

RICHARDSON BAY REGIONAL AGENCY

STAFF REPORT

For the special meeting of August 11, 2022

To: Board of Directors
From: Steve McGrath, Interim Executive Director
Subject: Virtual meetings authorization

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that:

1. This Board continue to meet virtually until the Marin County case rate exhibits a consistent downward trend over time and the likelihood of a return to virtual meetings is greatly reduced; and
2. Adopt the attached resolution 15-22 to allow but not require virtual meetings.

Motion: Adopt Resolution 15-22 authorizing but not requiring the continued use of video and or tele-conferencing for public meetings.

SUMMARY:

In September 2021, Governor Newsom signed [AB-361](#). The legislation, which took effect immediately, provides that local government bodies subject to the Brown Act can continue to use video and/or teleconferencing through December 31, 2023 in the manner that Governor Newsom's executive orders authorized during the COVID-19 pandemic. A public entity can use AB 361's provisions under certain conditions, including when state or local officials have recommended social distancing during a proclaimed state of emergency.

In accordance with the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Director of Health & Human Services has recommended continued social distancing and wearing of masks to enhance safety at public meetings. At the time of preparation of this report, Marin County's case rate stood at 26.3 per 100,000 residents (24.3 at the time of the last Board meeting) (71 unvaccinated, 26.1 vaccinated and boosted), an increase since the last Board meeting but still, an increase since the Board meeting of May 12, 2022. Regardless, this is a dramatic decrease since the high on January 10, 2022 of 162.3. For more information, see <https://coronavirus.marinhhs.org/surveillance> .

The proposed resolution would provide the RBRA Board of Directors with the option, but not the requirement, to continue to use video- and/or teleconferencing when appropriate for the next thirty days and while the state proclamation of emergency remains in place.

Attachment: DRAFT Resolution 15-22