

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-03
OF THE
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER**

**AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS
OF THE CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER BOARD
FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 26 – FEBRUARY 25, 2023**

1. **WHEREAS**, the Chino Basin Watermaster (Watermaster) is committed to preserving and fostering public access and participation in meetings of Watermaster Board (Watermaster Meetings), consistent with its policy to generally operate in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov. Code § 54950 *et seq.*) (Brown Act), so that any member of the public may attend and participate as the Watermaster conducts its business; and
2. **WHEREAS**, the Brown Act contains special provisions for remote teleconference participation in meetings when the Governor has declared a state of emergency pursuant to Government Code section 8625, and either state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or an in-person meeting would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees (Gov. Code § 54953(e)); and
3. **WHEREAS**, such conditions now exist within the County of San Bernardino (County). On March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic. On March 7, 2022, the California Department of Public Health and Governor Newsom's office issued Executive Order N-5-22 lifting mask mandates though still strongly recommending them regardless of vaccination status. As an arm of the court, Watermaster has followed guidance issued by the County Superior Court. The County Superior Court continues to encourage all court users to access remote service options to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and strongly recommends the use of face coverings in court facilities.
4. **WHEREAS**, Watermaster finds that the current situation with regard to COVID-19 is causing, and will continue to cause, risks to the safety of persons within the County and finds that Watermaster shall conduct Watermaster Meetings with remote teleconference participation in the manner authorized by Government Code Section 54953, subdivision (e) and in compliance with the requirements to provide public access in Government Code Section 54953, subdivision (e)(2); and

5. **NOW THEREFORE, WATERMASTER 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 Conditions Persist. The Watermaster Board hereby considers the conditions of the state of emergency in the Chino Basin and finds that local emergency conditions persist throughout the Chino Basin, and due to the high transmission rate of the Omicron variant (and Subvariants), risk to unvaccinated and vaccinated individuals, greater risk of transmission at indoor gatherings, and although the County's number of COVID-19 cases have declined since February 2022, meeting in person could present risk to the health and safety of Board members and the public.

Section 3. Remote Teleconference Meetings. shall conduct Watermaster Meetings with remote teleconference participation in the manner authorized by Government Code Section 54953, subdivision (e), and in compliance with the requirements to provide public access in Government Code Section 54953, subdivision (e)(2).

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of February 25, 2023, or such time as Watermaster adopts a resolution in accordance with Government Code Section 54953, subdivision (e)(3) to extend the time during which meetings may continue to be held via remote teleconference in compliance with that section.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Chino Basin Watermaster Board, this 26th day of January 2023, by the following vote:

APPROVED:

By:



Board Chair
Chino Basin Watermaster

ATTEST:

By:



Board Secretary/Treasurer
Chino Basin Watermaster

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO)

I, Bob Kuhn , Secretary/Treasurer of the Chino Basin Watermaster,
DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution being No. 2023-03, was adopted at a
regular meeting of the Chino Basin Watermaster Board on January 26, 2023, by the following
vote:

AYES: 0
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER



Watermaster Board Secretary/Treasurer

Date: January 26, 2023