Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

November 18, 2021 Agenda Item 6.k.

Resolution Providing for Remote Meetings Pursuant to AB 361

Subject:

Adoption of Resolution No. 12-2021 Regarding Remote Meetings Pursuant to AB 361

Background:

The recently enacted bill, AB 361, provides for continuing availability of remote meetings during the pandemic-related state of emergency in California. In order to invoke this option, governing boards of Brown Act bodies, or their authorized designated committees (in this case, the Executive Board) must make certain findings in support of remote meetings within 30 days of the first meeting occurring after October 1, 2021, and every 30 days thereafter.

Attached for your review and approval is a resolution invoking AB 361 and providing for remote meetings prospectively for 30 days following the Executive Board's action.

Issues:

Findings in support of Resolution No. 12-2021 are found in the attached. Given the continuing state of public health emergency and the improved public access afforded by holding public meetings of regional bodies in a virtual setting, the resolution under AB 361 is supportable.

Recommended Action:

The Executive Board is requested to adopt Resolution No. 12-2021 authorizing the Association of Bay Area Governments, its committees, and related entities, to meet remotely pursuant to the provisions of AB 361.

Attachments:

Resolution No. 12-2021

Reviewed:

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