

20-00: BROWN ACT COMPLIANCE: OPEN MEETING REQUIREMENTS

THE BROWN ACT

The Legislature adopted the Brown Act, commonly referred to as California's "Open Meetings Laws" in 1964. The Brown Act is contained in Government Code § [54950.5](#) et seq. The Brown Act is broadly construed, and compliance is constitutionally mandated.

The Ralph M. Brown Act provides for three different types of meetings; Regular, Special and Emergency. Accordingly, the District shall satisfy the appropriate notice requirement for each type of meeting and indicate the type of meeting on the notice.

20-01: COMPLIANCE WITH BROWN ACT

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

1. A member of the Board includes newly elected and appointed officials prior to assuming office.
2. All Board meetings shall be open and freely accessible to the public, including those with disabilities.
3. Meetings through the use of intermediaries, serial communications, or emails are prohibited.
4. The Board shall only take action during a properly noticed meeting.

20-02: COMMITTEES

Standing Committees created by formal action of the Board shall comply with the Brown Act. Ad-Hoc committees do not need to conform to Brown Act noticing protocols.