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TO: Regional Water Management Group
FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer
DATE: January 19, 2022
SUBJECT: Item 2: Consider Adopting Resolution to Continue Meeting Virtually

Summary


On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361), which allows legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act to continue meeting by teleconference, provided they make certain findings, including that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. AB 361 requires that certain findings be made by the legislative body every 30 days.

This staff report is presented today for the RWMG to consider the finding that holding in person meetings would present imminent risks to the health or safety of board members, staff and all attendees of RWMG public meetings.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the RWMG adopt the attached resolution, invoking the provisions of AB 361 related to the holding of teleconferencing/virtual public meetings. Additionally, Staff also recommends that the RWMG nominate a member to sign the resolution on behalf of the Committee.

Attachment

- Resolution acknowledging the Governor's State of Emergency and Authorizing Teleconference Meetings for 30 Days per AB 361
In The REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP  
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-001

A RESOLUTION OF THE REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP ACKNOWLEDGING GOVERNOR NEWSOM’S PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING MEETINGS BY TELECONFERENCE FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY DAYS PURSUANT TO THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT

The following Resolution is now offered and read:

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the proclaimed state of emergency remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 that suspended the teleconferencing rules set forth in the California Open Meeting law, Government Code Section 54950 et seq. (the “Brown Act”), provided certain requirements were met and followed; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21 that clarified the suspension of the teleconferencing rules set forth in the Brown Act, and further provided that those provisions would remain suspended through September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361), allowing legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act to continue meeting by teleconference if the legislative body determines that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and further requires that certain findings be made by the legislative body every thirty (30) days; and

WHEREAS, California Department of Public Health and the federal Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention ("CDC") caution that the Omicron variant of COVID-19, currently the dominant strain of COVID-19 in the country, is 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 resulting in rapid and alarming rates of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/omicron-variant.html); and

WHEREAS, the CDC has established a “Community Transmission” metric with 4 tiers designed to reflect a community's COVID-19 case rate and percent positivity; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Luis Obispo currently has a Community Transmission metric of “high” which is the most serious of the tiers; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety, as affected by the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the Regional Water Management Group (the “RWMG”) deems it necessary to find holding in person meetings would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and thus intends to invoke the provisions of AB 361 related to teleconferencing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the RWMG that:

1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct.


3. The RWMG finds that the proclaimed state of emergency continues to impact the ability of members to meet safely in person and meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

4. Staff is directed to return with an item for the RWMG to consider making the findings required by AB 361 to continue meeting under its provisions.

   Upon motion of Member __________, seconded by Member __________, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

   AYES:

   NOES:
ABSENT:

ABSTAINING:

the foregoing resolution is hereby adopted on the 19th day of January, 2022.

___________________________________________

Member
Regional Water Management Group

ATTEST:

___________________________________________

Brendan Clark
Supervising Water Resources Engineer / IRWM Program Manager
Department of Public Works
County of San Luis Obispo
2022 RWMG SCHEDULE
IRWM Prop 1 Round 2 Grant Application

The following meetings, workshops, and actions are scheduled to respond to Proposition 1 IRWM Round 2 Implementation Grant opportunity for San Luis Obispo County.

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* Subject to change pending the release of the Final Prop. 1, Round 2 Guidelines and Solicitation Package.

RWMG = Regional Water Management Group
WRAC = Water Resources Advisory Committee