



Meeting: **Joint Reservoir Committee & Authority Board**
Agenda Item 1.5

December 17, 2021

Subject: **Resuming In-Person Meetings**

Requested Action:

Authorize teleconference meetings, pursuant to Brown Act Provision provided under Assembly Bill 361, effective through January 2022.

Detailed Description/Background:

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

At the regular meetings in November 2021, the Reservoir Committee (RC) and Authority Board (AB) invoked the provisions of AB361 to authorize teleconference meetings subject to the modified standard of Government Code section 54953(e). Pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e)(3), the RC & AB are to reconsider the state of emergency every 30 days.

The Reservoir Committee & Authority Board hereby finds as follows:

- As required by Government Code section 54953(e)(3), the RC has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency.
- A proclaimed state of emergency continues to exist under the California Emergency Services Act, as declared by the Governor on March 4, 2020.
- State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing, specifically the Division of Occupational Safety and Health.
- The RC & AB shall continue to 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 RC & AB will reconsider the state of emergency every 30 days.

Prior Action:

November 2021: Approved for 30 days.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source: None.

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