



**MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**  
**SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Thursday, January 6, 2022, at 11:30 A.M.  
via Zoom, due to COVID-19 Meeting Protocol

**MINUTES**

**DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE**

Mike Mobley, Chair  
Susan Rungren, Vice-Chair/Secretary  
Glenn Shephard, Treasurer  
Jim Chambers  
Conner Everts

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

Bryan Bondy, Executive Director  
Jackie Lozano, Clerk of the Board  
Joseph Hughes, Legal Counsel

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

None

**CALL TO ORDER 11:31 A.M.**

Chair Mobley called the meeting to order at 11:31 A.M.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Mobley led the participants in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ROLL CALL**

The Clerk of the Board called roll. All Directors were present (Chambers, Everts, Mobley, Rungren, Shephard).

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA**

Chair Mobley asked if there were any public comments. None were offered.

**4. MOTION ITEM**

**4a. Citing Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Resolution 2021-02 (adopted October 21, 2021), Subsequent Findings that the Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency on March 4, 2020 relating to the COVID-19 virus remains in effect and the State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person, and Authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the legislative bodies of Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the period of January 6, 2022, through February 5, 2022, pursuant to Brown Act provisions**

**Motion**

The purpose of the meeting was to determine if the requisite conditions to utilize the alternative rules under the Brown Act for teleconference meetings still existed. Those conditions are that the state of emergency arising from COVID-19 continues to exist and the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the Agency's members to meet safely in person.

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The Brown Act, as recently amended, requires these findings to be renewed every 30 days. The Agency's Legal Counsel Joseph Hughes explained the reason for the legislation to the Board.

Additionally, the meeting addressed any concerns or questions the Board had concerning compliance with these remote teleconferencing rules and findings going forward. Counsel reviewed options for future instances when the Agency's next Board meeting falls after the 30-day renewal timeframe:

1. Call a special meeting to make the findings within the 30-day renewal timeframe.
2. Renew the findings at the next meeting even if it is beyond the 30-day renewal timeframe.

Counsel recommended the second option and said that it is substantially compliant with the requirements. He added that the Agency is not a typical government agency where the Board meets multiple times in one month and meeting every 30 days would not be practical.

Director Shephard agreed with the recommendation and had no objection to the recommendation. Director Rungren commented, if there would be no outside opposition and there was a cost savings, she was not opposed to the recommendation. Director Everts also agreed with the recommendation.

Chair Mobley made it clear that the Board would continue to be transparent with its stakeholders and meet when necessary. At that time, he asked if there were additional comments or questions from the Directors or public. None were offered.

Motion to approve that the Board, as provided in Resolution 2021-02, and has found that the requisite conditions continue to exist for remote teleconference meetings of the Board of Directors without compliance with Government Code section 54953(b)(3), as authorized by Government Code section 54953(e), specifically (1) that the Governor's proclaimed State of Emergency as a result of the threat of COVID-19 remains in effect and (2) the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person, Director Rungren; Second, Director Shephard. Roll call vote: five ayes (Chambers, Everts, Mobley, Rungren, Shephard), none opposed. Motion carried 5/0.

**ADJOURNMENT 11:45 A.M.**

Chair Mobley adjourned the Special meeting at 11:45 A.M. to the Regular Board meeting on Thursday, January 20, 2022, or call of the Chair.

I certify that above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Special Board of Directors meeting of January 6, 2022.

ATTEST:

  
Susan Rungren, Vice-Chair/Secretary

ATTEST:

  
Jackie Lozano, Clerk of the Board