



# MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Workforce Development Board

**FROM:** Christopher Donnelly

**SUBJECT:** Authorization to Teleconference Pursuant  
to Government Code Section 54953.8.6

**DATE:** February 26, 2026

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Monterey County Workforce Development Board (MCWDB), as an Eligible Subsidiary Body, authorize teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.8.6, and direct staff to implement the new teleconferencing rules for future meetings of the MCWDB and its committees.

**SUMMARY:**

California law created teleconferencing requirements, effective January 1, 2026, for Eligible Subsidiary Bodies, which are defined as Brown Act Legislative Bodies that exclusively serve in an advisory capacity, lack authority to take final action, and further lack primary subject matter jurisdiction on elections, budgets, police oversight, privacy, public library material access, or taxes or related spending proposals.

On January 13, 2026, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved teleconferencing for the County's Eligible Subsidiary Bodies until July 8, 2026, based on finding that teleconferenced meetings would enhance public access, and that teleconferenced meetings would promote the attraction, retention, and diversity of Eligible Subsidiary Body members. The BOS is required to reauthorize teleconferencing for Eligible Subsidiary Bodies every six months.

The authorization for an Eligible Subsidiary Body to implement the new teleconferencing rules must be provided by the body during an in-person meeting of the Eligible Subsidiary Body.

**BACKGROUND:**

California approved approximately 27 changes to the Brown Act in its last legislative session. In addition to adding teleconferencing options, the legislation created new requirements for the County of Monterey relating to public accessibility in the form of "Eligible Legislative Bodies," as well as new requirements relating to meetings of the County's Eligible Subsidiary Bodies.

Attachment: Government Code Section 54953.8.6