

RESOLUTION NO: 2021-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MUIR BEACH COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT MAKING FINDINGS THAT THE PROCLAIMED STATE OF EMERGENCY CONTINUES TO IMPACT THE ABILITY TO MEET SAFELY IN PERSON AND DECLARING THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL CONTINUE TO MEET REMOTELY IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC

WHEREAS, the Muir Beach Community Services District (the “District”) is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the District’s legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the District’s legislative body conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provisions 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, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the State prepare for a broader spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20, which suspended certain provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act in order to allow local legislative bodies to conduct meetings electronically without a physical meeting place; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Executive Order N-29-20, staff set up Zoom teleconference meetings for all District Board of Directors meetings; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21, which specified that Executive Order N-29-20 would remain in effect through September 30, 2021, at which point it would expire; and

WHEREAS, since the issuance of Executive Order N-08-21, the Delta variant has emerged, causing a spike in COVID-19 cases throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proclaimed State of Emergency remains in effect, and State and local officials, including the Marin County Director of Health and Human Services, the California Department of Public Health, and the Department of Industrial Relations, have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, the Governor signed Assembly Bill 361 into law, as urgency legislation that goes into effect on October 1, 2021, amending Government Code Section 54953 of the

Brown Act to allow legislative bodies to continue to meet remotely during a proclaimed state of emergency, provided certain conditions are met and certain findings are made; and

WHEREAS, the continued local rates of transmission of the virus and variants causing COVID-19 are such that the Director of Health & Human Services has recommended that the County continue to emphasize social distancing in order to minimize the potential spread of COVID-19 during indoor, public meetings.

WHEREAS, the District cannot maintain adequate safe social distance between members of the public, Board members and staff in their respective meeting locations; and

WHEREAS, because of the rise in cases due to the Delta variant, the District is concerned about the health and safety of attendees, the District's Board of Directors desires to take the actions necessary to comply with AB 361 and to continue to hold its Board and committee meetings remotely.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MUIR BEACH COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board has reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency, and finds that:
 - a. The factors triggering the State of Emergency continue to directly impact the ability of the members of the Board of Directors and District staff, and members of the public to meet safely in person; and
 - b. State and local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing.
2. District Board of Directors meetings will continue to be conducted remotely extending into the next 30-day period beginning November 27, 2021 to December 26, 2021 in compliance with AB 361 and Government Code Section 54953(e)(2), in order to ensure the health and safety of the public while providing access to public meetings.
3. The Board of Directors will reconsider the circumstances of the State of Emergency and revisit the need to conduct meetings remotely within 30 days of the adoption/or expiration of this Resolution.

REGULARLY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of November 2021.

AYES: Shaffer, Taylor, Hills, Jeschke

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

§/Steve Shaffer, Board of Directors

ATESTS:

§/Mary Halley, District Manager