

Exhibit to Agenda Item #4

Discuss approving proposed revisions to the **Meeting Procedures of the SMUD Board of Directors.**

Board Policy Committee and Special SMUD Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, May 13, 2026, scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.
SMUD Headquarters Building, Auditorium

Senate Bill 707 (SB 707)

- On October 3, 2025, Governor Newsom signed SB 707 to update the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code §§ 54950, et seq)
 - The updates modernized requirements pertaining to public access, teleconference options, and participation requirements.
- Among other things, effective **July 1, 2026**, this Board must:
 - Adopt a policy to address how disruptions to telephonic or internet service during a meeting are handled.

Proposed Revisions

- Add provision addressing disruption of service (applies to CHAPTER I – BOARD MEETINGS and CHAPTER II – COMMITTEES, respectively):

Remote Participation Service Disruption (Policy on Disruptions of Telephonic or Internet Service During Public Meetings)

If the President/Chair is informed of a disruption to remote access services that prevents the public from attending or observing the meeting remotely, the President/Chair shall immediately announce the disruption and then shall recess the open session of the meeting and direct staff to diagnose and restore the disrupted service. During the disruption, the Board may meet in closed session but may not take action upon any agenda items.

The Board shall not reconvene the open session of the meeting until the earlier of the following: (a) remote access services are restored, in which case the President/Chair may reconvene the meeting, or (b) if a service disruption has lasted for at least one hour the President/Chair may reconvene the open session and take a rollcall vote on whether to find the public interest in continuing the meeting outweighs the public interest in remote public access. Upon adoption of such a finding, the Board/Committee may continue the open session without restored remote access services. In either case the minutes will reflect the nature of the disruption and restoration attempts, and the time the meeting was reconvened or whether the President/Chair decided to adjourn the meeting without reconvening.

“Disruption” means any failure, outage, or other interruption that prevents members of the public from attending or observing the meeting via these remote access services. “Remote access services” means the two-way telephonic service and/or two-way audiovisual platform used to provide real-time remote public attendance and observation of meetings.