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To: 'Christy Colby'

Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT: for 6/9/2020 CVWD Board Mtg (from Marilyn Tyler)

PUBLIC COMMENT: The Public's Right To Speak At CVWD Standing Committee Meetings

I attended the CVWD Policy Committee Mtg. on 6/5/2020, where I encountered what I believe was honest confusion among the committee members about the Public's right to speak.

I want to quote from "Open & Public V: A Guide To The Ralph M. Brown Act" revised April 2016: "Notices and agendas for special meetings [the CVWD finance committee meeting was a 'special meeting' under the Brown Act] MUST ALSO GIVE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK BEFORE OR DURING CONSIDERATION OF AN ITEM ON THE AGENDA but need not allow members of the public an opportunity to speak on other matters within the jurisdiction of the legislative body [i.e. on non-agenda topics]" (page 38, emphasis added).

REQUEST: Please add a sentence like the following to all future CVWD Standing Committee agendas: "The public shall have an opportunity to comment on any action item as each item is considered by the Committee."

Sincerely,
Marilyn Tyler