



air pollution control district
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 27, 2026

TO: Community Advisory Council (CAC) Members

FROM: Aeron Arlin Genet, (805) 979-8282, AAG@sbcapcd.org

SUBJECT: Resolution to amend the CAC Charter By-Laws to Authorize Alternative Teleconferencing

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution amending the CAC Charter By-Laws to authorize the council to conduct meetings using "alternative" teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.8, and forward the amendment to the Air Pollution Control District Board of Directors for final consideration at their next regular meeting.

DISCUSSION:

The Community Advisory Council is a volunteer advisory body of Board-appointed members that advises the Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) and the Board of Directors on attainment and maintenance planning, air pollution control rules, and related policy matters. The CAC is committed to complying with the Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950 et seq.) and to provide the public adequate notice and opportunity to participate in its proceedings.

This option is newly available to the CAC as a result of Senate Bill 707 (Durazo), signed into law in 2025 and effective January 1, 2026, which modernized the Brown Act's teleconferencing framework. Prior to SB 707, local bodies like the CAC did not have this alternative teleconferencing pathway available to them; the District is bringing this item forward now that state law provides the authority to do so.

As an "eligible multijurisdictional body" under the Brown Act, the CAC may conduct teleconferencing under several available provisions, including the "alternative" teleconferencing option set out in Government Code Section 54953.8. This option gives members added flexibility to participate remotely under limited circumstances, subject to the requirements summarized below.

Requirements for a participating member:

- Must be more than 20 miles from any physical meeting location open to the public.
- May use this option no more than two meetings per calendar year. If a stipend is in place, the member cannot receive it for a meeting attended remotely under this option.
- Must use both audio and visual technology (camera on) throughout the meeting, and must disclose whether any other person 18 or older is present in the room and the nature of that person's relationship to the member.

Requirements for the Council:

- Must adopt a resolution, at a regular meeting in open session, authorizing members to use this teleconferencing option.
- A quorum of the Council must participate from one or more physical locations open to the public and within District boundaries.
- The agenda must identify which member(s) are participating remotely, which requires members to notify staff more than 72 hours before the meeting.
- Must have and implement procedures for receiving and resolving requests for disability accommodations, and agendas must include notice of how to request one.
- Must allow public participation by a two-way audiovisual platform (e.g., Zoom) or a two-way telephonic service with live webcasting, if not already provided.
- If a disruption prevents broadcasting, or an in-agency-control disruption affects the Council's ability to receive public comment, the Council cannot take further action until the disruption is resolved.
- Minutes must record the names of members attending via teleconference and the specific alternative teleconferencing provision under which they participated.

The attached resolution would incorporate this authority into the CAC Charter By-Laws. If adopted by the Council, the amendment will be forwarded to the Board of Directors for final consideration at its next regular meeting in August.

ATTACHMENT:

- A. Proposed Resolution amending the CAC Charter By-Laws.

ATTACHMENT A

Proposed Resolution Amending the CAC Charter By-Laws

August 27, 2026

Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District
Community Advisory Council

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

IN THE MATTER OF)
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT) RESOLUTION NO. 26-____
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL BY-LAWS)
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WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District Community Advisory Council (CAC) is a volunteer advisory body of Board appointed members with diverse expertise and representing a variety of community interests;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Air Pollution Control District Community Advisory Council is to provide advice to the Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) and the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control Board of Directors (Board) in matters related to attainment and maintenance planning, development and promulgation of air pollution control rules and other related policy issues;

WHEREAS, the Air Pollution Control District Community Advisory Council is committed to complying with the provisions of the California Open Meetings Statute, (Government Code Section 54950 et seq.), and all members of the District's legislative bodies are provided a copy of the Brown Act upon appointment and annually thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the Air Pollution Control District Community Advisory Council is committed to encouraging participation in its actions by providing adequate notice of items it is to consider and allowing the public an opportunity to address the Council;

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Air Pollution Control District Community Advisory Council (CAC) hereby adopts the following policy:

Alternative Teleconferencing. As an "eligible multijurisdictional body," the CAC may conduct teleconferencing under a number of Brown Act sections, including pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.8 ("alternative" teleconferencing). Teleconferencing conducted pursuant to Section 54953.8 and 54953.8.7 shall comply with all requirements set out in the Brown Act.

This amendment shall be incorporated into the Community Advisory Council Charter By-Laws and forwarded to the Air Pollution Control District Board of Directors for final consideration at its next regular meeting in August.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Air Pollution Control District Community Advisory Council, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this ____ day of _____ 2026 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

AERON ARLIN GENET
Clerk of the Board

Chair, Santa Barbara County
Air Pollution Control District Community
Advisory Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RACHEL VAN MULLEM
Santa Barbara County Counsel

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