



**SANTA YNEZ COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' SPECIAL MEETING**

Minutes of December 30, 2021

NOTE: This meeting was held via teleconference, pursuant to AB 361

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Director Jones called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Secretary Berry called the roll. Directors Present: Jones, Beard, Redfern D'Ambra. Absent: Van Pelt. Staff Present: Secretary/Treasurer Wendy Berry

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- 4. Consideration and Adoption of Resolution No. 21-16, Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the District's Legislative Bodies Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e).**

The State of California has passed Assembly Bill 361, this bill, until January 1, 2024, would authorize a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with the teleconferencing requirements imposed by the Ralph M. Brown Act when a legislative body of a local agency holds a meeting during a declared state of emergency.

AB 361 would require legislative bodies that hold teleconferenced meetings under these abbreviated teleconferencing procedures to give notice of the meeting and post agendas, as described, to allow members of the public to access the meeting and address the legislative body, via a call-in option or an internet-based service option, and to conduct the meeting in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties and the public appearing before the legislative body.

Since March of 2020 the Board of Directors has conducted its Board meetings under the provisions of Government Code 54953(e), allowing the meetings to be conducted remotely via teleconferencing without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3). The ability to conduct the meetings remotely via teleconference is due to the state of emergency declared by the Governor of California pursuant to Government Code section 8625, due to the pandemic of the Corona virus.

AB 361 requires the district to acknowledge that a state of emergency, declared by the Governor of California exists and that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing. The state of emergency declared by Governor Newsom remains in effect along with the attached document titled "Health Officials AB 361 Social Distance Recommendation", issued on September 28, 2021, by the Santa Barbara County Health Department, allows the Board to consider adoption of Resolution 21-16.

If the Board adopts Resolution 21-16, attending meetings by teleconference under AB 361 and Government Code 54953(e) will continue and expire on January 29, 2022 unless, on or before that date and every thirty (30) days thereafter, the Board adopts a subsequent resolution setting forth the findings required by Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the timeframe

that the district may continue conducting its public meetings via teleconference in compliance with government Code Section 54953(b)(3). Director Redfern motioned to adopt Resolution 21-16, Director Beard seconded and the motion passed by a roll call vote:

AYES: Beard, Jones, Redfern, D'Ambra Absent: Van Pelt

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Director D'Ambra motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 a.m., Director Redfern seconded, and the motion passed by a roll call vote:

AYES: Beard, Jones, D'Ambra, Redfern Absent: Van Pelt

APPROVED:

Karen Jones, President Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Wendy Berry, Secretary Board of Directors