

# RICHARDSON BAY REGIONAL AGENCY

## STAFF REPORT

For the meeting of January 5, 2023

**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 no later than February 28, 2023; and
2. Adopt the attached resolution 23-01 to allow but not require virtual meetings.

**Motion:** Adopt Resolution 23-01 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.

On October 17, 2022 Governor Newsom lifted the State of Emergency, effective February 28, 2023. While the relevant elements of AB 361 are in effect as long as there is a state of emergency, and while all the impacts of this order are not yet clear, it seems safe to assume that this will require a return to in-person meetings after February 28, 2023.

Staff will pursue meeting location options for RBRA regular meetings.

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 23-01