



8:00 A.M. OPERATIONS CENTER - 1200 SOUTH GENE AUTRY TRAIL – PALM SPRINGS – CALIFORNIA

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, there will be no public location for attending in person. This meeting will be held virtually because state and local officials recommend measures to promote social distancing. Members of the public who wish to participate may do so by calling in at:

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Members of the public who wish to comment on any item within the jurisdiction of the Agency or any item on the agenda may submit comments by emailing sbaca@dwa.org or may do so during the meeting. Comments will become part of the Board meeting record. Board members and staff will be participating in this meeting via teleconference.

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De acuerdo con el proyecto de Ley de la Asamblea 361 (AB361), no habrá un lugar público para asistir en persona. Esta reunión se llevará a cabo virtualmente porque los funcionarios estatales y locales recomiendan medidas para promover el distanciamiento social. Los miembros del público que deseen participar pueden hacerlo llamando al:

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Los miembros del público que deseen comentar sobre cualquier tema dentro de la jurisdicción de la Agencia o cualquier tema en la agenda pueden enviar comentarios por correo electrónico a sbaca@dwa.org o pueden hacerlo durante la reunión. Los comentarios pasarán a formar parte del registro de la reunión de la Junta. Los miembros de la junta y el personal participarán en esta reunión por teleconferencia.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** **BLOOMER**
2. **ROLL CALL** **BACA**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Members of the public may comment on any item not listed on the agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the Agency. In addition, members of the public may speak on any item listed on the agenda as that item comes up for consideration. Speakers are requested to keep their comments to no more than three (3) minutes. As provided in the Brown Act, the Board is prohibited from acting on items not listed on the agenda.
4. **CONSENT ITEM:**
 - A. Request Authorization to Continue Virtual Board and Committee Meetings for Another 30 Days Based Upon a Determination that In-Person Meetings Would Pose a Risk to Public Health (Per AB361)

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DECLARATION OF POSTING

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, I certify that this agenda has been posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting on the Agency's website at www.dwa.org and at the Agency's main office, 1200 South Gene Autry Trail, Palm Springs, CA.

**STAFF REPORT
TO
DESERT WATER AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

DECEMBER 2, 2022

**RE: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE VIRTUAL BOARD
AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR ANOTHER 30 DAYS BASED
UPON A DETERMINATION THAT IN-PERSON MEETINGS WOULD
POSE A RISK TO PUBLIC HEALTH (PER AB 361)**

The Board of Directors has previously authorized the continuation of virtual Board and Committee meetings for another 30-day period in accordance with the provisions of AB 361.

The Board of Directors may elect to continue conducting virtual meetings if it makes its own specific findings that meetings in person would pose a health threat to those in attendance, or when other regulatory bodies having jurisdiction within the Agency's service area recommend social distancing for the protection of people who otherwise might attend those meetings in person. The Board must make that determination every thirty days in order for meetings to be conducted virtually.

Therefore, it is recommended that the Desert Water Agency Board of Directors authorize Board and Committee meetings to be conducted virtually for the next ensuing 30-day period based upon the following facts and determinations:

- The California Department of Public Health and the County of Riverside continue to recommend social distancing as a result of the COVID-19 state of emergency. They also strongly recommend wearing a mask for all individuals in most indoor settings.
- The Centers for Disease Controls and Prevention (CDC) recommends social distancing in high transmission areas.
- State officials have issued orders imposing or recommending social distancing measures for certain individuals and in certain situations.
- Due to the COVID-19 emergency, meeting in person would present risks to the health and safety of attendees.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the continuation of virtual Board and Committee meetings for another 30 days based upon a determination that in-person meetings would pose a risk to public health (Per AB 361).