

Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Western Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin

RESOLUTION WMA-2021-001

RESOLUTION INITIALLY AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS UNDER AB 361

WHEREAS, meetings of the governing Committee (“Committee”) of the **Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Western Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin** (WMA GSA) 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 WMA GSA conduct its business;

WHEREAS, Government Code section 54953(e), added by Assembly Bill 361 (2021) (“AB361”), provides 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 certain conditions and requirements; and

WHEREAS, the WMA GSA wishes to invoke the provisions of AB361 to authorize teleconference meetings subject to the provisions of Government Code section 54953(e);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

. Section 1. Findings. The Committee hereby finds as follows:

- (a) As provided by Government Code section 54953(e)(1), a proclaimed state of emergency exists under the California Emergency Services Act, as declared by the Governor on March 4, 2020.
- (b) As provided by Government Code section 54953(e)(1), the County of Santa Barbara Health Department has imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, specifically Santa Barbara County Health Order No. 2021-10.5 (see also Santa Barbara County Public Health Department Health Officials AB 361 Social Distance Recommendation issued September 28, 2021).

Section 2. Procedures for Teleconference Meetings. The WMA GSA shall hold meetings to allow for teleconference participation pursuant to the requirements of Government Code section 54953(e).

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Section 4. Renewal. Pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e)(3), the WMA GSA may consider findings regarding the state of emergency every 30 days.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the governing Committee of the WMA GSA on October 20, 2021 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Jeremy Ball, Chris Brooks, Myron Heavin

NOES: None

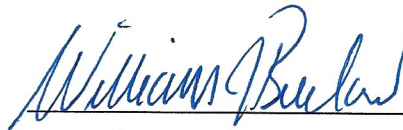
ABSENT: Steve Jordan

ABSTAINED: None

ATTEST:



Chris Brooks, Chairman



William J. Buelow, Secretary