

Understanding the Brown Act: Beyond the Basics
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Understanding the Brown Act: Beyond the Basics Seminar was held at the Mojave Water Agency in Apple Valley in September. It was attended by Alan Clanin and myself.

There was only one speaker: Attorney Thomas D Jex who presented a slideshow. The slideshow began defining meetings and individual contacts including informal settings that could or could not be in violation of the Brown Act.

He continued speaking about agendas, closed sessions, violations, legal updates, and common mistakes to avoid. According to Mr. Jex, emails could be the biggest violation of the Brown Act. According to him, we need to avoid responding "to all people".

He then presented the group with hypothetical situations and received comments and questions from the audience regarding the hypotheticals.

This seminar was informative and, in some cases, eye opening. I feel this seminar would benefit anyone involved with public meetings.