

**TRES HERMANOS CONSERVATION AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING**

**JANUARY 12, 2022 AGENDA  
1:30 p.m.**

**CITY OF DIAMOND BAR  
21810 COPLEY DR.  
DIAMOND BAR, CALIFORNIA**

**Chair, Ray Marquez  
Vice-Chair, Cathy Marcucci  
Board Member, Nancy Lyons  
Board Member, Cory Moss  
Board Member, Peter Rogers  
Board Member, Newell Ruggles  
Board Member, Steve Tye**

*Addressing the Authority:*

**NOTICE OF TELEPHONIC MEETING:**

*Consistent with State Assembly Bill 361, the Tres Hermanos Conservation Authority shall be held by teleconference only. No Directors or staff will be physically present for this meeting.*

**How to Observe the Meeting:**

*Members of the public who wish to listen ONLY may join the meeting by calling the following conference call number: +1 (415) 655-0052 and entering the Access Code: 171-806-112*

**How to Submit Public Comment:**

*Members of the public may provide public comment by sending written comments to the Authority Clerk by email at [cityclerk@DiamondBarCA.gov](mailto:cityclerk@DiamondBarCA.gov) by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Please indicate in the Subject Line "FOR PUBLIC COMMENT." Written comments will be distributed to the Authority Directors and noted for the record at the meeting.*

*Alternatively, public comment may be submitted by joining the meeting in person or logging onto the meeting through this link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1529925769926041869>. Members of the public will be called upon one at a time during the Public Comment portion of the agenda, and will be asked to state their name and agenda item they wish to comment on.*

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In an effort to comply with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Tres Hermanos Conservation Authority requires that any person in need of any type of special equipment, assistance or accommodation(s) in order to communicate at a public meeting, must inform the Authority Secretary a minimum of 72 hours prior to the scheduled meeting .

**1. CALL TO ORDER****PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****ROLL CALL**

- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** At this time, members of the public may address the Authority regarding any items on the agenda only. Comments are limited to five minutes per Speaker.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- 3.1 CONTINUED USE OF TELECONFERENCING IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASSEMBLY BILL 361 FOR MEETINGS OF THE TRES HERMANOS CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

*Recommended Action:*

Adopt Resolution No. THCA 2022-01 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TRES HERMANOS CONSERVATION AUTHORITY MAKING SPECIFIED FINDINGS RELATING TO THE USE OF TELECONFERENCING IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASSEMBLY BILL 361 FOR MEETINGS OF THE AUTHORITY SUBJECT TO STATE OPEN MEETING LAWS.

**4. OLD BUSINESS:**

There is none.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

There is none.

**6. AUTHORITY DIRECTOR COMMENTS:**

- 7. ADJOURNMENT:** The next regular Tres Hermanos Conservation Authority meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

*TRES HERMANOS CONSERVATION AUTHORITY*

ITEM NO. 3.1

**TRES HERMANOS CONSERVATION AUTHORITY  
STAFF REPORT****AGENDA NO. 3.1**

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**Date:** January 12, 2022  
**To:** Chair and Board of Directors  
**From:** Daniel Fox, Executive Director  
**Subject:** CONTINUED USE OF TELECONFERENCING IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH ASSEMBLY BILL 361 FOR MEETINGS OF THE TRES  
HERMANOS CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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**Recommendation:**

Adopt Resolution No. THCA 2022-01 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TRES HERMANOS CONSERVATION AUTHORITY MAKING SPECIFIED FINDINGS RELATING TO THE USE OF TELECONFERENCING IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASSEMBLY BILL 361 FOR MEETINGS OF THE AUTHORITY SUBJECT TO STATE OPEN MEETING LAWS.

**Background/Discussion:**

Due to the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the California Legislature passed AB 361 (effective October 1, 2021), which authorizes a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with certain teleconferencing requirements imposed by the Brown Act when: (1) the legislative body of a local agency holds a meeting during a declared state of emergency; (2) when state or local health officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and/or (3) when a local agency has determined that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

The Authority first utilized the provisions of AB 361 at its Special meeting on October 25, 2021. In order to continue to have the ability to use the modified teleconferencing options, AB 361 requires that the Authority re-affirm its findings every 30 days thereafter. Conditions under which AB 361 may be utilized continue to exist as described in the attached Resolution (Attachment 1).

The Authority is currently going beyond what the Brown Act requires by holding meetings in person and by way of teleconference and allowing the public to participate in both forums. The provisions of AB 361 allowing the modified teleconferencing will expire January 1, 2024.

**Fiscal Impact:**

No fiscal impact.

**Legal Review:**

The Authority General Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution as to form.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Reviewed By,**

*Kristina Santana*  
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Kristina Santana, City Clerk 1/3/2022

*Daniel Fox*  
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Daniel Fox, City Manager 1/5/2022

Attachments:

1. THCA Reso 2022-01 AB 361 Cont.

**RESOLUTION NO. THCA 2022-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TRES HERMANOS CONSERVATION AUTHORITY MAKING SPECIFIED FINDINGS RELATING TO THE USE OF TELECONFERENCING IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASSEMBLY BILL 361 FOR MEETINGS OF THE AUTHORITY SUBJECT TO STATE OPEN MEETING LAWS.**

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, California Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, to address the impacts of COVID-19, Governor Newsom issued Executive Orders that required, among other things, residents of California to follow orders and guidance of local public health officials, including social distancing and masking requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, existing California law, the Ralph M. Brown Act ("Brown Act") requires, with specified exceptions, that all meetings of a legislative body of a local agency, as those terms are defined, be open and public, that a physical location for such meetings be provided, and that the public be permitted to provide public comment during the meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Brown Act permits members of legislative bodies to teleconference into public meetings subject to certain conditions, including that the place from which the member teleconferences be open to the public, that an agenda be posted on the site, and that the teleconference location be noticed in the agenda; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition that such public gatherings at such meetings could accelerate the spread of COVID-19, Governor Newsom's Executive Orders suspended, among others, these Brown Act teleconferencing requirements to provide local agencies with greater flexibility to hold meetings via teleconferencing safely; and

**WHEREAS**, as of September 30, 2021, the Governor's Executive Order suspending the Brown Act's teleconferencing requirements expired; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361, which authorizes a local agency to continue to use teleconferencing without complying with certain teleconferencing requirements imposed by the Brown Act when: (1) the legislative body of a local agency holds a meeting during a declared state of emergency; (2) when state or local health officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and/or (3) when a local agency has determined that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; and

**WHEREAS**, both Los Angeles County and state health officials continue to recommend social distancing due to continued community spread of COVID-19 cases; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority first utilized the provisions authorized by AB 361 at a Special meeting on October 25, 2021, and subsequently adopted Resolution Nos. THCA 2021-06 and 2021-07 re-affirming its continued use.

**WHEREAS**, the Authority must approve a Resolution reaffirming that the requirements set forth in Assembly Bill 361 exist every 30 days in order to allow members of its legislative bodies to utilize the provisions of Assembly Bill 361 when attending public meetings via teleconferencing; and

**WHEREAS**, notwithstanding that the Authority, as defined by the Brown Act, are now holding modified public meetings in person, there may be situations in which a Board of Director(s) decides not to attend in person due to a particular health or safety risk posed by such attendance and as such, it is the desire of the Authority to permit its Board of Directors to attend by way of teleconference pursuant to Assembly Bill 361.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF THE TRES HERMANOS CONSERVATION AUTHORITY DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** That the above recitals are true and correct. and based thereon, that the spread and potential further spread of COVID-19 poses an imminent risk to the public health and safety.

**Section 2.** That meetings of the Tres Hermanos Conservation Authority are held in the City of Diamond Bar, in the County of Los Angeles, in the State of California.

**Section 3.** That a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic continues to exist and at the time that this Resolution was adopted both Los Angeles County and State health officials are recommending social distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19.

**Section 4.** That meeting in person may pose an imminent risk to the health and safety of some attendees, including members of the Authority Board of Directors, who due to age, health conditions, or vaccination status, have a higher risk of contracting COVID-19 and are more likely to get severely ill and in some cases, die from COVID-19.

**Section 5.** That during the effective period of this Resolution and any reaffirmation thereof, Authority Board of Directors may participate in meetings subject to the Brown Act by way of teleconference in accordance with Assembly Bill 361.

**Section 6.** That meetings shall be held in accordance with AB 361 by, among other things, providing notice to the public how it can access the meeting and provide public comment, providing an opportunity for the public to attend via a call-in or an internet-based service option, conducting the meeting in a manner which protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the public, and stopping the meeting until public access is restored in the event of a service disruption.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is effective for 30 days from its adoption date. Subsequent appearances by teleconferencing of the Board of Directors must be affirmed/acknowledged every 30 days by the Tres Hermanos Conservation Authority in order for the provisions of Assembly Bill 361 to continue to apply.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.

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Ray Marquez  
Chair  
Tres Hermanos Conservation Authority

**ATTEST:**

I, Kristina Santana, Secretary of the Tres Hermanos Conservation Authority, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly passed, approved and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Tres Hermanos Conservation Authority at a Special meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022, by the following vote:

- AYES: DIRECTORS:
- NOES: DIRECTORS:
- ABSENT: DIRECTORS:
- ABSTAIN: DIRECTORS:

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Kristina Santana  
Secretary  
Tres Hermanos Conservation Authority