

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-xxx

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN MARCOS CALIFORNIA ADOPTING A POLICY
ADDRESSING DISRUPTION OF TELEPHONIC OR
INTERNET SERVICE DURING PUBLIC MEETINGS

WHEREAS, the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code § 54950 et seq.) establishes requirements for open and public meetings of local legislative bodies; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 707 (2025) amended the Brown Act to update teleconferencing and accessibility requirements, including provisions related to remote participation in public meetings; and

WHEREAS, Government Code § 54953.4(b)(1)(A) requires eligible legislative bodies, on or before July 1, 2026, to adopt at a noticed public meeting in open session, and not on the consent calendar, a policy addressing disruption of telephonic or internet service during meetings conducted with remote participation; and

WHEREAS, the required policy must address procedures for recessing and reconvening a meeting in the event of a disruption and the efforts the legislative body will make to attempt to restore service; and

WHEREAS, Government Code § 54953.4 further requires that, in the event of a disruption preventing members of the public from observing or participating in the meeting through a two-way telephonic or audiovisual platform, the legislative body shall recess the open session for at least one hour and make a good faith effort to restore service, and may not reconvene open session until at least one hour has passed or service has been restored, whichever occurs first; and

WHEREAS, if telephonic or internet service has not been restored upon reconvening, the legislative body must make findings by roll call vote that good faith efforts to restore service have been made and that the public interest in continuing the meeting outweighs the public interest in remote public access; and

WHEREAS, adoption of a technology disruption policy as part of the City Council Meeting Policy and Procedures is required to ensure compliance with state law and to promote transparency and continuity of public meetings; and

WHEREAS, the proposed policy addressing disruption of telephonic or internet service during meetings of the City Council has been prepared in accordance with Government Code § 54953.4 and is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the activity is not a “Project” as defined under Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3), no environmental review is required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of San Marcos, California as follows:

Section 1. Adoption of Policy. The San Marcos City Council hereby adopts the policy entitled “City Council Meeting Policy and Procedures,” substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 2. Implementation. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to implement the policy in coordination with agency staff, legal counsel, and technology support staff, as appropriate.

Section 3. Minor Modifications. The City Attorney may approve minor, non-substantive modifications to the policy as necessary to conform to applicable law, agency practices, or formatting requirements, provided such modifications do not materially alter the intent of the policy.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of San Marcos at a regular meeting thereof, this 26th day of May, 2026, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

Rebecca D. Jones, Mayor
City of San Marcos

ATTEST:

Phillip Scollick, City Clerk
City of San Marcos

Exhibit A