



MONTE RIO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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NOTICE & AGENDA OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, September 27, 2021 6:00 PM

Via Zoom Video Conference

Web URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us> Meeting ID: 880 0429 4273 Passcode: 497517

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (changes, additions, or deletions) (*Action Item*)
3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT AGENDIZED
*Any citizen wishing to speak to the Board on any item **not listed on the Agenda** may do so under public comment. All presentations made under public comment are normally restricted to three (3) minutes in length per meeting unless the Board Chair specifically authorizes additional time.*
4. CORRESPONDENCE
5. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. California Special Districts Association Remote Meeting Resolution (*Action Item*)
6. ADJOURNMENT

Accessible Meeting Information

The Monte Rio Community Center meeting room is accessible to persons using wheelchairs and other assistive mobility device.

Please make your requests for documents in alternative format (large font or Braille) or additional accommodations such as sign language interpretation or real-time captioning to District Administrative Staff, Tiffanie Herring at (707) 823-1089 (Voice), call **711 for the free Telecommunications Relay Service**, or e-mail therring@goldridgefire.org.

Requesting accommodations at least 72 hours prior to the meeting will help to ensure availability.

At the discretion of the Board, all items appearing on this agenda, whether or not expressly listed for action, may be deliberated and may be subject to action by the Board.

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

I certify that I posted a copy of the foregoing agenda at the regular meeting place of the Board of Directors of the Monte Rio Fire Protection District at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting of the Board of Directors. (Government Code Section 54954.2).

/s/ _____

RESOLUTION 2021-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE MONTE RIO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY EXISTS, RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY GOVERNOR NEWSOM ON MARCH 4, 2020, AND AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE MONTE RIO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER __, 2021 THROUGH NOVEMBER __, 2021 PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS

WHEREAS, the Monte Rio Fire Protection District (“District”) is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Board of Directors (“Board”); and,

WHEREAS, all meetings of the District’s legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the District’s legislative bodies conduct their business; and,

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and,

WHEREAS, a required condition is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in Government Code section 8558; and,

WHEREAS, that proclamation is made when there is an actual incident, threat of disaster, or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the jurisdictions that are within the District’s boundaries, caused by natural, technological, or human-caused disasters; and,

WHEREAS, that proclamation also requires that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or, the legislative body meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and,

WHEREAS, emergency conditions exist in the District, specifically, a State of Emergency has been proclaimed by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020, proclaiming a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the District Board has conducted remote, teleconferenced meetings consistent with the Governor’s Executive Orders promoting social distancing;

WHEREAS, consistent with AB 361, as a condition of extending the use of the provisions found in section 54953(e), the Board must reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency that exists in the District, and the Board has done so; and,

WHEREAS, due to the surging Delta Variant of COVID-19, meetings in person would present imminent risk to health and safety of attendees; and,

WHEREAS, the Board does hereby find that the State of Emergency proclaimed by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020, and, the Delta Variant of COVID-19 surging in Sonoma County per the Sonoma County Public Health Notice on August 2, 2021 has caused, and will continue to cause, conditions of peril to the safety of persons within the District that are likely to be beyond the control of services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the District, and desires to affirm a local emergency exists and ratify the Proclamation of State of Emergency by the Governor of the State of California; and,

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the local emergency, the Board does hereby find that the legislative bodies of the District shall conduct their meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54953, as authorized by subdivision (e) of section 54953, and that such legislative bodies shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of section 54953; and,

WHEREAS, The District is providing teleconference access via a conference phone-line number to the meetings to ensure public access.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MONTE RIO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 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 Exists. The Board hereby proclaims that a local emergency now exists throughout the District, and the surging Delta Variant of COVID-19 would present an imminent risk to meeting in person.

Section 3. Ratification of Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency. The Board hereby ratifies the Governor of the State of California's Proclamation of State of Emergency, effective as of its issuance date of March 4, 2020.

Section 4. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The staff and legislative bodies of the Monte Rio Fire Protection District are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 5. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of **(30 Days)** _____, 2021, or such time the Board of Directors adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the legislative bodies of the Monte Rio Fire Protection District may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953.

The foregoing Resolution was duly PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Monte Rio Board of Directors held on the ___ day of _____, 2021, at Monte Rio, California, on motion made by Director _____, seconded by Director _____ and duly carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Dated: _____, 2021

District Board Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk to the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

William D. Ross
District Counsel

District Board Chairperson