



Meeting: **Authority Board Agenda Item 1.4**

October 27, 2021

Subject: **Resuming In-Person Meetings**

Requested Action:

Consider authorization of teleconference meetings, pursuant to Brown Act Provision provided under Assembly Bill 361, effective through November 26, 2021.

Detailed Description/Background:

The AB has been conducting primarily in person meetings but has provided remote capabilities throughout COVID for those wishing to participate in this manner. In order to continue public meetings in this fashion, the recommended action needs to be taken.

Government Code section 54953(e), as amended by Assembly Bill 361 (2021) ("AB361"), signed by the Governor on September 16, 2021, provides 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

Authority Board (AB) wishes to invoke the provisions of AB361 to authorize teleconference meetings subject to the modified standard of Government Code section 54953(e);

The Authority Board hereby finds as follows:

- As required by Government Code section 54953(e)(1), a proclaimed state of emergency exists under the California Emergency Services Act, as declared by the Governor on March 4, 2020.
- State officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, specifically the Division of Occupational Safety and Health.
- The AB shall hold teleconference meetings pursuant to the requirements of Government Code section 54953(e), effective immediately upon its authorization to do so.
- Pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e)(3), the AB will reconsider the state of emergency every 30 days.

Prior Action:

September 2021: Approved findings to the current status of legislative action under Assembly Bill 339 and 361 relative to resuming in-person meetings of Reservoir Committee and Authority Board.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source: None.

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