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AGENDA/NOTICE OF THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CAPITAL PROJECTS AND CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE, ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, GOVERNING BOARD, AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 24, 2022 - 4:00 P.M.*

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/94370146127>

Livestream Available at: <https://youtu.be/EXjGqWpcraw>

Thank you for participating in tonight's meeting. The SGVCOG encourages public participation and invites you to share your views on agenda items.

MEETINGS: Regular Meetings of the Governing Board are held on the third Thursday of each month at 4:00 PM at the Foothill Transit Office (100 South Vincent Avenue, West Covina, CA 91790). The agenda packet is available at the San Gabriel Valley Council of Government's (SGVCOG) Office, 4900 Rivergrade Road, Suite A120, Irwindale, CA, and on the website, www.sgvco.org. A copy of the agenda is also viewable at Alhambra City Hall, 111 S 1st St, Alhambra, CA. Copies are available via email upon request (sgv@sgvco.org). Documents distributed to a majority of the Board after the posting will be available for review in the SGVCOG office and on the SGVCOG website. Your attendance at this public meeting may result in the recording of your voice.*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Your participation is welcomed and invited at all Governing Board meetings. Time is reserved at each regular meeting for those who wish to address the Board. SGVCOG requests that persons addressing the meeting refrain from making personal, slanderous, profane or disruptive remarks.

TO ADDRESS THE GOVERNING BOARD OR COMMITTEE: At a regular meeting, the public may comment on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Board during the public comment period and may also comment on any agenda item at the time it is discussed. At a special meeting, the public may only comment on items that are on the agenda. We ask that members of the public state their name for the record and keep their remarks brief. There is a three-minute limit on all public comments. Proxies are not permitted, and individuals may not cede their comment time to other members of the public. **The Governing Board or Committee may not discuss or vote on items not on the agenda.**

AGENDA ITEMS: The Agenda contains the regular order of business of the Governing Board. Items on the Agenda have generally been reviewed and investigated by the staff in advance of the meeting so that the Governing Board can be fully informed about a matter before making its decision.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Items listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be acted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Board member or citizen so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered after the Consent Calendar. If you would like an item on the Consent Calendar discussed, simply tell Staff or a member of the Governing Board.



In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the SGVCOG office at (626) 457-1800. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the SGVCOG to make reasonable arrangement to ensure accessibility to this meeting.



***MEETING MODIFICATIONS DUE TO THE STATE AND LOCAL EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM THE THREAT OF COVID-19:** AB 361 (Rivas), signed by California Governor Gavin Newsom on September 16, 2021, authorizes local agencies to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and allows for members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or electronically to promote social distancing due to the state and local emergency resulting from the threat of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

To follow the new provisions in AB 361 and ensure the safety of Board Members and staff for the purpose of limiting the risk of COVID-19, in-person public participation at the Governing Board meeting will not be allowed. To allow for public participation, the Governing Board will conduct its meeting through Zoom Video Communications. To participate in the meeting, download Zoom on any phone or computer device and copy and paste the following link into your browser to access the live meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/94370146127>. You may also access the meeting via the livestream link on the front of the agenda page.

Instructions for Public Comments: For those wishing to make public comments on agenda and non-agenda items, but within the SGVCOG's subject matter jurisdiction, you may submit written comments via email or provide a verbal comment by participating through Zoom.

- Written Comments (Email): If you wish to submit written public comments to be distributed to the Governing Board members prior to or during the meeting, please submit these materials via email to Katie Ward at kward@sgvcog.org at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled meeting time. Please indicate in the Subject Line of the email "FOR PUBLIC COMMENT." Emailed public comments will be read into the record and will be part of the recorded meeting minutes. Written public comments may include, but are not limited to letters, reports, and presentations. While there is no page or word count limit for written comments, the time for reading written public comments into the record will be limited to three minutes, which is the same time allotted for verbal comments.
- Verbal Comments (Zoom): Through Zoom, you may provide a verbal comment by using the web interface "Raise Hand" feature. Wait to be called upon by staff, and then you may provide verbal comments for up to 3 minutes. Public comment is taken at the beginning of the meeting for items not on the agenda. Public comment is also accepted at the beginning of each agenda item.

Any member of the public requiring a reasonable accommodation to participate in this meeting should contact Katie Ward at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at (626) 214-8160 or at kward@sgvcog.org.

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

5 MINUTES

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Public Comment (*If necessary, the President may place reasonable time limits on all comments*)

JOINT MEETING BUSINESS/ACTION ITEM

5 MINUTES

5. Adopt Joint Resolution 22-17 of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Executive Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Making Findings to Enable Them to Continue to Hold Meetings Via Teleconferencing -- [Page 1](#)
Recommendation Action: Adopt Joint Resolution 22-17 making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California exists, that social distancing being mandated or recommended by state or local officials due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and that meeting in person presents an imminent risk to the health and safety of attendees.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. Next Regular Governing Board Meeting – April 21, 2022

ADJOURN JOINT MEETING

REPORT

DATE: March 24, 2022

TO: Capital Projects and Construction Committee
Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee
Executive Committee
Governing Board
Transportation Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: ADOPT JOINT RESOLUTION 22-17 OF THE CAPITAL PROJECTS AND CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE, GOVERNING BOARD, AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MAKING FINDINGS TO ENABLE THEM TO CONTINUE TO HOLD MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCING

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Joint Resolution 22-17 making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California exists, that social distancing being mandated or recommended by state or local officials due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and that meeting in person presents an imminent risk to the health and safety of attendees.

BACKGROUND

Introduced by Assemblymember Robert Rivas (D-Hollister) on February 1, 2021, AB 361 codifies portions of Governor Gavin Newsom's prior order suspending certain teleconferencing requirements under the Ralph M. Brown Act. It permits a local agency to continue to teleconference with fewer limitations if a local agency makes specified findings, and upon making such findings for the first time, makes the findings every 30 days thereafter. Specifically, the AB 361 exempts a local agency from Brown Act requirements to post agendas and make accessible to the public every location from which a member of a Brown Act body teleconferences. The legislation expires in December 2024. On September 16, 2021, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB 361 into law, effective immediately.

A local agency wishing to rely on the provisions of AB 361 must meet one of the following criteria:

1. The local agency holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; or
2. The local agency holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and has determined, by majority vote, that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.


On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California due to the threat of COVID-19 and shortly thereafter issued Executive Order N-29-20 suspending certain

Brown Act provisions relating to teleconferencing as public meetings began to be held online.¹ However, this Executive Order expired on September 30, 2021, despite the State of Emergency remaining in place.

The threat that COVID-19 has presented continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to conduct Governing Board/committee meetings safely in person. The Centers for Disease Control and Los Angeles Department of Public Health (LADPH) continue to advise governmental entities to refrain from conducting indoor meetings and consider moving operations outdoors, where feasible, to prevent transmission. Additionally, LADPH continues to recommend social distancing measures throughout Los Angeles County in all settings.

In order to continue to conduct meetings in a safe manner and to prevent unnecessary COVID-19 exposure to members, staff and the public, staff is recommending that the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee adopt a resolution making certain findings in order to be able to continue teleconferencing for its meetings.

This resolution will be considered at a joint meeting of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee. For those Governing Board delegates who are on the Board and one or more Committees, when roll call is taken and your name called, your vote will be counted toward both the Governing Board count and the Committee(s) upon which you are a member. If you desire to register a different vote for the Board and the Committee upon which you are a member, please indicate the vote for the Governing Board and for the Committee at the time your name is called. Otherwise, a single “yes” or “no” vote will be counted as a “yes” or “no” vote for both the Governing Board and the Committee(s) upon which you are a member.

Prepared by: 
Katie Ward
Administrative Services Manager

Approved by: 
Marisa Creter
Executive Director

ATTACHMENT

[Attachment A – Resolution 22-17](#)

¹ Similarly, on March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Los Angeles County Health Officer declared a local and health emergency due to the threat of COVID-19.