



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

March 18, 2022

Subject: **Resuming In-Person Meetings**

Requested Action:

Consider authorizing teleconference meetings, pursuant to Brown Act Provision provided under Assembly Bill 361, effective through April 21, 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

The Reservoir Committee (RC) & 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 Reservoir Committee & Authority Board hereby finds as follows:

- As required by Government Code section 54953(e)(3), 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.

Recent state actions in early March 2022 around changes to the emergency orders are being monitored and there is nothing at this time indicating continued use of teleconference meetings is being changed.

Prior Action:

February 2022: Approved for 30 days.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source: None.

Staff Contact: Jerry Brown