

## Remote Access and Webinar Availability

Based on past experience and best practices DWR has instituted the following remote access and Webinar guidelines for public SBx7-7 Project meetings:

Public Workshops / Hearings. Public workshops are held in both Sacramento and San Joaquin Valley or Southern California. Workshops and hearings held in Sacramento will be conducted with either Webinar support, or through audio stream depending on availability of equipment at the meeting location. Online participants will send in questions / comments via the project email address OR through the Webinar question format (depending on the location of the meeting).

Urban and Agriculture Stakeholder Committee Meetings. Due to the size of the committee these meetings will not include Webinar support. All Committee Members will need to participate in person or send an alternate. The meetings will be open to the public attending in person but no online support will be provided (with the exception of posting meetings materials on the project website in advance of a meeting).

Subcommittee Meetings and Workshops. Meetings of no more than 25 participants will be supported with a conference call line in combination with either Webinar or other online meeting tools. Depending on the meeting and web-based tools used, online participants will either provide input through the question function or email address as written comments, OR participants will be able to speak to provide input via the webinar or conference phone. When using webinar the facilitator may put online participants on mute to avoid external sounds that are continually disruptive to the meetings (e.g. dogs barking, traffic noise from cell phones, side meetings, etc.), to speak participants can raise their hand via the webinar function or send a question and the facilitator will un-mute the line.

In closing, we appreciate your commitment and interest to participate and we have made extensive attempts to accommodate that through web-based tools and audio. We believe that given the available equipment and technology, these tools have been a hindrance rather than benefit to full participation. We look forward to continued support to the SBX7-7 public process. Should new equipment / technology become available during the project timeline, we will re-assess these decisions and keep you posted on any changes.