

Remote Meetings and AB 361

- At a previous meeting, the Board decided to go back to in-person board and standing committee meetings, starting October 5th.
- This was based in part on the expected expiration on September 30 of the governor's executive order, permitting meetings to be conducted remotely during the pandemic.

AB 361

- AB 361 was passed and signed and goes into effect on October 1st.
- It allows for continued remote meetings during a declared state of emergency if:
 - 1) state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or
 - (2) the board by majority vote determines that as a result of the proclaimed emergency, meeting in person would present “imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees.”

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- Currently, there is still a proclaimed state of emergency for COVID-19, which will continue until the governor cancels it.
- There is also an LA County Health Order in place that promotes social distancing, so condition (1) appears to be met.
- Based on the existing state of emergency for COVID-19, there is a basis for the Board to find that meeting in person would present “imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees.”

Options

- If the board does nothing, its previous decision will go into effect and the Agency will resume in-person meetings on October 5th.
- The board could vote to authorize continuing remote meetings.

Next Steps

- If the Board chooses option #2, it is recommended the Board adopt the draft Resolution, which authorizes remote meetings and finds and determine that:
 - 1. A declared state of emergency for COVID-19 is in effect;
 - 2. Local officials in LA County have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing in connection with COVID-19; and
 - 3. Due to the COVID-19 emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees.

Effective Date

- Resolution will go into effect on October 1st
- To continue to have remote meetings, the Board will need to reaffirm the findings (extend the resolution) within 30 days of the first remote meeting, and every 30 days thereafter.
- Recommendation is that the Board reaffirm the resolution, or decide to meet in person, at every meeting.