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COMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

(Directors John Merchant and Linda Butler)

Regular Meeting

November 4, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Consider Finding That as a Result of the COVID-19 Emergency: (i) Meeting in Person Would Present Imminent Risks to the Health or Safety of Attendees; and (ii) the Meeting is Authorized to be Held by Teleconference Pursuant to Gov. Code, § 54953, subd. (e)(1)(C).
3. Comments from the Public
4. Monthly Website and Social Media Update
5. Update on Website and FAQ's
6. Directors & Staff Comments/Suggestions
7. Adjournment

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MEMORANDUM

Date: October 29, 2021
To: Communications & Technology Committee
From: Tom Hennig, General Manager
Subject: Continuation of Holding District Meetings via Teleconference

BACKGROUND:

During the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board approved holding District meetings via teleconference. Since that date, all the District Committee meetings and most of the monthly Board meetings have been held using Zoom as a teleconference media. Holding the meetings via teleconference was necessary to address the potential spread of COVID-19. With this action the Communications & Technology Committee finds that it has reconsidered the state of the COVID-19 emergency, that meeting in person continues to present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and the Committee meeting should be held by teleconference as authorized by subdivision (e)(1)(C) of section 54943 of the Government Code

DISCUSSION:

In light of the Governor's declaration that a state of emergency exists due to the incidence and spread of the novel coronavirus, and the pandemic caused by the resulting disease COVID-19, the Committee should consider whether meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of meeting attendees.

The Centers for Disease Control indicates that COVID-19 is a highly transmissible virus that is spread when an infected person breathes out droplets and very small particles that contain the virus, and such droplets and particles are breathed in by other people.¹ Since June of 2021, a more infectious variant of the virus, known as the Delta Variant, has emerged and now accounts for the vast majority of COVID-19 cases.

Although effective vaccines have been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for emergency use, vaccination rates are slow and have not yet reached a point to significantly control community transmission. As of October 29, 2021, only 72.9% of Californians who are eligible to be vaccinated are fully vaccinated.²

Those who become infected with COVID-19 are at risk of serious illness and death. As of October 1, 2021, over 743,650 Americans have died from the virus.³ Many more have been hospitalized with serious illness. Currently, in Sacramento County, 198 people are hospitalized with COVID-19.

Conducting meetings by teleconference would directly reduce the risk of transmission among meeting attendees, including members of the public and agency staff, which has the ancillary

¹ www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-covid-spreads.html

² State of California Covid-19 Dashboard <https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccination-progress-data/>

³ Johns Hopkins University Coronavirus Resource Center <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/>

effect of reducing risk of serious illness and death as well as reducing community spread of the virus.

If the authorization to meet by teleconference is not approved by a majority vote, then the meeting will adjourn after this item and the remaining agenda items will be rescheduled to a future in-person meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider finding by a majority vote under Gov. Code § 54953(e)(3) that a result of the continuing COVID-19 emergency: (i) the Committee has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency; (ii) renew prior findings that meeting in person would continue to present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; and (iii) the authorization for meetings to be held by teleconference pursuant to Gov. Code, § 54953, subd. (e)(1)(C) is renewed.

4. Monthly Website & Social Media Update - Pending