

# RICHARDSON'S BAY REGIONAL AGENCY

## STAFF REPORT

For the meeting of February 10, 2022

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Steve McGrath, Interim Executive Director  
**Subject:** Return to in-person meetings

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that 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.

### 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 submission of this letter, Marin County's case rate stood at 6.6 per 100,000 residents (27.3 unvaccinated, 3.9 vaccinated), an increase of 0.7 (11.8%) since the Board meeting of 11/4/21.

Additionally, since the Board meeting of 12/09/21, when the first U.S. case of the Omicron variant had been reported in California, Omicron has been seen to be highly transmissible, but potentially less serious for vaccinated individuals

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 02-22