

**LAKE ARROWHEAD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM**

DATE: MAY 24, 2022

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Lake Arrowhead Community Services District

FROM: JOSEPH BYRNE, General Counsel

SUBJECT: DETERMINE WHETHER TO CONTINUE REMOTE MEETINGS
PURSUANT TO AB 361

A. RECOMMENDATION

That the Board vote to continue remote meetings pursuant to AB 361 based upon the continued state of emergency for COVID-19 and find that (1) the Board has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency; and (2) state and local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing.

B. BACKGROUND AND REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

At the regular Board meeting in September, pursuant to AB 361, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution 2021-11, which authorized the Board to have remote meetings based upon the state of emergency for COVID-19, and made findings that (1) state and local officials have imposed or recommend measures to promote social distancing; and (2) meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees. The Resolution went into effect on October 1, 2021. This suspends certain Brown Act provisions related to noticing and remote meetings.

In order to continue to have remote meetings, AB 361 requires that there be a continuing state of emergency, that the Board reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency, and that the Board make one or both of the following findings: (1) that state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing; and (2) the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet safely in person. The Board has made these findings and extended remote meetings five times since adoption of Resolution 2021-11. At the time this report was prepared, there was a continued state of emergency for COVID-19. As a result, this item is on the agenda for the Board to consider whether to continue remote meetings pursuant to AB 361 for an additional thirty days. If the Board decides to extend these provisions for an additional thirty days, staff recommendation is to do so making the first

finding above. Based on the effective date of Resolution No. 2021-11 and the subsequent extensions, the authority to continue remote meetings pursuant to AB 361 would expire on May 28, 2022. If the Board authorizes continuing remote meetings as recommended, the authorization would be extended to June 27, 2022.

The Board of Directors may also decide to not proceed with remote meetings pursuant to AB 361, which would result in a return to in person Board meetings and effectiveness of all Brown Act requirements.

C. FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

D. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This item does not qualify as a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

E. ATTACHMENTS

Resolution No. 2021-11