



# City of Needles, California Request for City Council Action

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**Meeting Date:** April 28, 2026

**Title:** Adoption of Resolutions 2026-13 and 2026-14 to Ensure Compliance with SB 707 (Brown Act Modernization)

**Background:** This item considers the adoption of City Council Resolutions 2026-13 establishing Public Outreach and Interpretation Assistance Practices and 2026-14 adopting the Technology Disruption Policy to ensure compliance with Senate Bill 707 (SB 707) and to provide clear procedures for maintaining public access and participation during City Council and Brown Act meetings when technological disruptions occur.

Senate Bill 707 (SB 707) amended provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act to strengthen public access to local government meetings conducted using teleconferencing or hybrid formats. The law requires legislative bodies to provide consistent, reliable public access and to address interruptions that prevent members of the public from observing or participating in meetings.

SB 707 further requires that when a technological disruption within the local agency's control prevents public access, the legislative body may not continue the meeting until access is restored. As a result, agencies are required to adopt clear, written procedures to guide staff and elected officials in responding to such disruptions.

The City currently utilizes Microsoft Teams to facilitate remote and hybrid participation. While internal practices exist, formal adoption of these policies ensures consistency, transparency, and compliance with State law.

Adoption of these policies will ensure the City meets the SB 707 requirements prior to the July 1, 2026 implementation deadline.

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Recommended Action:** Adopt Resolution No. 2026-13 establishing Public Outreach and Interpretation Assistance Practices and Resolution No. 2026-14 adopting the Technology Disruption Policy.

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**City Manager Approval:** Patrick J. Martinez

**Date:** 4/24/2026

**Other Department Approval (when required):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_