

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-002

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HORN BROOK COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY, RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S ORDER DATED MARCH 4, 2020 AND AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE HORN BROOK COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 28, 2023 TO MARCH 30, 2023 PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS

Recitals

WHEREAS, the HORN BROOK COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT ("District") is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, all meetings the District's legislative body 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, such conditions now exist in the District, specifically, the State of Emergency declared by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020, due to COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2021, the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors issued Resolution No. 20-35 ratifying an extending the local proclamation of emergency attributable to the COVID-1 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors does hereby find that the rise in COVID-19 positive cases in Siskiyou County 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 proclaim a local emergency exists and ratify the proclamation of state of emergency by the Governor of the State of California and the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors' Resolution No. 20-35; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the local emergency, the Board of Directors does hereby find that the legislative body of the 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 comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to meetings as prescribed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of section 54953; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors shall adopt virtual meeting protocols, which include options for public participation.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Hornbrook Community Services District, as follows:

1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.
2. Proclamation of Local Emergency. The Board hereby proclaims that a local emergency now exists throughout the District, and 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.
3. 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 March 4, 2020.
4. Ratification of the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisor's Resolution Ratifying their Proclamation of a State of Emergency. The Board hereby ratifies the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisor's Resolution No. 20-35 ratifying their Proclamation of State of Emergency, effective as of its issuance date of March 17, 2020.
5. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The Board of Directors, General Manager, Staff and Contractors of the District are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

6. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect on February 28, 2023, and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) March 30, 2023, 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 the District may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Hornbrook Community Services District on February 14, 2023, by the following roll call votes:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Dated: February 14, 2023, HORN BROOK COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

By: _____

Robert Puckett, President

Approved as to form for District:

By: _____

Secretary