

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 22-460



CONSENT AGENDA ITEM STAFF REPORT

ITEM 2.B. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 22-460 TO CONTINUE VIRTUAL MEETINGS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF AB 361.

Summary:

At a Special Meeting on September 30, 2021, the Board approved District Resolution 21-433 to continue virtual meetings of the Board of Directors and District committees pursuant to AB 361. AB 361 requires periodic review of the determination for a legislative body to continue to meet via teleconference, and if a state of emergency remains active, then no later than 30 days after meeting via teleconference, the body must make a subsequent finding that it “has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency” and determined that in-person meetings continue to pose a risk to public health. During the November 8, 2022 regular Board meeting, the Board approved Resolution 22-459 which extended the “state of emergency” for an additional 30 days. Resolution 22-461 extends the “state of emergency” for an additional 30 days to allow continued virtual meetings.

Possible Outcomes:

- 1) The Board may direct meetings to be held in person.
- 2) The Board may approve Resolution 22-461.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-460

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN SIMEON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY PERSISTS, RE-RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY THE GOVERNOR ISSUED ON MARCH 4, 2020, AND AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE SAN SIMEON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD OF DECEMBER 8, 2022, TO JANUARY 7, 2023, PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS

Recitals

WHEREAS, the San Simeon Community Services District ("District") is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the District's legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov. Code, §§ 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the District's legislative bodies conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provision for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, a required condition is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in Government Code section 8558; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation is made when there is an actual incident, threat of disaster, or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the jurisdictions that are within the District's boundaries, caused by natural, technological or human-caused disasters; and

WHEREAS, it is further required that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or, the legislative body meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors previously adopted a Resolution, Number 21-433 on September 30, 2021, finding that the requisite conditions exist for the legislative bodies of the District to conduct remote teleconference meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of extending the use of the provisions found in section 54953(e), the Board of Directors must reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency that exists in the District, and the Board of Directors has done so; and

WHEREAS, emergency conditions persist in the District, specifically, the State of Emergency declared by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020, due to COVID-19, and strong recommendations by the California Department of Public Health that all persons, regardless of vaccination status, continue to undertake social distancing measures including wearing masks while in indoor public settings; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors does hereby find that the rise in SARS-CoV-2 variants have caused, and will continue to cause, conditions of peril to the safety of persons within the District that are likely to be beyond the control of services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the District, and desires to affirm a local emergency exists and re-ratify the proclamation of state of emergency by the Governor of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the local emergency persisting, the Board of Directors does hereby find that the legislative bodies of the District shall continue to conduct their meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54953, as authorized by subdivision (e) of section 54953, and that such legislative bodies shall continue to comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of section 54953; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors will ensure that the public has access to meetings and the opportunity to participate in meetings in the interest of transparency and as required by AB 361.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the San Simeon Community Services District, as follows:

1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.
2. Affirmation that Local Emergency Persists. The Board of Directors hereby considers the conditions of the state of emergency in the District and proclaims that a local emergency persists throughout the District, and COVID-19 has caused, and will continue to cause, conditions of peril to the safety of persons within the District that are likely to be beyond the control of services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the District.
3. Re-ratification of Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency. The Board hereby re-ratifies the Governor of the State of California's Proclamation of State of Emergency, effective as of its issuance date of March 4, 2020.
4. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The General Manager and Staff of the District are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the

intent and purpose of this Resolution including, continuing to conduct open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

- 5. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) January 7, 2023, or such time the Board of Directors adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the legislative bodies of the District may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the San Simeon Community Services District on December 8, 2022, by the following roll call votes:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAINED:

President, Board of Directors of the
San Simeon Community Services District

ATTEST:

Charles Grace, General Manager of the
San Simeon Community Services District

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

District Counsel