

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-24**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PHELAN PINON HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT RE-RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY GOVERNOR NEWSOM, DECLARING THAT LOCAL EMERGENCY CONDITIONS PERSIST, AND RE-AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ITS STANDING COMMITTEES FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 4, 2021, TO JANUARY 3, 2022, PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Phelan Pinon Hills Community Services District (the "District") is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of its Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, all meetings of the District's Board of Directors (the "Board") and its standing committees are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code Sections 54950-54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch those bodies conduct their business; and

**WHEREAS**, the Brown Act, in Government Code Section 54953(e), makes provision 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**, a required condition for application of Government Code Section 54953(e) is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code Section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the State caused by conditions as described in Government Code Section 8558; and

**WHEREAS**, a proclamation is made when there is an actual incident, threat of disaster, or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the jurisdictions that are within the District's boundaries, caused by natural, technological, or human-caused disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19, and such proclamation has not yet been lifted; and

**WHEREAS**, it is further required under Government Code Section 54953(e) that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing or that the legislative body meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board previously adopted Resolution No. 2021-19 on November 3, 2021, finding that the requisite conditions exist for the Board and its standing committees to conduct remote teleconference meetings without compliance with Government Code Section 54953(b)(3); and

**WHEREAS**, as a condition of extending the use of the provisions set forth in Government Code Section 54953(e), the Board must reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency that exists within the District, and the Board has done so; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency conditions persist within the District, specifically COVID-19 and its Delta variant, remain highly contagious and, therefore, a threat to the health, safety, and well-being of the District's employees, directors, vendors, contractors, customers, visitors, and residents; and

**WHEREAS**, directions from the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health and regulations from the State of California impose various social distancing restrictions and provide guidance on best practices with respect to actions to reduce the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board does hereby find that a state of emergency continues to exist within the District's service area as a result of the continuing presence of COVID-19, which has caused, and will continue to cause, conditions of imminent risk to attendees of Board meetings, and has resulted in local, State, and federal social distancing orders and related guidance, and which has caused, and will continue to cause, conditions of peril to the safety of persons within the District that are likely to be beyond the control of services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the District, and the Board desires to re-affirm that a local emergency exists and re-ratify the proclamation of state of emergency by the Governor of the State of California; and

**WHEREAS**, as a consequence of the local emergency persisting, the Board does hereby find that the Board and all standing committees thereof shall continue to conduct their meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54953, as authorized by subdivision (e) of Government Code Section 54953, and that such legislative bodies shall continue to comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of Government Code Section 54953; and

**WHEREAS**, the District will continue to provide proper notice to the public regarding all Board and standing committee meetings in accordance with Government Code Section 54953(e)(2) and shall continue to provide notice to the public of how they may access any such meeting via call-in number and/or internet link.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PHELAN PINON HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Affirmation that Local Emergency Persists. The Board hereby considers the conditions of the state of emergency within the District and proclaims that a local emergency persists throughout the District as a result of the continuing presence of COVID-19, which continues to cause conditions of imminent risk to

attendees of the District's Board and standing committee meetings, and which have resulted in local, State, and federal social distancing orders and guidance, and that continuing to conduct the District's Board and standing committee meetings virtually will minimize the possible spread COVID-19 and any variant thereof.

Section 3. Re-Ratification of Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency. The Board hereby re-ratifies the Governor of the State of California's Proclamation of State of Emergency regarding COVID-19, dated March 4, 2020.

Section 4. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The District's General Manager, or his or her designee, and the Board and standing committees of the District are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution, including but not limited to continuing to conduct open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code Section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 5. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) the expiration of thirty (30) days from the date this Resolution was adopted, as set forth below, or (ii) such time as the Board adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the Board and standing committees of the District may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54953.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Phelan Pinon Hills Community Services District this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: Hoffman, Johnson, Kujawa, Philips, Roberts

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

  
President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

  
Secretary, Board of Directors