

BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-17

A Resolution of The Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Proclaiming a Local Emergency Persists, Re-Ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020, and Re-Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Legislative Bodies of the Air District for the Period December 6, 2021 to January 6, 2022 Pursuant to Brown Act Provisions.

WHEREAS, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (District) is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of 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 bodies conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), 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 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, a proclamation is made when there is an actual incident, threat of disaster, or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the jurisdictions that are within the District's boundaries, caused by natural, technological, or human-caused disasters; and

WHEREAS, it is further required that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or, the legislative body meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors previously adopted a Resolution on October 6, 2021, finding that the requisite conditions exist for the legislative bodies of District to conduct remote teleconference meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of extending the use of the provisions found in section 54953(e), the Board of Directors must reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency that exists in the District, and the Board of Directors has done so; and

WHEREAS, emergency conditions persist in the District, specifically, the Covid-19 state of emergency remains active and the Governor's Covid-19 Emergency Proclamation of March 4, 2020 remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, social distancing has been ordered by state and local public health authorities due to the imminent health and safety risks of in person contacts and meetings during the COVID-19 emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors recognizes the social distancing orders of state and local public health authorities, and hereby finds that the state of emergency related to Covid-19, and the risk of contagion of Covid-19 for attendees at in-person meetings has caused, and will continue to cause, conditions of peril to the safety of persons within the District that are likely to be beyond the control of services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors desires to affirm a local emergency exists, re-ratify the proclamation of state of emergency by the Governor of March 4, 2020, and re-ratify the state and local orders of public health authorities for social distancing; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the local emergency persisting, the Board of Directors does hereby find that the legislative bodies of District shall continue to conduct their meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54953, as authorized by subdivision (e) of section 54953, and that such legislative bodies shall continue to comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of section 54953; and

WHEREAS, the District is publicizing in its meeting agendas zoom links for members of the public to participate remotely in meetings of the District's legislative bodies.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Affirmation that Local Emergency Persists. The Board of Directors hereby considers the conditions of the state of emergency related to Covid-19 in the District, proclaims that a local emergency persists throughout the District, recognizes that social distancing orders have been issued by state and local public health authorities, and finds that in person meetings would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees.

Section 3. Re-ratification of Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency. The Board hereby ratifies the Governor of the State of California's Proclamation of State of Emergency, effective as of its issuance date of March 4, 2020.

Section 4. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The Staff and legislative bodies of 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 meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 5. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) January 6, 2022, or such time 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 District may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953.

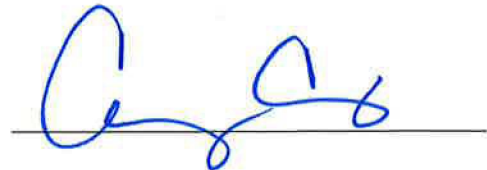
The foregoing resolution was duly regularly introduced, passed, and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District on the motion of DIRECTOR HAUBERT, seconded by DIRECTOR CUTTER, on the 1st day of DECEMBER 2021, by the following vote of the Board:

AYES: BARRETT, BAUTERS, CHAVEZ, CONSTANTINE, CUTTER, GIOIA, HAUBERT, HOPKINS, HUDSON, HURT, JUE, MITCHOFF, ROSS, WAGENKNECHT, WALTON, WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: ABE-KOGA, CANEPA, GROOM, HANNIGAN, MELGAR, MILEY, RENNIE, RICE.

ABSTAIN: NONE



Cindy Chavez
Chair of the Board of Directors

ATTEST:



John J. Bauters
Secretary of the Board of Directors