

RESOLUTION NO. 17-10

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE SANTA YNEZ COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
ADOPTING BROWN ACT COMPLIANCE POLICY**

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has enacted the Ralph M. Brown Act, as set forth in Government Code Section 54950 et seq. (the “Brown Act”). The Legislative purpose and intent of the Brown Act are described in Government Code Section 54950, which provides as follows:

In enacting this chapter, the Legislature finds and declares that the public commissions, boards and councils and the other public agencies in this State exist to aid in the conduct of the people’s business. It is the intent of the law that their actions be taken openly and that their deliberations be conducted openly.

The people of this State do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies which serve them. The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created.

WHEREAS, a key provision of the Brown Act is set forth in Government Code Section 54953(a), which provides as follows:

All meetings of the legislative body of a local agency shall be open and public, and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the legislative body of a local agency, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

WHEREAS, the intent of the Brown Act has been confirmed by Section 3(b)(1) of Article 1 of the California Constitution, which provides as follows:

The people have the right of access to information concerning the conduct of the people’s business, and, therefore, the meetings of public bodies and the writings of public officials and agencies shall be open to public scrutiny.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the Santa Ynez Community Services District (the “District”) desires to adopt a policy relating to the District’s compliance with the Brown Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez Community Services District does hereby resolve as follows:

1. **Brown Act Compliance.** In order to (i) maximize transparency, (ii) allow members of the public to remain informed so they can retain control over the District, and (iii) ensure that the District remains open to public scrutiny, it shall be the policy of the District to strictly comply with the specific legal requirements as well as the spirit of the Brown Act in the conduct of its Board and committee meetings. To that end, except as otherwise provided by law, all actions taken, and all deliberations conducted by the Board shall be open and public.

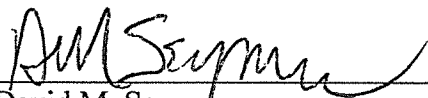
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of November 2017, by the following vote of the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez Community Services District:

AYES: Higgins, Jones, Maler, Mueller, Seymour

NOES:

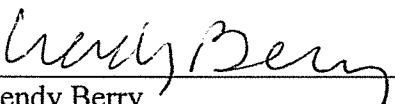
ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:



David M. Seymour,
President of the Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Wendy Berry,
Secretary of the Board of Directors