

Resolution 94-7

CITIZEN CONDUCT AT WCSD BOARD MEETINGS

WHEREAS, the Brown Act provides for citizen participation at public meetings (Sections 54954.3 (a) & (b) & (c) of the Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act does not condone willful interruption of public meetings (Section 54957.9); and

WHEREAS, the August 15, 1994 meeting of the WCSD was willfully interrupted by members of the public; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, while the Board is in session, order and decorum shall be preserved. No person shall, by conversation or otherwise, delay, disrupt, prevent or interrupt the proceedings of the Board. Neither shall any person, by conversation or otherwise, delay, disrupt, prevent or interrupt any Board member or member of the public while recognized to speak.

BE IT RESOLVED, any person making personal, impertinent or slanderous remarks, or who shall willfully disrupt a meeting, shall be forthwith barred by the presiding officer from further attendance at said meeting. Should such person refuse to leave, an officer of the law will, at the direction of the presiding officer, be immediately called by the secretary or manager of the district. The meeting will then be suspended, and, at the discretion of the Board, the room may be cleared, until such time as order can be restored.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board may adopt reasonable regulations, including time limits on public testimony on particular issues and for each individual speaker. The public need not be given an opportunity to speak on an item that has already been considered by the Board at a public meeting, if the public had the opportunity to speak on the item before or during its consideration, and if the item has not been substantially changed.

BE IT RESOLVED, no action or discussion, on the part of the Board, can take place on an item not on the posted agenda except under those emergency conditions allowed by the Brown Act under section 54954.2 (b). The Board, at its discretion, may give brief answers to questions or comments by the public as permitted in Brown Act section 54954.2 (a). Members of the public with questions on non-agenda items, or with questions that the Board deems too lengthy for immediate consideration, will be referred to Resolution 94-3: A Resolution Concerning Provision of Information About the District to the Public.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this nineteenth day of September, 1994 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Berman, DeRooy, Hankin, Schulz, Oliphant

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Joan Berman, President  
Westhaven Community Services District

Debra Ryerson, Secretary  
Westhaven Community Services District