

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022.07**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
REGIONAL ACCESS PROJECT FOUNDATION RATIFYING  
THE STATE OF EMERGENCY AND RE-AUTHORIZING  
REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS**

WHEREAS, 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 emergency 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 Foundation'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 vaccines, masking, and social distancing, and that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors previously adopted Resolution 2021.07 on October 27, 2021, finding that the requisite conditions exist for the Board of Directors of the Foundation to conduct remote teleconference meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54953; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of extending the use of the provisions found in Government Code section 54953(e), the Board of Directors must reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency that exists in the region, and the Board of Directors has done so; and

WHEREAS, emergency conditions persist in the region and vaccine compliance, masking, and social distancing measures are required to be followed for the continued health and safety of the Foundation Board, staff, and the public; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the local emergency persisting, the Board of Directors does hereby find that the Foundation shall conduct its meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54953, as authorized by Government Code section 54953(e), and that such meetings shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed in Government Code section 54953(e);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Regional Access Project Foundation Board of Directors as follows:

Section 1: Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2: Affirmation that a Local Emergency Persists. The Board of Directors hereby considers the conditions of the state of emergency in the service area and proclaims that a local emergency persists throughout the service area.

Section 3: Re-Ratification of the Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency. The Board hereby ratifies the Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency.

Section 4. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The Foundation's Chief Executive Officer is 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 Ralph M. Brown Act.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Regional Access Project Foundation held on February 23, 2022.

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Jan Pyea, Chairperson Board of Directors

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Aurora Wilson, Secretary