

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHINO BASIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY, RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY GOVERNOR NEWSOM ON MARCH 4, 2020, AND AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF CHINO BASIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD OF 30 DAYS PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS OF AB 361.

WHEREAS, the Chino Basin Water Conservation District is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the Chino Basin Water Conservation 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, 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, a required condition is that a state of emergency is proclaimed, and state or local official have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Omicron variant is highly transmissible in indoor settings and has contributed to the high community transmission currently being seen in San Bernardino County; and

WHEREAS, even with protective shielding in the Board Room, the lack of social distancing still creates a risk of transmission should the Board of Directors meetings run their normal length of time and be attended by the entire Board of Directors and the normal contingent of District staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

SECTION 1. State of Emergency and Social Distancing. Due to COVID-19, the State of California continues to be in a state of emergency and the County of San Bernardino continues to impose and recommend measures requiring social distancing and other pandemic control activities, which measures make holding in-person Board of Director and Committee meetings difficult due to the potential of transmission of COVID-19 at meetings and to ensure that a


legislative quorum is met should legislators be placed in isolation or quarantine per Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines.

SECTION 2. Compliance with Government Code Section 54953. The Board of Directors and Committee Meetings will offer teleconference meetings and access to the public in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e).

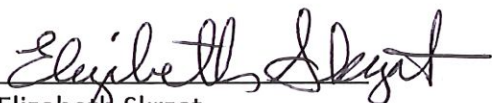
SECTION 3. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) 30 days from the date of adoption of this Resolution, or (ii) such time the Board of Directors adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the Board of Directors may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 9th day of January 2023.

AYES: Ligtenberg, Parker, Aldaco, Coker, Layton, Gulmahamad, Sonnenberg
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None



Mark Ligtenberg
President, Board of Directors

ATTEST: 
Elizabeth Skrzat
Secretary, Board of Directors