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### **CAYUCOS SANITARY DISTRICT**

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- 1. ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

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- 3. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2021-06 TO AUTHORIZE REMOTE TELECONFERENCING MEETINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEWLY ADOPTED GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(E) (AB 361)
- 4. ADJOURNMENT

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**DATE:** September 29, 2021

# CAYUCOS SANITARY DISTRICT

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: RICK KOON, DISTRICT MANAGER

DATE: SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2021-

06 TO AUTHORIZE REMOTE TELECONFERENCING MEETINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEWLY ADOPTED GOVERNMENT CODE

**SECTION 54953(E) (AB 361)** 

#### **DISCUSSION**:

AB 361 has amended Government Code Section 54953, adding a new subsection (e) that permits legislative bodies, when there is a proclaimed State of Emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code Section 8625, to make a determination to authorize meeting remotely via teleconferencing as a result of the emergency. To do so, a resolution would need to be adopted in which the legislative body finds that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, or that State or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing.

The resolution is valid for thirty (30) days after teleconferencing for the first time pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e). If the State of Emergency remains active after that 30 day period, the local agency may act to renew its resolution authorizing remote teleconferenced meetings by passing another resolution which includes findings that the State of Emergency declaration remains active, the local agency has reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency, and the local agency has either identified: A) ongoing, direct impacts to the ability to meet safely in-person, or B) active social distancing measures as directed by relevant State or local officials.

A draft resolution has been prepared for Board consideration. It includes findings based upon a determination that as a result of the proclaimed State of Emergency in California due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and its continued spread in San Luis Obispo County and Cayucos through the Delta variant of SARS-CoV-2, which is far more transmissible than prior variants of the virus, may cause more severe illness, and can be spread to others even by fully vaccinated individuals, holding meetings in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors discuss and consider adoption of Resolution 2021-06 pursuant to newly adopted Government Code Section 54953(e) (AB 361), to permit continued remote teleconferenced meetings.

AGENDA ITEM: 3

#### **RESOLUTION 2021-06**

DATE: September 29, 2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE CAYUCOS SANITARY DISTRICT MAKING
FINDINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH AB 361 AND GOVERNMENT
CODE SECTION 54953(e), AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS
OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE CAYUCOS SANITARY DISTRICT

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020 Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency in the State of California pursuant to Government Code Section 8625 as a result of the threat of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, in March 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Newsom issued Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20. These orders suspended certain elements of the Brown Act and specifically allowed for legislative bodies as defined by the Brown Act to hold their meetings entirely electronically with no physical meeting place. On June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21, which provided that the provisions in Executive Order N-29-20 suspending certain elements of the Brown Act would continue to apply through September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021 Governor Newsom signed AB 361, which added subsection (e) to Government Code section 54953 of the Brown Act, and 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 of AB 361 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, there has been a significant increase in COVID-19 cases in San Luis Obispo County due primarily to the Delta variant of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. Emerging evidence indicates that the Delta variant is far more transmissible than prior variants of the virus, may cause more severe illness, and that even fully vaccinated individuals can spread the virus to others; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors now desires to adopt a Resolution finding that the requisite conditions exist for the legislative bodies of the Cayucos Sanitary District, as defined in the Brown Act, to conduct remote teleconference meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54953.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Cayucos Sanitary District as follows:

1. The above recitals are true, correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-06 DATE: September 29, 2021

- 2. The Board of Directors of the Cayucos Sanitary District hereby determines that as a result of the proclaimed State of Emergency in California due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and its continued spread in San Luis Obispo County and Cayucos through the Delta variant of SARS-CoV-2, which is far more transmissible than prior variants of the virus, may cause more severe illness, and that even fully vaccinated individuals can spread the virus to others, holding meetings in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.
- 3. The District Manager and legislative bodies of the Cayucos Sanitary 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 remote teleconferencing meetings in accordance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.
- 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) thirty (30) days after teleconferencing for the first time pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e), or such time that 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 Cayucos Sanitary District may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54953.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of September, 2021.

Ayes: Nays: Absent: Abstain:	
	Robert Enns, President Board of Directors
ATTEST:	APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Rick Koon District Manager	Timothy J. Carmel District Counsel