## **AGENDA**

# SAN SIMEON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, September 30, 2021 5:00 pm

Pursuant to Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020 and the San Luis Obispo County Local Emergency Order and Regulation regarding COVID-19 dated March 18, 2020, this meeting shall occur as a virtual teleconference using the Zoom app. Members of the public cannot physically attend this meeting.

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Time: Thursday September 30, 2021 5:00 PM Pacific Time

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1. REGULAR SESSION: 5:00 PM - <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87436917454">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87436917454</a>
A. Roll Call

### 2. BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS:

**Public Comment –** Public comment will be allowed for each individual business item. Members of the public wishing to speak on business items may do so when recognized by the Presiding Officer. If a member of the public wishes to speak at this time, Public Comment is limited to three (3) minutes per person for each business item.

A. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 21-433 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN SIMEON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY THE GOVENOR ISSUED ON MARCH4, 2020, AND AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE SAN SIMEON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 30 TO OCTOBER 13 PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS

## 3. CLOSED SESSION: -

This public comment period provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on Closed Session Agenda Items. Public Comment is limited to three (3) minutes.

The Board will adjourn to Closed Session to address the following items:

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))
Title: General Manager Services

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# \*\*\*\*RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION\*\*\*\* Report on Closed Session

## 4. ADJOURNMENT -

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Date: September 28, 2021

**To:** Board of Directors

**From:** Jeff Minnery, District Legal Counsel

Subject: Agenda Item #2.A: Consideration of Adopting a Resolution Authorizing Remote

**Teleconference Meetings and Provide Staff Direction as Needed** 

#### Recommendation

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings, consistent with AB-361

2. Discuss and provide direction to staff as needed.

#### Discussion

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. That proclamation remains in effect. As a result of the state of emergency, the Governor issued executive orders that waived the normally strict provisions of the Brown Act relating to holding and participating in meetings via teleconferencing. Executive Order N-29-20 allowed bodies subject to the Brown Act to meet without a physical meeting location, so long as various requirements were met, including providing the public the opportunity to observe and participate in the meeting telephonically or electronically. Executive Order No. N-08-21 extended the suspension of the Brown Act's normal teleconferencing rules through September 30, 2021.

On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361. This legislation amends the Brown Act to allow legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act to meet via teleconference during a proclaimed state of emergency in accordance with teleconference procedures established by AB 361 rather than under the Brown Act's more narrow standard rules for participation. If the Board of Directors desires to continue to meet remotely via teleconference after September 30, 2021, the Board is required to adopt a resolution making the requisite findings under AB 361. AB 361 allows a board, commission or committee subject to the Brown Act, called "legislative bodies" under the Brown Act, to meet via teleconference without following the normal Brown Act teleconference rules if any of the following circumstances exist:

- A) The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing.
- B) The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.
- C) The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and has determined, by majority vote, pursuant to subparagraph (B), that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of

attendees. (Gov't Code §54953(e)(1) [AB 361, p. 9].)

If a meeting is held via teleconference under these provisions, the meeting body must provide public access to the meeting and opportunity for the public to address the members of the legislative body as required by AB 361.

AB 361 also requires periodic review of the determination to continue to meet via teleconference. If a state of emergency remains active, then no later than 30 days after meeting via teleconference for the first time pursuant to AB 361, the body must make a subsequent finding that the body "has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency" and determined that in-person meetings continue to pose a risk to public health. Accordingly, staff would propose to return to this Board with subsequent resolutions so long as the state of emergency persists.

#### **Attachments**

• Resolution 21-433

### RESOLUTION NO. 21-433

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN SIMEON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY THE GOVENOR ISSUED ON MARCH 4, 2020, AND AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE SAN SIMEON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 TO OCTOBER 13, 2021 PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS

#### Recitals

WHEREAS, the San Simeon Community Services District ("District") is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the 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 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 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 District proclamation is made and the Board of Directors has declared 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, such conditions now exist in the District, specifically, the State of Emergency declared by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020, due to COVID-19, and the Proclamation of Local Emergency declared by the County of San Luis Obispo on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2021, the San Luis Obispo County Health Officer issued Order Number 6 requiring face coverings in all public indoor settings attributable to the rise in SARS-CoV-2 Delta Variant; and

WHEREAS, Consistent with the County Health Officer the Board of Directors does hereby find that the rise in SARS-CoV-2 Delta Variant 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 desires to proclaim a local emergency exists and ratify the proclamation of state of emergency by the Governor of the State of California and the San Luis Obispo County Health Officer's Order Number 6; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the local emergency, the Board of Directors does hereby find that the legislative body of San Simeon Community Services 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 comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to meetings as prescribed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of section 54953.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors will ensure that the public has access to meetings and the opportunity to participate in meetings in the interest of transparency and as required by AB 361.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the San Simeon Community Services District, as follows:

- 1. <u>Recitals</u>. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.
- 2. <u>Proclamation of Local Emergency</u>. The Board hereby proclaims that a local emergency now exists throughout the District, and COVID-19 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The General Manager and Staff are hereby authorized by the Board and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.
- 5. <u>Effective Date of Resolution</u>. This Resolution shall take effect on September 30, 2021 and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) October 13, 2021 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 the District may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953.

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Jeffrey A. Minnery, District Counsel	