A legislative body is the general Brown Act term for a board, commission, committee, or governing body subject to the Brown Act.

Eligible Legislative Body

An eligible legislative body is a narrower legal category used for certain newer Brown Act requirements, generally referring to governing bodies such as boards of supervisors, city councils, and certain special district boards.

Simple distinction: All eligible legislative bodies are legislative bodies, but not all legislative bodies are eligible legislative bodies.

Teleconferencing

Teleconferencing generally means a member of the body participates remotely from another location by phone, video, or similar technology.

Remote Public Participation

Remote public participation means members of the public may observe or comment remotely during the meeting.

II. SB 707 Provisions That Apply to All Legislative Bodies

A. *Brown Act Materials for Newly Appointed Members*

Applies to All Legislative Bodies: YES

SB 707 requires that newly elected or appointed members of legislative bodies receive a copy of the Brown Act.

To support consistent countywide compliance, the San Joaquin County Clerk of the Board will provide newly appointed members with Brown Act materials as part of the standard appointment packet, together with their Oath of Office and Government Leadership Training flyer.

Departments should continue coordinating body-specific onboarding materials.

B. *Social Media Clarification*

Applies to All Legislative Bodies: YES

SB 707 makes permanent Brown Act provisions clarifying that members may communicate with the public through internet-based social media platforms, provided they do not use those platforms to discuss, deliberate, or take action among a majority of the body outside a public meeting.

Examples Allowed:

- ✓ Posting public information
- ✓ Responding individually to constituents
- ✓ Sharing event notices

Prohibited:

- ✗ Comment threads among a majority discussing agency business
- ✗ Reply chains developing consensus
- ✗ Indirect deliberation through online reactions or responses

C. Teleconferencing - Remote Member Attendance

Applies to All Legislative Bodies: YES

SB 707 reorganized and extended teleconferencing participation by members through January 1, 2030.

If a member of an advisory body wishes to attend remotely, departments must determine which legal pathway applies.

1. Traditional Teleconferencing

Typical requirements include:

- Remote location listed on agenda
- Agenda posted at remote location
- Public access allowed at that location
- All participants able to hear one another
- Votes conducted openly

2. Just Cause Remote Attendance

Allows remote attendance without posting the private location when qualifying reasons exist.

Examples include:

- Childcare / caregiving responsibilities
- Contagious illness
- Disability-related need
- Official government travel
- Family or personal medical emergency

Specific SB 707 Limits:

- Maximum two meetings per calendar year per member
- Not intended for convenience
- Quorum generally remains in person unless another provision applies

3. Disability Accommodation Attendance

Separate accommodation rights may allow remote participation and are not controlled by the two-meeting just cause limit.

D. Minute Requirements for Teleconference Participation

Applies to All Legislative Bodies: YES

When a member participates remotely under any Brown Act teleconference provision, the official minutes must reflect the actions, approvals, and determinations required by law that occurred during the meeting.

Required minute entries may vary depending on the teleconference pathway used.

1. Traditional Teleconference Participation

Where traditional teleconference participation is used, the minutes should reflect:

- ✓ Which member participated by teleconference
- ✓ That the meeting included teleconference participation
- ✓ Votes taken during the meeting

2. Just Cause Teleconference Participation

Where a member participates remotely under a just-cause teleconference provision, the minutes should reflect:

- ✓ Name of the member participating by teleconference
- ✓ That the member participated under the just-cause provision
- ✓ Any action taken to approve or acknowledge the request
- ✓ Votes taken during the meeting

3. Emergency Circumstance Teleconference Participation

Where a member participates remotely due to emergency circumstances, the minutes should reflect:

- ✓ Name of the member participating by teleconference
- ✓ Any determination or approval required by law
- ✓ Votes taken during the meeting

4. Disability Accommodation Teleconference Participation

Where teleconference participation is provided as a legal accommodation, the minutes should reflect actions taken during the meeting and any determinations required by law.

5. Additional Attendance Record

If a member joins late, disconnects, leaves early, or loses connection affecting participation, the minutes should reflect that occurrence when relevant to quorum or voting.

6. Important Note

Minutes should record the legally required action or determination without including unnecessary confidential medical or personal details.

III. SB 707 Provisions That Only Apply to Eligible Legislative Bodies

As the governing body of San Joaquin County, the Board of Supervisors is an eligible legislative body.

A. Mandatory Remote Public Participation

*Applies to All Legislative Bodies: **Generally NO***

SB 707 requires eligible legislative bodies to provide remote public access and participation during meetings. The San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors will begin providing remote public participation for Board meetings as of July 1, 2026.

Most advisory legislative bodies are not subject to this requirement.

B. Technology Disruption Procedures

*Applies to All Legislative Bodies: **Generally NO***

Eligible legislative bodies must adopt procedures addressing technology failures and interruptions. The San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors adopted its Technology Disruption Policy on April 28, 2026.

Most advisory legislative bodies are not subject to this requirement.

C. Meeting Website Requirements

*Applies to All Legislative Bodies: **Generally NO***

SB 707 includes webpage requirements for eligible legislative bodies. The San Joaquin County Clerk of the Board will ensure compliance with this requirement for the Board of Supervisors.

County Departments supporting an advisory legislative body not subject to these requirements should continue posting agendas through established County procedures.

D. Language Access / Translation Threshold Provisions

*Applies to All Legislative Bodies: **Generally NO***

Certain language access requirements apply to eligible legislative bodies that meet statutory thresholds. San Joaquin County meets this threshold. Accordingly, the Board of Supervisors, as an eligible legislative body, must provide a Spanish translation of its meeting agenda. This requirement applies to the agenda itself and does not extend to the full agenda packet.

Most advisory legislative bodies are not automatically required under SB 707 to translate agendas solely because they are advisory bodies.

Departments should still remain mindful of:

- Program-specific federal requirements
- Accommodation requests
- Significant community interest

E. Oral Reporting of Compensation Items

*Applies to All Legislative Bodies: **Generally NO***

SB 707 expanded oral reporting requirements before action on certain compensation matters involving executive leadership positions.

Most advisory legislative bodies do not take these actions.

IV. Department Liaison Responsibilities

Departments supporting boards and commissions are encouraged to:

- ✓ Continue timely agenda posting
- ✓ Use clear agenda descriptions
- ✓ Coordinate early if a member requests remote attendance
- ✓ Avoid informal communications creating serial meeting concerns
- ✓ Maintain meeting records and minutes
- ✓ Consult County Counsel when requirements are unclear

V. Link to California Brown Act

[California Ralph M. Brown Act \(Official State Text\)](#)

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SB-707 Open meetings: meeting and teleconference requirements. (2025-2026)

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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 03, 2025. Filed with Secretary of State October 03, 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 $\frac{2}{3}$ 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.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: yes

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:

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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.

PRESENTATION #2

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Executive Committee
Youth Council
Apprenticeship Committee**

INFORMATION ITEM #1

WORKNET CENTER CUSTOMER SERVICE SURVEY

Report for AJCC Customer Satisfaction Survey

Response Counts

Completion Rate:

100%



Complete



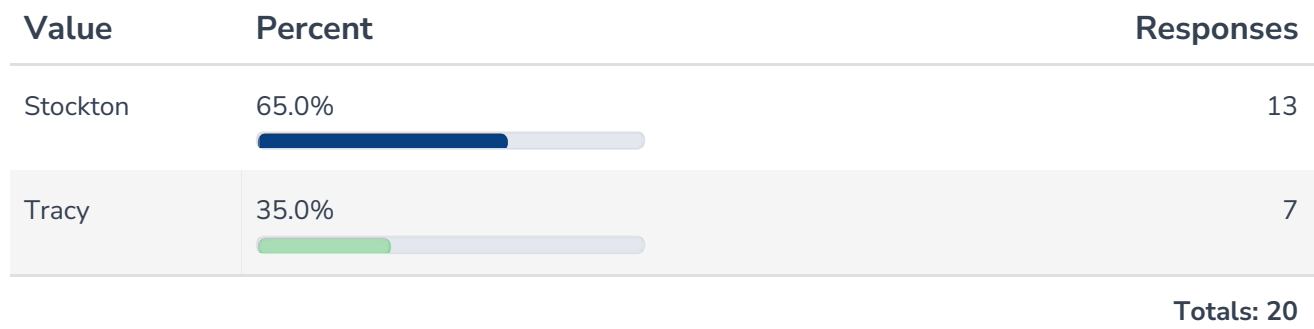
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1. Which best describes you today? (Select all that apply) (This information is confidential and will only be used to improve services and ensure equal access to programs.)

Value	Percent	Responses
Job seeker interested in employment as soon as possible	85.0% 	17
Job seeker interested in training	35.0% 	7
Employer	10.0% 	2
Student / Young adult	15.0% 	3
Veteran	20.0% 	4
Person with disabilities	5.0% 	1
Other - Write In (Required)	5.0% 	1

2. Which center did you visit today?



3. How satisfied were you with the services you received during today's visit?

Value	Percent	Responses
5 – Very Satisfied	80.0%	16
4 – Satisfied	5.0%	1
3 – Neutral	10.0%	2
1 – Very Dissatisfied	5.0%	1

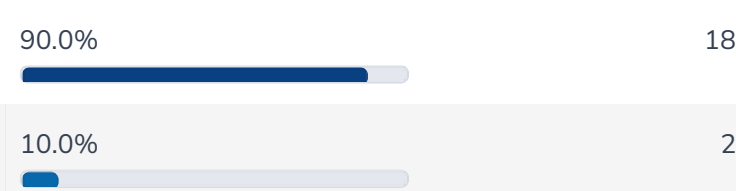
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4. How helpful and professional was the AJCC staff during your visit?


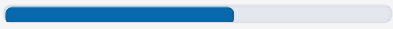
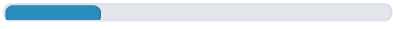
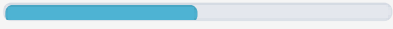
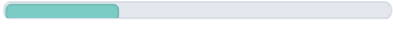
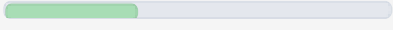
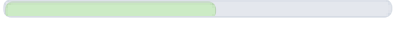
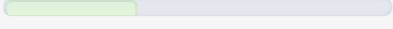
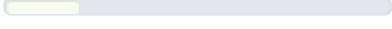
Value	Percent	Responses
5 – Extremely Helpful	85.0%	17
4 – Helpful	5.0%	1
3 – Neutral	10.0%	2
		Totals: 20

5. Did the services and resources provided meet your needs today?

Value	Percent	Responses
Yes – fully met my needs	90.0%	18
Somewhat – partially met my needs	10.0%	2
		Totals: 20



6. Which services did you use during your visit? (Select all that apply)

Value	Percent	Responses
Job search assistance	65.0% 	13
Resume or interview support	60.0% 	12
Career counseling / career planning	25.0% 	5
Information about training or education programs	50.0% 	10
Workshops (resume, interview, job search, etc.)	30.0% 	6
Employer services	35.0% 	7
CaUOBS or computer assistance	55.0% 	11
Supportive services information	35.0% 	7
EDD Services	20.0% 	4

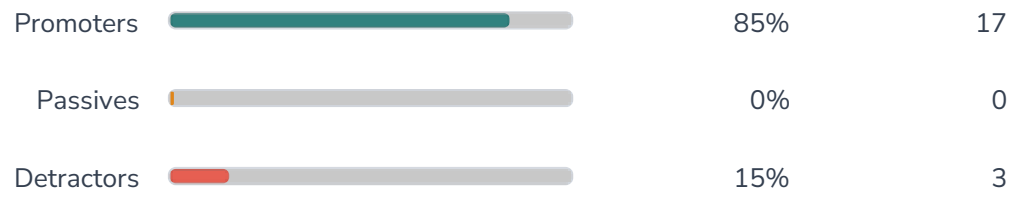
7. What was the outcome of your visit today?

Value	Percent	Responses
I got what I needed.	85.0%	17
I made progress but need a follow-up.	10.0%	2
I did not get the help I was looking for.	5.0%	1
		Totals: 20

8. How satisfied were you with the wait time for your services?

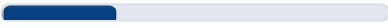
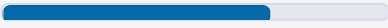
Value	Percent	Responses
5 – Very Satisfied	85.0%	17
4 – Satisfied	5.0%	1
3 – Neutral	10.0%	2
		Totals: 20

9. How likely are you to recommend AJCC services to others?



Totals: 20

10. Would you like someone to follow up with you about your experience?

Value	Percent	Responses
Yes	30.0% 	6
No	70.0% 	14

Totals: 20

INFORMATION ITEM #2

SUCCESS STORIES

Individual Participant Success Story

Participant Name: Sokharann

Participant's City: Stockton

	Before Participation	After Participation
Industry/Sector	Warehouse	Class A Driver
Job Category	Order Selector	Construction
Hourly Wage or Salary	\$20.00	\$25.00

1. What were the goals of the participants when entering the program?

Sokharann was referred through the AB109 program. He was experiencing difficulties finding stable employment and sought assistance from WorkNet for support. Sokharann faced barriers to employment, including a past record, which limited him to temporary and short-term job opportunities.

2. Describe how the AJCC center helped the participant achieve his/her goals. What programs did the participants use? How has this improved the lives of the participant and his/her family?

Sokharann enrolled in the WorkNet AB109 program and completed the CASAS and CareerScope assessments. These assessments helped identify his skills and determine whether they aligned with the occupation he was interested in pursuing. Throughout the process, he received guidance and support from his Case Manager, Christine Matney, who provided one-on-one job readiness assistance to help prepare him for his job search. Sokharann was also referred to various job fairs where he had the opportunity to meet employers and apply for positions that matched his qualifications. Despite these efforts, he was still unable to secure employment, which led him to pursue truck driving training.

He was provided with the necessary support and resources to begin the process. Sokharann researched different schools and ultimately decided to attend Western Pacific Truck School to complete his Class A Truck Driving training. He successfully completed the program and obtained his Class A driver's license.

In addition, Sokharann received supportive services that included work clothing, payment of tuition costs for the truck driving training, DMV fees, and gift card incentives. Today, Sokharann is employed as a Class A Driver operating bottom dump truck. He is now financially stable and earning \$25.00 per hour.

3. Please include a quote from the participant about his/her experience. Client stated

“Sometimes the things you are afraid of can turn out to be the very things you need to become better. I would like to thank Christine Matney and the WorkNet program for helping me enroll in trucking school and for encouraging me to believe that I can accomplish anything I set my mind to. It is okay to feel nervous, but always believe in yourself. Thank you so much, Christine.”

Individual Participant Success Story

Participant Name: Freddie

Participant's City: Stockton, CA

	Before Participation	After Participation
Industry/Sector	General Warehouse	Medical
Job Category	Package Handler	Dental Assistant
Hourly Wage or Salary	\$20.00	\$23.00

1. What were the goals of the participants when entering the program?

Freddie was having a difficult time finding stable employment when he entered the program. He had a strong desire to obtain full-time work; however, he faced several barriers to employment, including a past record. As a result, he was only able to secure temporary and short-term jobs. Seeking an opportunity to rebuild his future, Freddie turned to WorkNet for assistance in re-entering the workforce. He was referred to the WorkNet AB109 program.

2. Describe how the AJCC center helped the participant achieve his/her goals. What programs did the participants use? How has this improved the lives of the participant and his/her family?

Freddie was accepted into the AB109 program, where he received guidance and support from his Case Manager, Christine Matney. As part of the program, he completed orientation, job readiness workshops, and assessments, including the CASAS Math and Reading tests and the CareerScope assessment, which evaluated his aptitudes and interests.

Christine worked closely with Freddie to identify his career goals, develop his resume, and prepare him for interviews. He was also referred to various hiring events to assist him in finding employment opportunities. In addition, Freddie was referred to Job Developer Steffani Bedford, who connected him with Safeway for a Work Experience (WEX) opportunity. Through the assistance of Job Developer Steffani Bedford, Freddie successfully secured a 240-hour WEX position at Safeway.

Throughout his journey, Freddie was provided with supportive services, including work clothing, bus passes, and retention gift cards to support and encourage him as he worked toward achieving stable employment.

During his participation in the WEX program, Freddie continued searching for full-time employment opportunities. He was later interviewed by Ivory Dental, where he was offered a position as a Dental Assistant despite having no prior experience or certification in the field. The employer recognized Freddie's potential and gave him an opportunity to succeed. Today, Freddie is employed full-time as a Dental Assistant and is earning \$23.00 per hour.

Individual Participant Success Story

3. Please include a quote from the participant about his/her experience. Client stated

“I would like to express how much I appreciate Christine and the WorkNet program for all of the support I received. The WEX program gave me the confidence to enhance my skills and helped me become successful in finding employment.

Christine, Zachary, Steffani, and the entire WorkNet team provided me with the guidance and support I needed to find the right opportunity and maintain stability throughout my job search process. Without WorkNet, my journey would have been much more difficult; however, with everyone working together to support me, I was able to successfully get back on my feet and back into the workforce.”

INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANT SUCCESS STORY

Participant Name: Fiza

Participant's City: Stockton

	Before Participation	After Participation
Industry/Sector	Healthcare (Lodi Memorial Hospital)	Healthcare (St. Joseph Medical Center)
Job Category	Certified Nursing Assistant	Registered Nurse
Hourly Wage or Salary	\$23/hr.	\$64/hr.

1. What were the goals of the participant when entering the program?

Fiza was accepted into the Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program at Delta College. She was referred to the WorkNet program to receive supportive services needed to assist her throughout her training.

Fiza had a clear goal: to successfully complete the ADN program and advance her career in the medical field. At the time, she was already employed as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) at Lodi Memorial Hospital; however, she aspired to become a Registered Nurse.

To help achieve her educational and career goals, Fiza sought assistance with the cost of essential textbooks and training materials, as her current income was not sufficient to cover the necessary expenses required for the program.

2. Describe how the AJCC center helped the participant achieve his/her goals. What programs did the participant use? How has this improved the lives of the participant and his/her family?

Fiza was accepted into the WorkNet program, where she received guidance and support from her Case Manager, Estrella Perez-Soto. Through the program, Fiza was provided with supportive services that helped her obtain the textbooks and materials necessary to succeed in her nursing coursework.

She also participated in job readiness workshops, which equipped her with valuable career preparation and professional development skills. With the support and guidance, she received, Fiza was able to focus on her studies, overcome challenges, and successfully work toward achieving her goal of becoming a Registered Nurse.

Fiza successfully completed the ADN program, obtained her nursing license, and began her career as a Registered Nurse at St. Joseph's Medical Center, earning \$64.00 per hour. This accomplishment not only advanced her career but also significantly improved her family's financial stability and overall quality of life.

3. Please include a quote from the Participant about his/her experience.

“I am grateful for the support I received from my Case Manager, Estrella, and the WorkNet program. The assistance with my textbooks, along with the guidance and knowledge I gained from the workshops, made it possible for me to focus on my studies and achieve my dream of becoming a Registered Nurse. I am excited to begin this new chapter in my career.”

INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANT SUCCESS STORY

Participant Name: Mariah

Participant's City: Lodi

	Before Participation	After Participation
Industry/Sector	Healthcare (Lodi Memorial Hospital)	Healthcare (Lodi Memorial Hospital)
Job Category	Student Nurse	Registered Nurse
Hourly Wage or Salary	\$23/hr.	\$53/hr.

1. What were the goals of the participant when entering the program?

Mariah was referred by Delta College and came into the WorkNet AJCC Center as she approached her final semester in the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program at San Joaquin Delta College. At the time, she was already working part-time as a student nurse at Lodi Memorial Hospital. Her goal was to complete her degree, obtain her RN license, and transition into a full-time Registered Nurse position at her current employer.

With prior associate degrees and a phlebotomy license, Mariah was highly motivated to achieve her long-term career goal in nursing. She sought additional support through the WorkNet program because her part-time income was not sufficient to cover the required tools and materials needed for her training and successful completion of the program.

2. Describe how the AJCC center helped the participant achieve his/her goals. What programs did the participant use? How has this improved the lives of the participant and his/her family?

Mariah enrolled in the WorkNet program, where she received ongoing support from her Case Manager, Estrella Perez-Soto. Through the program, Mariah was provided with supportive services that covered essential expenses, including her nursing license application, Live Scan, and NCLEX fees. She also participated in job readiness workshops, which helped prepare her for the transition into a professional Registered Nurse role. This combination of financial assistance and career guidance allowed Mariah to remain focused on completing her program and advancing her career goals.

Mariah successfully completed the ADN program and obtained her RN license. Shortly after, her director at Lodi Memorial Hospital offered her a promotion to a full-time New Graduate RN position, which she began just one month after receiving her license. She is now employed full-time permanent earning \$53.00 per hour. This achievement not only fulfilled Mariah's professional aspirations but also strengthened her financial stability and created greater career opportunities for her and her family.

3. Please include a quote from the Participant about his/her experience.

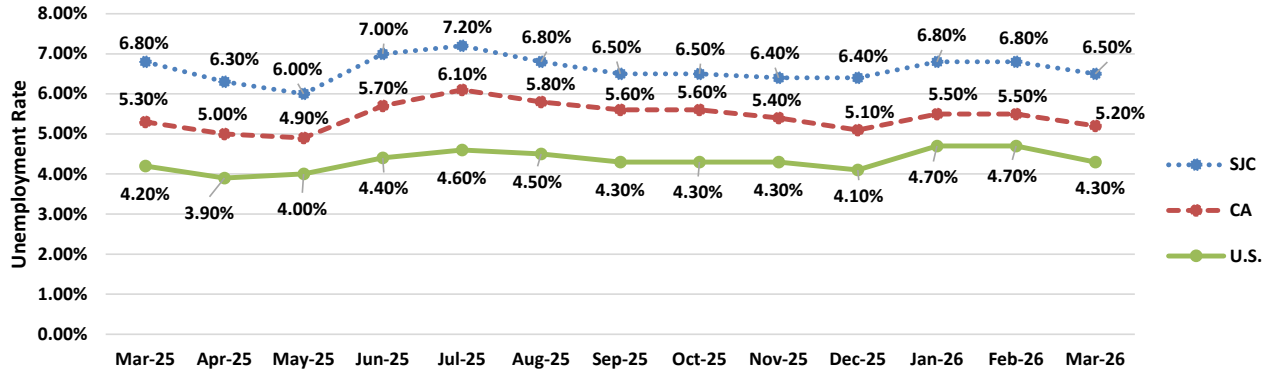
“I am grateful for all the support that I received from Estrella, and the WorkNet program. The guidance and assistance made it possible for me to complete my degree, pass my NCLEX, and step confidently into my new role as a registered nurse. I couldn’t have done it without your help!”

INFORMATION ITEM #3

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY LABOR MARKET INFORMATION SNAPSHOT

Welcome to the San Joaquin County Labor Market Review. The snapshot provides a quick review of labor market information in San Joaquin County for the previous month, the most up-to-date information provided by the California Employment Development Department (EDD). The data and information is provided by the California EDD Labor Market Information Division (LMID). For more information please call (916) 262-2162 or visit the LMID website at <https://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/>.

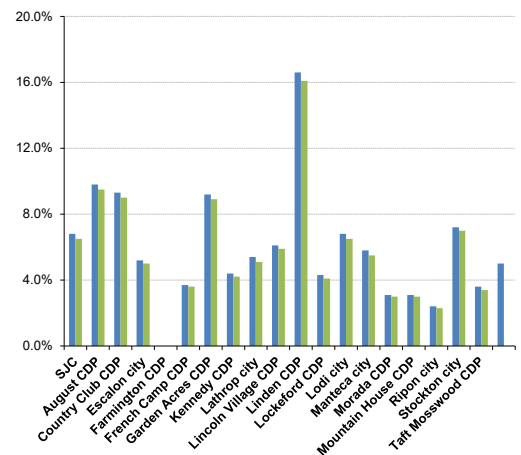
San Joaquin County, California, and the United States Unemployment Rates March 2025 to March 2026



Sub County average unemployment rates for the county, cities, and municipalities.

Area Name	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	
			Number	Rate
San Joaquin County	373,700	349,300	24,500	6.5%
August CDP	3,500	3,200	300	9.5%
Country Club CDP	4,800	4,400	400	9.0%
Escalon city	3,200	3,000	200	5.0%
Farmington CDP	0	0	0	0.0%
French Camp CDP	800	800	0	3.6%
Garden Acres CDP	4,900	4,500	400	8.9%
Kennedy CDP	1,100	1,100	0	4.2%
Lathrop city	18,200	17,200	900	5.1%
Lincoln Village CDP	2,000	1,900	100	5.9%
Linden CDP	1,300	1,100	200	16.1%
Lockeford CDP	1,700	1,600	100	4.1%
Lodi city	32,500	30,400	2,100	6.5%
Manteca city	42,800	40,400	2,400	5.5%
Morada CDP	1,600	1,500	0	3.0%
Mountain House CDP	12,100	11,800	400	3.0%
Ripon city	7,900	7,700	200	2.3%
Stockton city	146,000	135,800	10,200	7.0%
Taft Mosswood CDP	500	500	0	3.4%
Tracy city	49,800	47,400	2,400	4.8%

San Joaquin County Community Unemployment

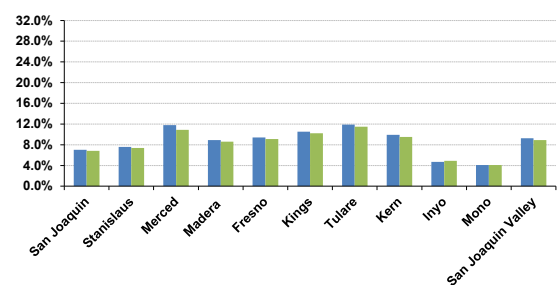


*CDP - Census Designated Place

Counties in the San Joaquin Valley Quick Look

County	Rank	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
San Joaquin	35	378,600	352,100	26,400	7.0%
Stanislaus	42	257,600	237,900	19,700	7.6%
Merced	55	124,500	109,800	14,700	11.8%
Madera	47	70,400	64,100	6,300	8.9%
Fresno	49	477,900	432,800	45,100	9.4%
Kings	53	59,200	53,000	6,200	10.5%
Tulare	56	221,900	195,500	26,400	11.9%
Kern	50	410,700	369,900	40,700	9.9%
Inyo	14	8,290	7,910	390	4.7%
Mono	5	8,610	8,260	350	4.1%
San Joaquin Valley		2,017,700	1,831,270	186,240	9.2%

Counties in the San Joaquin Valley Unemployment Rates



San Joaquin County is part of the San Joaquin Valley and Associated Counties Regional Planning Unit (RPU) comprised of all counties in the San Joaquin Valley. Above is a comparison of all counties in the RPU. This WIOA Title I-financially assisted program or activity is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

SJC LMI Snapshot

Mar 2026
 March 2024 Benchmark

Labor Force and Industrial Employment	Mar 25	Jan 26	Feb 26	Mar 26	Percent Change	
			Revised	Prelim	Month	Year
<i>*Data not seasonally adjusted</i>						
Civilian Labor Force (1)	378,600	374,200	375,900	373,700	-0.6%	-1.3%
Civilian Employment	352,100	348,500	350,400	349,300	-0.3%	-0.8%
Civilian Unemployment	26,400	25,700	25,500	24,500	-3.9%	-7.2%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	7.0%	6.9%	6.8%	6.5%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.2%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.2%	4.7%	4.7%	4.3%		
Total Wage and Salary (2)	292,900	297,100	296,400	295,600	-0.3%	0.9%
Total Farm	11,400	10,400	10,100	10,400	3.0%	-8.8%
Total Nonfarm	281,500	286,700	286,300	285,200	-0.4%	1.3%
Total Private	232,500	235,500	234,500	233,500	-0.4%	0.4%
Goods Producing	36,300	36,100	36,200	36,100	-0.3%	-0.6%
Mining, Logging and Construction	13,900	13,700	13,800	13,800	0.0%	-0.7%
Mining and Logging	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Construction	13,900	13,700	13,800	13,800	0.0%	-0.7%
Manufacturing	22,400	22,400	22,400	22,300	-0.4%	-0.4%
Durable Goods	11,000	10,500	10,500	10,500	0.0%	-4.5%
Non-Durable Goods	11,400	11,900	11,900	11,800	-0.8%	3.5%
Food Manufacturing	5,700	6,000	6,000	5,900	-1.7%	3.5%
Service-Providing	245,200	250,600	250,100	249,100	-0.4%	1.6%
Private Service Providing	196,200	199,400	198,300	197,400	-0.5%	0.6%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	85,500	86,200	84,600	84,000	-0.7%	-1.8%
Wholesale Trade	12,700	12,200	12,200	12,200	0.0%	-3.9%
Retail Trade	26,200	25,600	25,500	25,500	0.0%	-2.7%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	46,600	48,400	46,900	46,300	-1.3%	-0.6%
Transportation and Warehousing	44,900	46,600	45,000	44,400	-1.3%	-1.1%
Truck Transportation	8,000	8,500	8,600	8,500	-1.2%	6.3%
Warehousing and Storage	29,600	30,600	29,600	29,100	-1.7%	-1.7%
Information	900	900	900	900	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	7,600	7,800	7,800	7,800	0.0%	2.6%
Professional and Business Services	22,500	21,500	21,500	21,000	-2.3%	-6.7%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and	14,600	14,500	14,500	13,900	-4.1%	-4.8%
Private Education and Health Services	47,300	49,800	50,100	50,300	0.4%	6.3%
Private Educational Services	5,000	4,900	5,100	5,100	0.0%	2.0%
Health Care and Social Assistance	42,300	44,900	45,000	45,200	0.4%	6.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	24,200	24,800	25,000	25,100	0.4%	3.7%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	2,700	3,000	3,000	3,000	0.0%	11.1%
Accommodation and Food Services	21,500	21,800	22,000	22,100	0.5%	2.8%
Food Services and Drinking Places	19,800	20,000	20,200	20,200	0.0%	2.0%
Other Services	8,200	8,400	8,400	8,300	-1.2%	1.2%
Government	49,000	51,200	51,800	51,700	-0.2%	5.5%
Federal Government	3,000	2,800	2,900	2,800	-3.4%	-6.7%
Federal Government excluding Department of Defense	1,800	1,700	1,800	1,700	-5.6%	-5.6%
Department of Defense	1,200	1,100	1,100	1,100	0.0%	-8.3%
Total State and Local Government	46,000	48,400	48,900	48,900	0.0%	6.3%
State Government	5,300	5,300	5,300	5,300	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	40,700	43,100	43,600	43,600	0.0%	7.1%
Local Government Educational Services	26,500	28,500	29,100	29,100	0.0%	9.8%
Local Government excluding Education	14,200	14,600	14,500	14,500	0.0%	2.1%
County Government	8,500	8,700	8,700	8,700	0.0%	2.4%
City Government	3,900	4,000	4,000	4,000	0.0%	2.6%
Special Districts plus Tribes	1,800	1,900	1,800	1,800	0.0%	0.0%
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