



MORONGO BASIN  
HEALTHCARE DISTRICT

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-04**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
HI-DESERT MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE DISTRICT  
Morongo Basin Healthcare District

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MORONGO BASIN HEALTHCARE DISTRICT AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MORONGO BASIN HEALTHCARE DISTRICT FOR THE NEXT 30 DAYS PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS.

WHEREAS, the MORONGO BASIN HEALTHCARE DISTRICT (“District”) is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the District’s legislative bodies 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, a state of emergency relating to COVID-19 remains active and social distancing measures continue to be recommended by authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors does hereby find that current state of emergency 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

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the local emergency, the Board of Directors does hereby find that the legislative bodies of the District shall 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 the meetings as prescribed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of section 54953; and

WHEREAS, the District provides a physical site for public meetings as well as remote attendance by electronic platform for those board members and public who are vulnerable and at risk of exposure of the COVID-19 virus.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MORONGO BASIN HEALTHCARE DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE 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 Local Emergency Persists. The Board of Directors hereby considers the conditions of the state of emergency in the District and proclaims that a local emergency persists throughout the District, and that individuals are at personal risk based on their health and vaccination status. With only about 49 per cent of our local population vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus, having the option to participate by remote electronic platform protects those who are more vulnerable to exposure and threat. Further the Board finds that a social distancing measures continue to be recommended by state and local authorities.


Section 4. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The staff and legislative bodies 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.

Section 5. Effective Date of Resolution and Motions to Extend. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective for 30 days, 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. The authority provided by this Resolution may be extended in accordance with AB 361 by minute action of the Board of Directors for 30 days at a time.

**CERTIFICATION:** This Resolution was passed and adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hi-Desert Memorial Health Care District on the fourth day of November, 2021 by the following roll call vote:

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| Director Brown:             | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |
| Director Evans:             | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |
| Director Markle-Greenhouse: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |
| Director Mondary:           | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |
| Director Savitt:            | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |

  
Dianne Markle-Greenhouse, President

  
Greg Brown, Secretary