

Survey of Public Comment Practices of Selected State and Local Agencies

State/Legislative Body	Time limit for public comment	Link	Adopted by APA Regulation?
Air Resources Board	3 - 5 minutes, at the Chair's discretion.	http://www.arb.ca.gov/board/publictest.htm http://www.arb.ca.gov/board/boardprs/boardprs.htm	No
Berkeley City Council	< 10 speakers: 2 minutes each. > 10 speakers: 1 minute each.	http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/uploadedFiles/Clerk/Level_3_-_City_Council/Council%20Rules%20of%20Procedure%20FINAL.pdf	
California Coastal Commission	Time limits generally determined by the Chair; for general public comment, 3 minutes.	http://www.coastal.ca.gov/meetings/mtgrule.html	No
California Community Colleges, Board of Governors	3 minutes unless Chair grants more.	http://extranet.cccco.edu/Portals/1/ExecutiveOffice/Board/2013_agendas/january/updated_procedures_standing_orders_2013.pdf	No
CalSTRS	3 minutes per speaker.	N/A	No
California State University, Board of Trustees	Chair determines reasonable restrictions, including total time allocated for public comment and for each speaker.	http://www.calstate.edu/bot/documents/rules_of_procedure.pdf	No
Commission on State Mandates	Presiding member may limit or preclude comments as necessary for the orderly conduct of business. (2 CCR 1181.10)	http://www.csm.ca.gov/	Yes
Department of Managed Health Care	No longer than 5 minutes unless otherwise permitted. (28 CCR 1003)	N/A	Yes

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Los Angeles Board of Supervisors	3 minutes per speaker per meeting.	http://bos.lacounty.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=ahuYIWO_Mn4%3D&portalid=1	
Los Angeles City Council	5 minutes (cumulative) per individual per meeting. 15 min. total for general public comment. Presiding Officer may increase time.	http://clerk.lacity.org/stellent/groups/departments/@clerk_cps_contributor/documents/contributor_web_content/lacityp_026042.pdf	
PUC	3 minutes if signed up by deadline, otherwise 1 minute. 3 minute limit may be changed by Commission President.	http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/General.aspx?id=7808	No
Sacramento City Council	2 minutes per speaker; cumulative limit of 8 minutes per meeting.	http://www.cityofsacramento.org/-/media/Corporate/Files/City-Clerk/Legislative-Bodies/2016-Council-and-Standing-Committee-Meeting-Calendars/R2016-0015-City-of-Sacramento-Council-Rules-of-Procedure.pdf?la=en	
Sacramento County Board of Supervisors	<p>At the outset of an item the Chair of the Board will announce the maximum amount of time per speaker that will be allowed for presentation of testimony.</p> <p>The Board limits testimony on matters not on the posted agenda to five minutes per person and not more than fifteen minutes for a particular subject.</p>	<p>See language contained in Board agenda: http://www.agendanet.saccounty.net/sirepub/mtgviewer.aspx?meetid=11729&doctype=AGENDA</p>	

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San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission	Generally 3 minutes per speaker, generally total of 15 minutes for public comment. Chair or Commission may provide more time to each speaker. (14 CCR 10246)	See language contained in Commission agenda: http://www.bcdc.ca.gov/cm/2016/0121Agenda.html	Yes
SMUD	3 minutes per speaker, cumulative limit of 9 minutes per meeting. Chair may extend times.	https://www.smud.org/assets/documents/pdf/Board-Meeting-Procedures.pdf	
State Library	No fixed time limit. Comments must be germane to the business at hand. (5 CCR 20125)	http://www.library.ca.gov/loc/board/board.html#Board	Yes
State Water Resources Board	Chairperson may limit/preclude comments as necessary for the orderly conduct of business. (23 CCR 647.3)	http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/laws_regulations/docs/waterboards_meeting_regs.pdf	Yes
UC Board of Regents	Chairperson may reasonably limit the total amount of time allocated for public testimony on particular issues and for each speaker and may limit testimony to assure that it is germane to the item.	http://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/governance/bylaws/bl16.html#bl16.10	No