

MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
NEWHALL RANCH SANITATION DISTRICT
HELD IN THE HEARING ROOM OF THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS, KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

January 31, 2023
9:30 o'clock, A.M.

The Board of Directors of Newhall Ranch Sanitation District of Los Angeles County met pursuant to adjournment as declared by the Secretary at the special meeting held December 6, 2022, via teleconference. The Secretary reported that a copy of the Notice of Adjournment was posted as required by law and that proper affidavits of the posting are on file in the Secretary's Office.

There were present: Kathryn Barger, Director from Los Angeles County
Janice Hahn, Director from Los Angeles County
Lindsey Horvath, Director from Los Angeles County
Hilda Solis, Director from Los Angeles County
Holly Mitchell, Chairperson, Director from Los Angeles County

Absent: None

Also present: Kimberly S. Christensen, Secretary to the Board
Wes Beverlin, District Counsel

RE: RESOLUTION FOR CONTINUING TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND EMPLOYEES WHILE GUARANTEEING THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS OF LOCAL LEGISLATIVE BODIES AND MAKING NECESSARY FINDINGS FOR CONTINUED TELECONFERENCED MEETINGS - ADOPT

A proposed *Resolution for Continuing to Ensure the Safety of Members of the Public and Employees while Guaranteeing the Public's Right to Attend and Participate in Meetings of Local Legislative Bodies and Making Necessary Findings for Continued Teleconferenced Meetings*, was presented. Acting on behalf of the Governing body of the County, and on behalf of entities for which the Board members serve as governing members (Governing Members), and for commissions,

task forces, etc., which were, or created either by the Board or Governing members or at their direction, and are subject to the Brown Act: find in accordance with Assembly Bill (AB) 361 Section 3(e)(3), California Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) that the board has reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic and that the State of Emergency remains active and that local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and instruct the Executive Officer of the Board to place on the meeting agendas for the Board and the agendas for those entities for which the Board members sit as the Governing Members, not more than 30 calendar days after these findings are adopted, an agenda item entitled "Findings to Continue Teleconference Meetings under AB361 and Related Actions," and include these same findings for adoption, and continue to do so not more than 30 calendar days after each time these findings are adopted until instructed to cease doing so.

Upon motion of Director Barger, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION FOR CONTINUING TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF MEMBERS
OF THE PUBLIC AND EMPLOYEES WHILE GUARANTEEING
THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS OF LOCAL
LEGISLATIVE BODIES AND MAKING NECESSARY FINDINGS
FOR CONTINUED TELECONFERENCED MEETINGS

As stated at the Board of Supervisors' September 28, 2021 meeting, we must ensure that the public's right to attend and participate in local legislative body meetings is exercised under conditions that ensure attendees' and employees' safety. Our Legislature passed AB 361 to enhance public access to local legislative body meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic and future applicable emergencies.

Under AB 361, to continue to meet via teleconferencing, the local legislative body must adopt, by a majority vote, specific findings within 30 days of the first use of the teleconferencing meeting rules after October 1, 2021, and within every 30 days thereafter.

It is imperative that we take the necessary actions to ensure the public's right to attend and participate in local legislative body meetings is not put at risk and to safeguard the safety of members of the public and employees of local legislative bodies, in alignment with our Health Officer's recommendations to reduce crowding indoors and to support physical distancing.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors (Board), acting on its behalf, and on behalf of entities for which the Board members serve as governing members (Governing Members), and for commissions, task forces, etc., which were or are created either by the Board or Governing Members or at their direction and are subject to the Brown Act: 1. Find, in accordance with AB 361 Section 3(e)(3), California Government Code section 54953(e)(3), that the Board has reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic and that the State of Emergency remains active; 2. Find, in accordance with AB 361 Section 3(e)(3), California Government Code section 54953(e)(3), that local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and 3. Instruct the Executive Office to place on the meeting agendas for the Board and the agendas for those entities for which the Board members sit as the Governing Members not more than 30 calendar days after these findings are adopted an agenda item entitled "Findings to Continue Teleconference Meetings under AB 361 and Related Actions," and include these same findings for adoption; and instruct the Executive Office to continue to do so not more than 30 calendar days after each time these findings are adopted until instructed to cease doing so.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Newhall Ranch Sanitation District of Los Angeles County this 31st day of January 2023 by the following vote:

AYES: Five (5)

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

RE: FACILITIES PLANNING
ANNEXATION FEE RATE
ORDINANCE - ADOPT
FIND EXEMPT FROM CEQA

An Ordinance Prescribing Fees for the Annexation of Territory to Newhall Ranch Sanitation District of Los Angeles County (Ordinance) was presented for the Board's consideration. Properties outside the jurisdictional boundary of the District must be annexed to the

District before sewerage service can be provided. The cost of processing the annexation application is borne by the applicant pursuant to the District's existing Master Annexation Fee Ordinance and Annexation Fee Rate Ordinance (Existing Ordinances), both adopted in 2007, according to a tiered acreage-based approach. However, this method results in inequities in certain circumstances. Furthermore, the cost to process an annexation application does not vary significantly between a large or small property. The proposed ordinance, which was attached to the agenda, supersedes the Existing Ordinances and establishes a flat fee of \$2,000 per annexation application, which is more equitable and representative of the actual cost to process each annexation. In October 2022, the Personnel Committee, comprised of the Chairs of all active Districts, unanimously endorsed the proposed ordinance; and in November 2022, the proposed ordinance was introduced to the Board. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles of commitment to continual improvement; and commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship.

Notice of the public hearing on the proposed Ordinance was published twice in *The Signal Newspaper (Santa Clarita)*, a weekly newspaper. A recommendation was made to the Board that a public hearing be conducted and, thereafter, the proposed Ordinance be adopted. A copy of the Ordinance accompanied the agenda.

This being the time and place set by District staff for a public hearing on the proposed Ordinance the Chairperson opened the public hearing. In response to the Chairperson's question, the Secretary reported that no telephone calls, correspondence, or other public input was received by the District. The Chairperson announced that this was the time for any presentations by members of the public. There being none the Chairperson closed the public hearing.

Upon motion of Director Barger, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, an *Ordinance Prescribing Fees for the Annexation of Territory to Newhall Ranch Sanitation District of Los Angeles County* (Ordinance), to become effective March 2, 2023, was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Barger, Horvath, Mitchell, Solis, and Hahn

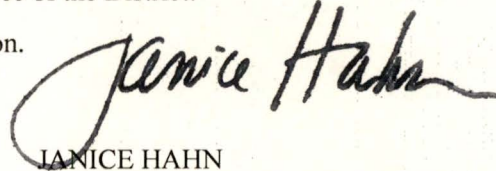
NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

An *Ordinance Prescribing Fees for the Annexation of Territory to Newhall Ranch Sanitation District of Los Angeles County* was adopted. Furthermore, the Board found that adoption of the Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15273 of State Guidelines for Implementation of CEQA on the basis that CEQA does not apply to the modification of rates or other charges by the District which are for the purpose of meeting operating expenses necessary for the District to provide services such as annexation, as reported to the Board of Directors by the Chief Engineer and General Manager and as reflected in the official minutes of the District on file at the office of the District.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson.



JANICE HAHN
Chairperson

ATTEST:

KIMBERLY S. CHRISTENSEN
Secretary

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