

**TO: Zone 1/1A Advisory Committee**

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**DATE: November 10, 2021**

**SUBJECT: Item 1: Consider Adopting Resolution to Continue Meeting Virtually**

### **Summary**

On March 4, 2020, California State Governor Gavin Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. That proclamation remains in effect to date. On March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 that suspended the teleconferencing rules set forth in the California Open Meeting Law, the Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950 et seq.). On June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21, clarifying the suspension of the teleconferencing rules set forth in the Brown Act, noting that those provisions would remain suspended through September 30, 2021.

On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361), which allows legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act to continue meeting by teleconference, provided they make certain findings, including that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. AB 361 requires that certain findings be made by the legislative body every 30 days.

This staff report is presented today for the Zone 1/1A Advisory Committee to consider the finding that holding in person meetings would present imminent risks to the health or safety of board members, staff and all attendees of Zone 1/1A Advisory Committee public meetings.

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Committee adopt the attached resolution, invoking the provisions of AB 361 related to the holding of teleconferencing/virtual public meetings.