

STAFF REPORT

To: Coastside County Water District Board of Directors

From: Mary Rogren, General Manager

Agenda: May 10, 2022

Report

Date: May 6, 2022

Subject: Consider and Reaffirm Resolution 2021-06 “Making Findings Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 That the Proclaimed State of Emergency Continues to Impact the Ability to Meet Safely in Person.”

Recommendation:

Reaffirm, by motion, Resolution 2021-06, making findings pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 that the proclaimed State of Emergency continues to impact the ability to meet safely in person.

Background:

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID 19, and on March 17, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order N-29-20 suspending certain provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act relating to teleconferencing to allow legislative bodies to conduct meetings remotely to help protect the spread of COVID-19 and to protect the health and safety to the public. On June 11, 2021, the Governor issued Executive Order N-08-21 which specified that Executive Order N-29-20 remained in effect through September 30, 2021.

On September 16, 2021, the Governor signed Assembly Bill 361 (AB361) into law to allow legislative bodies to continue to meet remotely during a proclaimed State of Emergency after September 30, 2021.

On October 8, 2021, the Board of the Directors of the Coastside County Water District adopted Resolution 2021-06. Per AB361, the Board will need to consider and reaffirm the findings of Resolution 2021-06 monthly.

By reaffirming Resolution 2021-06, the Board has considered the circumstances of the proclaimed State of Emergency and finds that the State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person, and state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-06

MAKING FINDINGS PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361 THAT THE PROCLAIMED STATE OF EMERGENCY CONTINUES TO IMPACT THE ABILITY TO MEET SAFELY IN PERSON

COASTSIDE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order N-29-20 suspending certain provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act related to teleconferencing to allow legislative bodies to conduct meetings remotely to help protect against the spread of COVID-19 and to protect the health and safety of the public;

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, the Governor issued Executive Order N-08-21, which specified that Executive Order N-29-20 remains in effect through September 30, 2021, and then expires;

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, the Governor signed Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361) in to law, as urgency legislation that goes into effect immediately, that amends Government Code Section 54953 to allow legislative bodies to continue to meet remotely during a proclaimed state of emergency provided certain conditions are met and certain findings are made;

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2021, the Governor issued Executive Order N-15-21 that generally suspends the AB 361 amendments to Government Code Section 54953 until October 1, 2021, and therefore clarifying that Executive Order N-29-20 controls through the end of September 2021;

WHEREAS, the Governor's proclaimed State of Emergency remains in effect, and state and local officials, including the San Mateo County Health Officer, the California Department of Public Health, and the Department of Industrial Relations, have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, to help protect against the spread of COVID-19 and its variants, and to protect the health and safety of the public, the Board of Directors desires to take the actions necessary to comply with AB 361 and to continue to hold its Board and committee meetings remotely.

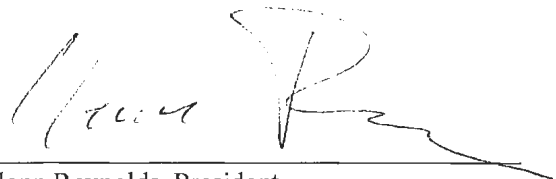
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Coastside County Water District has considered the circumstances of the proclaimed State of Emergency, and finds that the State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person, and state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District will comply with the requirements of Government Code Section 54953(e)(2) when holding Board and committee meetings pursuant to this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board will consider the findings in this Resolution every 30 days and may, by motion, reaffirm these findings.


PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of October, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: President Reynolds, Vice-President Feldman, Directors Mickelsen, Coverdell and Muller



Glenn Reynolds, President
Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Mary Rogren, General Manager
Secretary of the Board of Directors