

RESOLUTION NO. 23-02

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF IRONHOUSE SANITARY DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE USE OF TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS IN COMPLIANCE AB 361

WHEREAS, the Ironhouse Sanitary District is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of Ironhouse Sanitary District's legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963); 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, on November 16, 2021, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 21-07, which made the findings required by Government Code section 54953(e) to permit teleconferencing; and

WHEREAS, the conditions underlying the findings supporting Resolution No. 21-07 continue to exist; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency in response to the rapid spread of the highly contagious disease known as COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the March 4, 2020 state of emergency remains active; and

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa County Department of Health recommends maintaining physical distancing for unvaccinated individuals; and

WHEREAS, despite ongoing efforts to promote masking and vaccinations, COVID-19 continues to threaten the health and lives of the public, especially with the existence of the Delta and Omicron variants; and

WHEREAS, the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the public, the Board, Board Committees, District staff, and consultants to meet safely in person; and

WHEREAS, the Board now desires to reaffirm and make the findings required to continue holding teleconference meetings in compliance with AB 361 due to the continuing public health threat of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Ironhouse Sanitary District finds that the above declarations are true and correct.

IT IS FURTHER DETERMINED AND RESOLVED that the Ironhouse Sanitary District Board declares the circumstances set forth in Government Code section 54953(e)(3), exist because the State of Emergency continues to exist because the State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person, and because local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing for unvaccinated individuals. As a result, the Board of the Ironhouse Sanitary District and other legislative bodies of the District may continue to meet by teleconference in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and this Resolution.

IT IS FURTHER DETERMINED AND RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of (1) 30 days from the date of adoption of this Resolution; (2) such time the Ironhouse Sanitary District Board of Directors adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) to extend the time during which the Board may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54953; or (3) the Board adopts a resolution rescinding this Resolution.

IT IS FURTHER DETERMINED AND RESOLVED that the approval of this Resolution is not a "project" under Section 21065 of the Public Resources Code and under California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Guidelines Sections 15378(a) and is exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly passed and adopted by the Sanitary Board of the Ironhouse Sanitary District at a meeting thereof held on the 17th day of January, 2023.

AYES, and in favor thereof, Members: D. Morrow, C. Lauritzen, S. Morgan, P. Zirkle and A. Lowrey.

NOES, Members: None.

ABSENT, Members: None.



Secretary
(SEAL)

ATTEST:



President