

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BAY AREA REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY TO ALLOW FOR VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS DURING THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY UNDER CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 361

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a State of Emergency for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, AB 361 was recently passed by the State Legislature and signed by Governor Newsom and went into effect immediately and allows the Board to continue to meet virtually until such time as the Governor declares the State of Emergency due to COVID-19 over and measures to promote social distancing are no longer recommended; and

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2021, the Director of the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency recommended and continues to recommend social distancing measures for safely holding public meetings based on the continued threat of COVID-19 to the community and the continued increased safety protection that social distancing provides as one method to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission; and

WHEREAS, in light of this recommendation, the Board desires for itself and for all other Board legislative bodies that are subject to the Brown Act to continue to meet via video and/or teleconference; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to AB 361 the Board will review the findings required to be made every 30 days or thereafter and shall not meet without making those continued findings.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board does hereby resolve and finds on behalf of itself and all other Board legislative bodies: (1) a state of emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor; (2) the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the Board's legislative bodies to meet safely in person; and (3) local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of November, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Richard T. Lucia, Chairperson

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