



Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) - Joint Powers Authority (JPA)

Minutes of Special Meeting

March 4, 2022, 8:30 a.m.

437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes

Members Present: Chair John Wentworth, Vice Chair Dan Totheroh, Karen Schwartz, Board Member Bob Gardner, Board Member Jeff Griffiths, Board Member Jim Ellis, Board Member Lynda Salcido

Members Absent: Board Member Stacy Corless

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair John Wentworth called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chamber at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA. Members of the Board attended the meeting via videoconference.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member Bob Gardner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Executive Director Elaine Kabala reminded the members of the Board to include the ESCOG on their Expanded Statement List when submitting their Form 700.

4. ASSEMBLY BILL 361 (AB 361) FINDINGS

4.1 Consideration of A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Regarding the Need for Continued Virtual Meetings to Protect Public Health

Legal Counsel Grace Chuchla outlined the information in the staff report and reported that there had been discussion about the Governor rescinding Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361) since he may remove the state of emergency. Ms. Chuchla stated that there were bills in process to make virtual meetings a permanent feature. She discussed the possibility of holding split in person meetings, with half of the Board meeting in Mammoth Lakes and the other half meeting in Bishop.

Board Member Jeff Griffiths joined at 8:35 a.m.

Board Member Lynda Salcido joined at 8:38 a.m.

There was discussion between Ms. Chuchla, Executive Director Elaine Kabala, and members of the Board.

CONSENSUS: There was consensus from the Board to have a more detailed discussion with regard to returning to in person meetings at the April meeting.

Moved by Board Member Jeff Griffiths

Seconded by Board Member Bob Gardner

Adopt the resolution regarding virtual meetings for the protection of public health pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361).

For (7): Chair John Wentworth, Vice Chair Dan Totheroh, Karen Schwartz, Board Member Bob Gardner, Board Member Jeff Griffiths, Board Member Jim Ellis, and Board Member Lynda Salcido

Absent (1): Board Member Stacy Corless

Carried (7 to 0)

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m. to the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on April 8, 2022.



Angela Plaisted, Assistant Clerk