



Topic: **Reservoir Committee Agenda Item 2.3**

**July 15, 2021**

Subject: **Resuming In-Person Public Meetings**

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**Requested Action:**

Recognizing the Governor's June 11, 2021 rescinding of COVID-19 stay at home orders related to public meetings and the Brown Act, direct staff to reinstate Reservoir Committee (RC) and Authority Board (AB) meetings under standard statutory requirements starting in September 2021.

**Detailed Description/Background:**

Throughout the COVID pandemic, the Reservoir Committee and Authority Board conducted its public meetings through teleconference. This allowed participants and the public to safely attend meetings while continuing to conduct the agency's business in an open and transparent manner and in compliance with executive orders authoring exceptions to the Brown Act due to COVID. The Governor's June 11, 2021 Executive Orders removed the previous exceptions to the statutory requirements around public meetings and requires that all public agencies resume normal meeting protocols by September 30, 2021. Of particular interest to this body are the following:

- At least a quorum of the RC and AB must be present within the agency's jurisdiction, meaning at the physical meeting location. Note that for the rest of 2021, all meetings of the RC will be held at the Maxwell office due to unavailability of a Sacramento's Library Galleria. The Library is accepting reservations for their conference rooms starting in 2022.
- All Reservoir Committee representatives and Authority Board members that have a need to participate remotely, must do so from a location listed on the meeting notice, the location must be posted as such at the time of the meeting, and the location must be open to members of the public.

Planning for the 2022 RC meetings is underway and it would be helpful to have participants convey any specific preferences for meeting dates and locations.

**Prior Action:** None.

**Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:** None.

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