



Senate Bill 707 Implementation

Guidelines For The County Service Area 17 (CSA-17)

Advisory Committee



Background



- Senate Bill 707 (Open Meetings: Meeting and Teleconference Requirements) amended the Brown Act to allow certain local advisory boards and commissions to conduct hybrid meetings, where members may participate remotely while maintaining public access and transparency.
- Signed into law October 3, 2025, and fully implemented on July 1, 2025.



What SB 707 Allows



Members may participate remotely without publicly disclosing their location.



Hybrid meetings with both in-person and remote public participation.



Members may attend either remotely or in person.



Four SB 707 Conditions

- Meeting all four of the following conditions allows a board to utilize SB 707's teleconferencing provisions:
 - Advisory Nature
 - Appointed Body
 - Multi-Jurisdictional
 - Limited Frequency
 - Meets less than 10 times a year



What Does NOT Change

- The law still requires:
 - At least one physical meeting location within San Diego County where the public may attend.
 - County staff must be present at the physical meeting location.
 - The public must have both options, to either attend in person or participate remotely.





CSA-17 Eligibility



- CSA 17 Is identified as eligible by the Clerk of the Board.
- Eligibility does not automatically authorize teleconferencing and requires Board of Supervisor approval.



Implementation Step-by-Step Flow



SB 707 Limitations For CSA-17

- A key provision of the bill: Government Code § 54953.8.6(a)(3):
 - "An elected official serving as a member of an eligible subsidiary body in their official capacity shall **NOT** participate in a meeting of the eligible subsidiary body by teleconferencing."

This Includes:

- City council member
- County supervisor
- School board member
- Fire Districts
- And other elected official



Remote Member Responsibilities



- **Camera Requirement:** Must keep their video camera turned on and remain visibly present throughout open session.
- **Room Disclosure:** Before any action is taken, members must state if anyone over the age of 18 is present in their remote room and specify their relationship.
- **No Agendized Address:** Unlike Brown Act Rules, remote members do not need to list their private physical location on the public agenda.
- **Elected Official Exclusions:** Elected officials serving as board representatives are barred from remote participation under SB 707 provision.



Key Takeaways On SB 707



- CSA-17 is eligible.
 - Except for Elected Officials.
- CSA-17 Advisory Committee must vote to approve teleconferencing meeting option.
- Board of Supervisors authorization is required before implementation.
 - Authorization must be renewed every 6-months.
- Hybrid meetings still require an in-person meeting location.



Questions?

