

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PLUMAS EUREKA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY PERSISTS, RE-RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY EXECUTIVE ORDER N-12-21, AUGUST 16, 2021, AND RE-AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF PLUMAS EUREKA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD 30 DAYS PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS.

WHEREAS, the PLUMAS EUREKA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of PLUMAS EUREKA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT's legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the District's legislative bodies conduct their business; and

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors previously adopted a Resolution, Number 2021-06 on December 31, 2021 finding that the requisite conditions exist for the legislative bodies of PLUMAS EUREKA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT to conduct remote teleconference meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of extending the use of the provisions found in section 54953(e), the Board of Directors must reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency that exists in the District, and the Board of Directors has done so; and

WHEREAS, emergency conditions persist in the District, specifically, PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY EXECUTIVE ORDER N-12-21, AUGUST 16, 2021; and

WHEREAS, meeting in person presents an imminent risk to the health and safety of the attendees due to the contagious nature of COVID; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors does hereby find that the Plumas County Health Department has declared that there is has been an increase spread, hospitalizations, and deaths due to the Delta Variant of COVID 19 and has mandated that masks be worn by both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals in all public indoor settings; and that COVID 19 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 desires to affirm a local emergency exists and re-ratify the proclamation of state of emergency by the Governor of the State of California and orders from the Plumas County Health Department for social distancing; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the local emergency persisting, the Board of Directors does hereby find that the legislative bodies of PLUMAS EUREKA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT 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 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 section 54953; and

WHEREAS, the legislative bodies of the PLUMAS EUREKA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT will continue to hold public meetings using free, publicly available teleconferencing technologies such as Zoom.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PLUMAS EUREKA 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 of Directors hereby considers the conditions of the state of emergency in the District and proclaims that a local emergency persists throughout the District, and find that the conditions caused by the COVID 19 Pandemic Emergency and the Delta Variant of COVID 19 have 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.

Section 3. Re-ratification of Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency. The Board hereby ratifies the Governor of the State of California's Proclamation of State of Emergency, effective as of its issuance date of August 16, 2021.

Section 4. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The General Manager, the Clerk of the Board and legislative bodies of PLUMAS EUREKA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, 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) [April 09, 2022, or such time the Board of Directors adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the legislative bodies of PLUMAS EUREKA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of PLUMAS EUREKA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT this _____ day of _____, 20____, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None