

The Ralph M. Brown Act

2400.1 The California State Legislature adopted the Ralph M. Brown Act, commonly referred to as the Brown Act, in 1953. The Brown Act is contained in Government Code §54950, et seq. and is intended to provide public access to meetings of California government agencies. The Brown Act is broadly construed, and compliance is constitutionally mandated.

2400.2 All meetings of the Board of Directors shall comply with the Brown Act.

2400.2.1 Meetings occur whenever the majority of the Board of Directors meets to discuss District business.

2400.2.2 "Member of the Board" includes newly elected and appointed officials prior to assuming office.

2400.2.3 All Board meetings shall be open and freely accessible to the public, including those with disabilities.

2400.2.4 Meetings through the use of intermediaries, serial communications, or emails are prohibited.

2400.2.5 The Board shall only take action during a properly noticed meeting.

2400.3 Committees created by formal action of the Board shall comply with the Brown Act.
