



**CITY OF WILDOMAR  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
GENERAL BUSINESS  
Agenda Staff Report # 3.3  
Meeting Date: June 10, 2026**

**SUBJECT:** Brown Act Updates (Senate Bill 707) and Adoption of a Technology Disruption Policy and Community Outreach Policy

**SUBMITTED BY:** Janet Morales Garcia, City Clerk

**ACTION:**

1. Receive a presentation on the Brown Act updates related to teleconferencing and accessibility provisions under Senate Bill 707 (SB707).

2. Adopt a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILDOMAR, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING A TECHNOLOGY DISRUPTION POLICY PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE § 54953.4

3. Adopt a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILDOMAR, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING A POLICY REGARDING REASONABLE EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE § 54953.4

**SUMMARY:**

Effective January 1, 2026, SB 707 updates Brown Act requirements intended to enhance public access, transparency, and language accessibility for local agency meetings. Effective July 1, 2026, eligible legislative bodies must comply with agenda translation requirements and public posting locations, adopt procedures to address disruptions for remote public access, and implement enhanced teleconferencing and public participation provisions. This item includes a presentation summarizing the updates and proposed resolutions to implement a required disruption policy and a community outreach policy intended to support compliance with SB 707.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code § 54950 et seq.) establishes requirements for open meetings of local legislative bodies. On October 3, 2025, Governor Newsom signed SB 707, which updates provisions to the Brown Act to diversify and increase public engagement at local government meetings for eligible legislative bodies. The City Council is currently the only eligible legislative body for the City of Wildomar based on a statutory population threshold.

SB 707 requires the City Council to do the following as of July 1, 2026:

- Provide public attendance and public comment through either a two-way audiovisual and telephonic service or a two-way telephonic service only.
- Adopt a Technology Service Disruption Policy on General Business at a City Council meeting.
- Take reasonable efforts to invite groups that do not traditionally attend or participate in meetings.
- Translate agendas to "applicable languages". (Wildomar's applicable language is Spanish)
- Develop a webpage or update the current meeting webpage to include translated content to Spanish and, among several requirements, include the process for participating in the meeting and the procedure for receiving reasonable accommodations.
- Provide a freely accessible physical location at City Hall near where the official agendas are posted, and allow the public to post additional translations of the agendas in that location.

## **DISCUSSION:**

### **Public Engagement/ Community Outreach Policy**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached Outreach Resolution, which identifies reasonable efforts to encourage participation by underrepresented and non-English-speaking communities. The proposed Community Outreach Policy is not expressly required by SB 707. However, it documents the City Council's determination that the City's existing and potential outreach practices constitute reasonable efforts to encourage public participation. The Resolution identifies examples of outreach methods the City may use while preserving flexibility to modify those efforts over time based on available resources, technology, and community needs. Consistent with California law, the resolution does not require notice to any specific group and does not create obligations beyond those imposed by the Brown Act. The proposed policy is intended to provide flexibility while supporting expanded public awareness and participation.

Staff will continue to utilize the following existing resources to encourage participation:

1. City Newsletter
2. Social Media
3. Public Hearing Notices, as required by law
4. Electronic access to the agenda in multiple languages through the City's webpage
5. Webpage on the meeting process, dates and locations of meetings, and how to participate in meetings that must be translated into Spanish
6. Email Notifications
7. Agenda subscription option

### **Two-Way Telephonic Service**

Beginning July 1, 2026, the City is required to allow public remote participation at City Council meetings. Staff recommends using Zoom Webinar or a similar two-way telephonic service platform for City Council meetings. Members of the public will be able to dial a phone number to listen to the meeting and provide public comment.

### **Technology Disruption Policy**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached Disruption Policy Resolution. The intention of the attached policy is to adopt a policy that implements the legal requirements of

SB 707 to ensure transparency and continuity of meetings in the event of a technology disruption during a City Council meeting, while maintaining flexibility to respond based on specific circumstances.

The policy is summarized below:

If telephonic or internet service is disrupted during a meeting, affecting the public's ability to participate, the City Council will need to recess open session for at least one hour and make a good-faith effort to restore service. During the recess, the City Council may meet in closed session to consider agenda items.

If service has not been restored after one hour, the City Council may reconvene if it adopts, by roll-call vote, a finding that it made good-faith efforts to restore service and that the public interest in continuing the meeting outweighs the public interest in remote public access. Alternatively, the meeting may be adjourned.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impact in adopting these Resolutions.