



MARINA COAST WATER DISTRICT

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Agenda

**Special Board Meeting, Board of Directors
Marina Coast Water District**

and

**Special Board Meeting, Board of Directors
Marina Coast Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Via Zoom Teleconference**

Wednesday, December 28, 2022, 5:00 p.m. PST

Due to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 and recommendations on protocols to contain the spread of COVID-19, staff and Board members will be attending the December 28, 2022 meeting remotely from various locations. Members of the public may not yet attend the Board meeting in person but can continue to attend remotely via Zoom conference. The public is strongly encouraged to use the Zoom app for best reception. There may be limited opportunity to provide verbal comments during the meeting. Persons who are participating via telephone will need to press *9 to be acknowledged for comments. Members of the public participating by Zoom will be placed on mute during the proceedings and will be acknowledged only when public comment is allowed, after requesting and receiving recognition from the Board President. Public comment on the action item can also be submitted in writing to Paula Riso at priso@mcwd.org by 9:00 am on Wednesday, December 28, 2022; such comments will be distributed to the MCWD Board before the meeting.

This meeting may be accessed remotely using the following Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81845096174?pwd=YTIzbFN0ZXd0SFZ6QWlwdUFZOGRDdz09>

Passcode: 111538

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Our Mission: We provide our customers with high quality water, wastewater collection and conservation services at a reasonable cost, through planning, management and the development of water resources in an environmentally sensitive manner.

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

This agenda is subject to revision and may be amended prior to the scheduled meeting. Pursuant to Government Code section 54954.2(a)(1), the agenda for each meeting of the Board shall be posted at the District office at 11 Reservation Road. A complete Board packet containing all enclosures and staff materials will be available for public review on the District website, Tuesday, December 27, 2022. Information about items on this agenda or persons requesting disability related modifications and/or accommodations should contact the Board Clerk 48 hours prior to the meeting at: 831-883-5910.

3. Action Item

- A. Adopt Resolution No. 2022-55 to Proclaim a Local Emergency, and Authorize Remote Teleconference Meetings of All District Legislative Bodies for the Following 30 Days

4. Director's Comments *Director reports on meetings with other agencies, organizations and individuals on behalf of the District and on official District matters.*

5. Adjournment *Set or Announce Next Meeting(s), date(s), time(s), and location(s):*

Regular Meeting: Monday, January 23, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

**Marina Coast Water District
Agenda Transmittal**

Agenda Item: 3-A

Meeting Date: December 28, 2022

Prepared By: Paula Riso

Approved By: Remleh Scherzinger

Agenda Title: Adopt Resolution No. 2022-55 to Proclaim a Local Emergency, and Authorize Remote Teleconference Meetings of All District Legislative Bodies for the Following 30 Days

Staff Recommendation: The Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2022-55 to proclaim a local emergency and authorize remote teleconference meetings of all District legislative bodies for the following 30 days.

Background: *Strategic Plan, Mission Statement – We provide our customers with high quality potable and recycled water, wastewater collection and conservation services that are safe, affordable, reliable and sustainable, through planning, management and the development of water resources in an environmentally sensitive manner.*

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 which took effect immediately. This legislation amends the Brown Act to allow meeting 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 in a meeting by teleconference. The Monterey County Health Officer has issued a recommendation for social distancing in legislative body meetings, so the first meeting after September 30, 2021, may be held without making findings. If the Board desires to continue to meet remotely via teleconference after that first meeting, the Board is required to make certain findings under AB 361 no later than 30 days after the first teleconference meeting held pursuant to AB 361, and every 30 days thereafter. If the Board does not meet again within 30 days, a special meeting may be necessary for this purpose. If the finding is not timely made, the Board will be required to meet in person to make findings to return to remote meetings.

Discussion/Analysis: The teleconference rules of AB 361 are operative only so long as the Governor's proclamation of statewide emergency is in place; once that proclamation is terminated, the Board must either meet in person or utilize the normal Brown Act rules for teleconferencing.

On November 29, 2022, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2022-53 proclaiming a local emergency and authorizing remote teleconference meetings of all District Legislative bodies for 30 days. Staff

recommends proclaiming the emergency is still in place and authorize the Board to continue to meet remotely via teleconference until such time the emergency is over.

Environmental Review Compliance: None required.

Legal Counsel Review: Legal Counsel reviewed the original staff report in September 2021 and there have been no significant changes to the report since that time.

Climate Adaptation: Not applicable.

Financial Impact: ____ Yes X No **Funding Source/Recap:** None

Other Considerations: The Board of Directors can elect to not proclaim a local emergency and return to in-person meetings.

Material Included for Information/Consideration: Resolution No. 2022-55.

Action Required: X Resolution ____ Motion ____ Review
(Roll call vote is required.)

Board Action

Motion By _____ Seconded By _____ No Action Taken _____

Ayes _____ Abstained _____

Noes _____ Absent _____

December 28, 2022

Resolution No. 2022 - 55
Resolution of the Board of Directors
Marina Coast Water District
Proclaiming a Local Emergency, and Authorize Remote Teleconference Meetings of All
Meetings of the Board of Directors and Specified Board Committees
for the Following 30 Days

RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Marina Coast Water District ("District"), at a special meeting duly called and held on December 28, 2022 via a video conference pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, as follows:

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361 which took effect immediately and amends the Brown Act to allow meeting 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 in a meeting by teleconference; and,

WHEREAS, the first meeting after September 30, 2021, may be held without making findings. However, if the Board desires to continue to meet remotely via teleconference after that first meeting, the Board is required to make certain findings under AB 361 no later than 30 days after the first teleconference meeting held pursuant to AB 361, and every 30 days thereafter; and,

WHEREAS, no later than 30 days after meeting via teleconference for the first time pursuant to AB 361, the body must make a finding that the body "has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency" and further find that "[a]ny of the following circumstances exist: (i) The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person. (ii) State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing." (Gov't Code §54953(e)(3) [AB 361, p. 11].); and,

WHEREAS, the teleconference rules of AB 361 are operative only so long as the Governor's proclamation of statewide emergency is in place; once that proclamation is terminated, the Board, the Executive Committee, Budget and Personnel Committee, and Community Outreach Committee, and Director participation in the Joint City-District Committee, must either meet in person or utilize the normal Brown Act rules for teleconferencing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Marina Coast Water District does hereby:

1. Proclaim a local emergency; and,
2. Reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and find that the following circumstances exist: (i) The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person. (ii) State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing; and,

3. Authorize Remote Teleconference Meetings of All Meetings of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, Budget and Personnel Committee, and Community Outreach Committee, and Director participation in the Joint City-District Committee for the Following 30 Days.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on December 28, 2022 by the Board of Directors of the Marina Coast Water District by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Directors _____

Noes: Directors _____

Absent: Directors _____

Abstained: Directors _____

Jan Shriner, President

ATTEST:

Remleh Scherzinger, Secretary

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

The undersigned Secretary of the Board of the Marina Coast Water District hereby certifies that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2022-55 adopted December 28, 2022.

Remleh Scherzinger, Secretary