

GRIZZLY RANCH CSD

POLICY SERIES: OPERATIONS

POLICY TITLE: TELECONFERENCING FOR BOARD MEMBERS

POLICY NUMBER: #5080

It is the policy of the Board that whenever possible, Board members shall attend meetings in person, especially those which are regular meetings. No member has a legal right to participate by telephone or videoconference under the Brown Act.

When developing an Agenda pursuant to “Board Meeting Agenda Development, Efficiency of and Time Limits for Board Meetings, Role and Power of Chairperson” or calling a special meeting pursuant to Government Code section 549565, the Chairperson shall consider requests by Board members to participate in the meeting by telephone or videoconference. Teleconferencing shall be permitted and provided for when ordered by a majority of the Board, whether as a result of a meeting called by a majority of the Board, or as a result of a sanction imposed under the Comprehensive Code of Conduct or otherwise.

Except as directed by the Board, it shall be in the discretion of the Chairperson as to whether to grant a Board member’s request to attend a meeting by telephone or videoconference. Requests based on circumstances beyond a member’s control should ordinarily be approved. Whenever possible, attendance from a fixed location within the boundaries of the District which is open and accessible to the public shall be preferred. Each location which meets all of the Brown Act requirements for serving as a teleconference location shall be listed on the posted agenda.

In unexpected circumstances, the Chairperson may arrange for participation by Board members from locations which do not qualify under the Brown Act as a public teleconference location, provided that such participation is not disruptive. In such circumstance, the Board member or members may not be counted towards a quorum, but may otherwise participate in accordance with Brown Act requirements, including the taking of votes by roll call.

Nothing in this policy shall prohibit the District from providing the public with additional teleconference locations.