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Subject: ONLINE FORUMS scantily covered in Draft Public Participation Plan

With the PROPER use of ONLINE FORUMS – public participation can be DRASTICLY changed !

Just banding about the word “forum” in the document is useless.

When people see how the detailed design of this online forum can provide a virtual meeting of 168 hours! ( 7 days of 24 hours). Where voting puts the irrelevant comments to the bottom, and shows relative interest in the popular comments. Where participating commissioners, councilors and experts actively squash incorrect assumptions that are leading the public astray and educate them instead. Where if there are a lot of COMMENTS then a Frequently Asked Question and Answers page (FAQ) can be accessed as well.

Put the following -- word for word -- in the document:

Let these days be over - where a meeting consists ONLY of a presentation followed by each member of the public standing up for 2 minutes of:-- comment or asking a question with no reply or feedback.

All meetings should start with an online presentation on the web at least one week before the meeting.

During that week the public may make comments or ask questions on a FORUM 24/7.

Each forum post may garner replies. Posts and Replies can be voted UP or DOWN.

Each Post (including its replies) should be allotted a value of "net UPs minus DOWNS" and sorted where the highest are at the top.

Councilors, Commissioners and Experts should actively participate in the forum!!!

If there are sufficient posts then Commissioners and designated Experts should add to a FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS page, gleaned from the Forum.

Also at sometime -- if there are sufficient posts -- an online meeting using Webex or GoToMeeting should be considered.

**Nothing works without these details!**

**M. I.**