MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 2 HELD AT THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT VIA TELECONFERENCE

October 13, 2021 1:30 o'clock, P.M.

The Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County met in regular session via teleconference.

There were present: Katherine Lee, Director from Alhambra Ali Sajjad Taj, Director from Artesia

Ali Saleh, Director from Bell

Marco Barcena, Director from Bell Gardens Ray Dunton, Alternate Director from Bellflower

Grace Hu, Director from Cerritos

Leonard Mendoza, Director from Commerce Emma Sharif, Director from Compton Claudia M. Frometa, Director from Downey Robert Garcia, Director from Long Beach

Joe Buscaino, Alternate Director from Los Angeles City Kimberly Ann Cobos-Cawthorne, Director from Montebello

Yvonne Yiu, Director from Monterey Park Jennifer Perez, Director from Norwalk Brenda Olmos, Director from Paramount

Gustavo Camacho, Alternate Director from Pico Rivera

Chin Ho Liao, Director from San Gabriel

Maria Davila, Alternate Director from South Gate

Melissa Ybarra, Director from Vernon

Hilda Solis, Director from Los Angeles County

Cathy Warner, Chairperson, Alternate Director from Whittier

Absent: None

Also present: Kimberly S. Christensen, Secretary to the Board

Wes Beverlin, District Counsel

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

The Chairperson announced this was the time for any questions or comments by members of the public. There

were no public comments or questions to address the Board on any matters.

RE: DIRECTOR FROM
CITY OF COMPTON

A certificate from the City Clerk of the City of Compton was presented to the Secretary stating that at a meeting of the City Council held September 7, 2021, Ms. Emma

Sharif was elected Mayor of the City of Compton, which is the designation of the presiding officer of the governing body of that city and automatically places Ms. Shariff on this Board, was accepted and ordered filed.

RE: MINUTES The minutes of the regular meeting held September 22,

2021, were approved.

RE: DISTRICT EXPENSES The following expenses for the month of July 2021 were

presented and approved:

Local District Expenses:

Operations & Maintenance (O & M) \$ 150,965.53 Capital \$ 15,051.64 Allocated Expenses: Joint Administration 415,668.12 **Technical Support** 675,297.28 Joint Outfall 1,898,766.21 Solid Waste System Expenses: Operations & Maintenance (O&M) 11,700,874.02 Allocated Expenses 925,094.81 Capital 396,570.02 Stormwater Expenses: Operations & Maintenance (O & M) 4,175.22

RE: TECHNICAL SERVICES - SAN JOSE CREEK WATER QUALITY LABORATORY GAS CHROMATOGRAPH/TRIPLE QUADRUPOLE MASS SPECTROMETER AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING AND

Total Expenses

RECEIPT OF BIDS

The Purchasing Agent was authorized to advertise and receive bids for Gas Chromatograph/Triple Quadrupole Mass Spectrometer for San Jose Creek Water Quality Laboratory. The proposed equipment will replace the 18-year-old system that has reached the end of its useful life and is no longer supported by the manufacturer. This system is currently used for performing analyses for a

\$16,182,462.85

variety of permit-mandated monitoring and special studies. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle to protect financial and facility assets through prudent investment and maintenance programs.

REGULAR AGENDA

RE: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT VARIOUS DISTRICTS LOCATIONS FURNISH AND DELIVER RENEWABLE RED DYED DIESEL AND UNLEADED GASOLINE REPORT ON BIDS AND AWARD OF ORDER On July 15, 2021, three bids were received at the District's office to Furnish and Deliver Renewable Red Dyed Diesel and Unleaded Gasoline. The Districts uses fuel for its fleet of vehicles and mobile equipment in various locations throughout our service area. To the extent possible, the Districts has committed to

extent possible, the Districts has committed to expanding the use of alternative fuels for its fleet to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG). Currently, these efforts are reducing GHG emissions by 2,100 metric tons of CO2 equivalent per year. This new agreement will supply unleaded gasoline to all Districts' facilities and further expand the supply of renewable diesel. The initial term of the agreement shall be for one year with the option to extend the agreement for two additional one-year periods. The bid summary/recommendation to award was attached to the agenda. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship; and commitment to operational excellence (protection of public health and the environment, regulatory compliance, and cost effectiveness). A recommendation was made to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, to award a purchase order to the low bidder, Merrimac Petroleum, Inc., dba Merrimac Energy Group, at the unit prices stated in its bid amounting to approximately \$1,828,216.96.

Upon motion of Director Mendoza, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to the low bidder, Merrimac Petroleum, Inc., dba Merrimac Energy Group, to *Furnish and Deliver Renewable Red Dyed Diesel and Unleaded Gasoline*, at the unit prices stated in its bid amounting to approximately \$1,828,216.96 in accordance with the bids received July15, 2021.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT FURNISH AND DELIVER GRANULAR VAPOR PHASE ACTIVATED CARBON TO JOINT WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT AND WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM - AUTHORIZE EXTENSION OF PURCHASE ORDER TO CARBON ACTIVATED CORPORATION Activated carbon is used to remove volatile organic and odor causing compounds from gases in wastewater collection and treatment facilities. Carbon Activated Corporation has proposed to extend the contract for one additional year and continue to supply carbon at an increase of 42 percent above the previous contract. A review of cost increases in shipping, raw materials, and labor has determined that the increase is justified and the proposal is competitive and in the best interest of the

Districts to extend at this time. Staff recommends that a purchase order be issued to Carbon Activated Corporation in the amount of \$275,000. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle to protect financial and facility assets through prudent investment and maintenance programs. A recommendation was made to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, to issue a one-

year extension of a purchase order with Carbon Activated Corporation to furnish and deliver granular vapor phase activated carbon to Joint Water Pollution Control Plant and Wastewater Collection System.

Upon motion of Director Mendoza, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to extend the purchase order, for a one-year period, with Carbon Activated Corporation to furnish and deliver granular vapor phase activated carbon to Joint Water Pollution Control Plant and Wastewater Collection System, at a cost of approximately \$275,000.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT FURNISH CARBON REGENERATION SERVICES TO JOINT WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT AND WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM - AUTHORIZE EXTENSION OF PURCHASE ORDER TO CARBON ACTIVATED CORPORATION Activated carbon is used to remove volatile organic and odor causing compounds from gases in wastewater collection and treatment facilities. Regeneration is a process that uses heat to remove impurities absorbed by the activated carbon so that it can be reused. Carbon Activated Corporation has proposed to extend the contract for one additional year and continue to regenerate carbon at an increased cost of 20 percent

above the previous contract. A review of cost increases in shipping, raw materials, and labor has determined that the increase is justified and the proposal is competitive and in the best interest of the Districts to extend at this time. Staff recommends that a purchase order be issued to Carbon Activated Corporation in the amount of \$740,000. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle to protect financial and facility assets through prudent investment and maintenance programs. A recommendation was made to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, to issue a one-year extension of a purchase order with Carbon Activated Corporation to furnish carbon regeneration services to Joint Water Pollution Control Plant and Wastewater Collection System.

Upon motion of Director Mendoza, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to extend the purchase order, for a one-year period, with Carbon Activated Corporation to furnish carbon regeneration services to Joint Water Pollution Control Plant and Wastewater Collection System, at a cost of approximately \$740,000.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT FURNISH AND DELIVER CATIONIC MANNICH POLYMER FOR JOINT WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT AND VARIOUS WATER RECLAMATION PLANTS AUTHORIZE EXTENSION OF PURCHASE ORDER TO SNF/POLYDYNE, INC. Since 1998, SNF/Polydyne, Inc., (Polydyne) has provided Mannich-type polymer that is used at various wastewater treatment plants for dewatering biosolids, secondary clarification, and foam control. Polydyne is the sole source of this chemical and has offered to extend the existing agreement for an additional year at unit price increases of approximately 41 percent and 33 percent for the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP) and

various water reclamation plants (WRPs), respectively. The price increases are due to increased costs of raw materials and manufacturing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The proposed unit price remains competitive with that paid by six other agencies surveyed. The product has performed satisfactorily, and it would be in the best interest of the Districts to extend the agreement at this time. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship; and commitment to operational excellence (protection of public health and the environment, regulatory compliance, and cost effectiveness). A recommendation was made to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, to issue a one-year extension of a purchase order with SNF/Polydyne, Inc., to furnish and deliver cationic mannich polymer for Joint Water Pollution Control Plant and various water reclamation plants.

Upon motion of Director Mendoza, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to extend the purchase order, for a one-year period, with SNF/Polydyne, Inc., to furnish and deliver cationic mannich polymer for Joint Water Pollution Control Plant and various water reclamation plants, at a cost of approximately \$4,826,871.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT ELECTRICAL UPGRADES AT JOINT WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT CONFIRM APPROVAL OF EXTRA WORK EXPRESS ENERGY SERVICES, INC. Districts' property at Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP) on the north side of Sepulveda Boulevard was vacated by Color Spot Nurseries in December 2018. Without an ongoing presence, the property has been subject to vandalism. One of the two sewer maintenance workgroups currently located at the Compton Field

Office (CFO) will be relocated to an existing 8,500-square foot warehouse building on the property that is being repurposed for sewer maintenance needs, which will provide a Districts' presence, alleviate the crowded conditions at the CFO, and strategically locate the workgroup closer to its maintenance territory. At the April

14, 2021, meeting, the Board authorized issuance of a purchase order in the amount of approximately \$118,291 to Express Energy Services, Inc., for electrical upgrades to the warehouse building. During construction, additional electrical work in the amount of approximately \$42,386 was authorized to expediently complete the renovation, resulting in a total purchase order in the amount of approximately \$160,677. The extra work involved the installation of additional conduits, conductors, power distribution equipment, and telecommunications cabling throughout the building. The activities described herein do not constitute a "Project" as that term is defined in California Public Resources Code Section 20165 and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations ("CEQA Guidelines") Section 15378. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles to protect financial and facility assets through prudent investment and maintenance programs; and commitment to operational excellence (protection of public health and the environment, regulatory compliance, and cost effectiveness). A recommendation was made for the Board to confirm approval of extra work for electrical upgrades at Joint Water Pollution Control Plant.

Upon motion of Director Mendoza, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Board confirmed the approval of extra work by Express Energy Services, Inc., in the amount of \$42,386, resulting in purchase order in amount of approximately \$160,677 for electrical upgrades at Joint Water Pollution Control Plant.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT LOS COYOTES WATER RECLAMATION PLANT POWER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM MODIFICATIONS - CSI ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS, INC. - CONTRACT NO. 5167 - APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 20 - EXTRA WORK As part of the Los Coyotes Water Reclamation Plant Power Distribution System Modifications (Project), the contractor was required to install new electrical conductors within existing galvanized steel conduits to provide power for the proposed electrical substation. In accordance with the contract documents and prior to installing the new electrical conductors, the contractor inspected the interior condition of the existing steel

conduits after removing the unusable wiring contained within. Based on the inspection, it was determined that the existing steel conduits were in overall poor condition and would likely cause damage to the new electrical conductors during installation. The contractor was subsequently directed to construct approximately 250 linear feet of concrete-encased electrical duct bank with conduit and pull boxes to properly install and contain the electrical conductors. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle to protect financial and facility assets through prudent investment and maintenance programs. The claim has been reviewed and the work determined to be beyond the scope of the plans and specifications. A recommendation was made to approve Change Order No. 20 to Contract No. 5167 with CSI Electrical Contractors, Inc., for construction of Los Coyotes Water Reclamation Plant Power Distribution System Modifications; Resulting in Total Payment of \$531,149.85 for Extra Work.

Upon motion of Director Mendoza, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, Change Order No. 20 to Contract No. 5167 with CSI Electrical Contractors, Inc., for the construction of Los Coyotes Water Reclamation Plant Power Distribution System Modifications, resulting in a payment of \$531,149.85, was approved.

RE: FACILITIES PLANNING - SECOND AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT APPROVE ACTION BY DISTRICT - NO. 8 TO APPROVE AND ORDER EXECUTED SECOND AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH PALOS VERDES PENINSULA TRANSIT AUTHORITY FOR DISTRICTS' PROPERTY AT JOINT WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT In 2008, the Districts leased vacant property at the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP) to Palos Verdes Peninsula Transit Authority (PVPTA) for parking of buses and employee vehicles. The lease agreement expires on November 30, 2021, and PVPTA desires to extend the term. The Districts does not have an immediate need for the property. The proposed Amendment extends the term of the lease by five years and provides PVPTA one 5-year extension option; however, the lease can be terminated with a six-month

notice. The monthly rent currently paid by PVPTA for use of the property represents fair market value and increases by 3 percent per year. On January 13, 2021, the Board of Directors of District No. 2 declared the property to be "exempt surplus land," pursuant to the provisions of the California Surplus Land Act, allowing the Districts to lease the property for commercial use pending its eventual use for Districts' operations. Staff has determined that approval of the Amendment is exempt or otherwise not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21084 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15301. As fee title holder of the property, District No. 8 must approve the Amendment, and District No. 2, as the administrative District, must approve the action by District No. 8. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle to maximize use of our assets and resources (recycled water, recyclables, and energy). A recommendation was made to approve the action by District No. 8 to approve

and order executed *Second Amendment to Lease Agreement* with Palos Verdes Peninsula Transit Authority for Districts' property at the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant.

Upon motion of Director Mendoza, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County approved and consented to the action taken by District No. 8 to approve and order executed *Second Amendment to Lease Agreement* with Palos Verdes Peninsula Transit Authority for Districts' property at the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PUENTE HILLS MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS STATION UPGRADE PROJECT - CLEAN ENERGY - CONTRACT NO. 5219 ACCEPTANCE OF THE WORK Clean Energy has completed the work in connection with Contract No. 5219 for construction of the Puente Hills Materials Recovery Facility (PHMRF) Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Station Upgrade Project (Project) within the time allowed by the contract, and in accordance with its terms. The Project consisted of design-build services that involved design,

permitting, procurement, installation, and commissioning of a new fast-fill publicly accessible CNG fueling station to replace the existing liquefied natural gas (LNG) LNG/CNG fueling station at PHMRF. The new CNG station now dispenses renewable natural gas supplied by Clean Energy through utility pipelines. Fourteen change orders totaling \$251,245.47 were approved for the Project. On July 10, 2019, the Board had approved an operations, maintenance, and CNG sales agreement with Clean Energy that was to go into effect when commissioning of the new CNG station was completed. With the Project complete, a termination agreement is necessary to formally cancel the preceding LNG/CNG Fueling Station Operations and Maintenance and LNG/CNG Sales Agreement with Clean Energy. A recommendation was made to accept this work.

Upon motion of Director Mendoza, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the work in connection with Contract No. 5219, entered into by Clean Energy, on July 10, 2019, for construction of the Puente Hills Materials Recovery Facility Compressed Natural Gas Station Upgrade Project, is hereby approved and accepted by this Board of Directors; the Chief Engineer and General Manager is directed to execute a Notice of Completion with respect to this work of improvement; and final payment of \$2,783,163.47 is authorized in accordance with the terms of the contract.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT TERMINATION AGREEMENT (LNG/CNG FUELING STATION OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE AND LNG/CNG SALES AGREEMENT) - CLEAN ENERGY CONTRACT NO. 5219A - APPROVE The Puente Hills Materials Recovery Facility (PHMRF) Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Station Upgrade Project (Project) consisted of design-build services that involved design, permitting, procurement, installation, and commissioning of a new fast-fill publicly accessible CNG fueling station to replace the existing liquefied natural gas (LNG) LNG/CNG fueling station at

PHMRF. The new CNG station now dispenses renewable natural gas supplied by Clean Energy through utility pipelines. Fourteen change orders totaling \$251,245.47 were approved for the Project. On July 10, 2019, the Board had approved an operations, maintenance and CNG sales agreement with Clean Energy that was to go into effect when commissioning of the new CNG station was completed. With the Project complete, a termination agreement is necessary to formally cancel the preceding LNG/CNG Fueling Station Operations and Maintenance and LNG/CNG Sales Agreement with Clean Energy. A recommendation was made to approve and order executed a Termination Agreement with Clean Energy.

Upon motion of Director Mendoza, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County found and determined that it would be to the advantage of the District to enter into an *Termination Agreement (LNG/CNG Fueling Station Operations and Maintenance and LNG/CNG Sales Agreement)* with Clean Energy providing for the cancellation the preceding LNG/CNG fueling station operations and maintenance and LNG/CNG sales agreement with Clean Energy, as set forth in the Termination Agreement and under terms and conditions contained therein. All the terms and conditions of the *Termination Agreement (LNG/CNG Fueling Station Operations and Maintenance and LNG/CNG Sales Agreement)*, Contract No. 5219A, dated October 13, 2021, were accepted and approved, and the Chairperson and Secretary were authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the District.

RE: RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY, RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY ON MARCH 4, 2020 BY CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM AND AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODY - FIND THAT NEED TO TAKE ACTION AROSE SUBSEQUENT TO POSTING OF AGENDA - ADOPT

ADDED ITEM - A recommendation was made to find that immediate need to take action arose subsequent to posting of the agenda pursuant to California Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2); a proposed Resolution of the Board of Directors of the County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County Proclaiming a Local Emergency, Ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency on March 4, 2020 by California Governor Gavin Newsom and Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Legislative Bodies of the County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County, was

presented. The Governor's two executive orders (N-29-20 & N-08-21), under which the Districts have been conducting its teleconferenced board meetings, both expired on Thursday, September 30, 2021. Going forward, teleconferenced board meetings, during the continued existence of the Governor's proclaimed state of COVID-19 emergency, will be conducted under the provisions of AB 361 which added California Government Code section 54953(e), to the Brown Act. Under the provisions of AB 361 (Government Code section 54953(e)), at their first next meeting, each District must adopt, by majority vote, an initial resolution making certain findings about the continuing COVID state of emergency and health and safety risks of conducting their board meeting in person. By statute, this Resolution and its referenced findings, are only legally valid for 30 days. A copy of the proposed Resolution was attached to the agenda. A recommendation was made to adopt the Resolution.

Upon motion of Director Mendoza, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors determined that there was a need to take immediate action, that the need for the action came to the attention of the District subsequent to the posting of the agenda pursuant to California Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2).

Upon motion of Director Mendoza, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY, RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY ON MARCH 4, 2020 BY CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM AND AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

WHEREAS, County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County ("District") is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the District's Board of Directors and committees; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the District's Board of Directors are open and public, pursuant to the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code Sections 54950-54963) (the "Brown Act"), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, observe and watch the District's Board of Directors conduct business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Section 54953(e), allows for conducting and participating in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of the Brown Act Section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, a required condition under the Brown Act Section 54953(e) is the declaration of a state of emergency by the Governor pursuant to California Government Code Section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within California caused by the conditions outlined and described in California Government Code Section 8558; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation of a state of emergency 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-induced disasters; and

WHEREAS, it is further required that the state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or the Board of Directors of the District have held a meeting where it considered and determined that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, such conditions now exist in the District as Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency on March 4, 2020 as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control, in its publication "How to Protect Yourself & Others" updated August 13, 2021, have recommended social distancing practices, including staying 6 feet away from others and avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces in order to protect individuals and others from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health Order of the Health Officer issued September 17, 2021 (the "County Order") includes a finding that the existing community transmission of COVID-19 in Los Angeles County remains high and continues to present a high risk of infection and harm to the health of those who are not and cannot be vaccinated against COVID-19 especially when there is an absence of capacity limits and physical distancing requirements for both indoor and outdoor settings. The County Order further finds that COVID-19 infection remains a significant health hazard to all residents; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Directors does hereby find that the ongoing and significant risks associated with COVID-19 infection, especially in the absence of capacity limits and physical distancing requirements for indoor activities, on those who are not and cannot be vaccinated, and that COVID-19 infection remains a significant health hazard to all residents, 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 proclaim a local emergency and ratify the proclamation of a state of emergency by the Governor of the State of California, and further, ratify the County Order findings related to the ongoing health hazards of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the declared state of emergency and the local emergency, the Board of Directors of the District does hereby find that the District shall continue to conduct its meetings in accordance with the provisions and requirements of the Brown Act Section 54953(e), and that the legislative bodies of the District shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to, and an opportunity to comment at all meetings of the District's legislative bodies in accordance with the requirements of the Brown Act Section 54953(e)(2); and

WHEREAS, the District will continue its practice of live streaming its meetings via the Zoom software platform which allows members of the public to observe and participate in the meetings via video or call-in options, and will continue to offer members of the public an opportunity to make oral comments during the meetings and/or submit written comments before the meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true, correct, and are incorporated in this Resolution by reference.

Section 2. <u>Proclamation of Local Emergency</u>. The Board of Directors of the District does herby proclaim that a local emergency now exists throughout the territory of the District and, as described in the County Order, there remains evidence of sustained and high community transmission rates of COVID-19 resulting in high risks of infection and harm to the health of those who are not and cannot be vaccinated against COVID-19, especially when there is an absence of capacity limits and physical distancing requirements for both indoor and outdoor settings, and COVID-19 infection remains a significant health hazard to all residents of the District.

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

Section 4. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The Chief Engineer and General Manager, staff and legislative bodies are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, without limitation, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with the Brown Act Section 54953(e) and all other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 5. <u>Effective Date of Resolution</u>. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) 30 days after the date of this resolution, or such time that the District's Board of Directors adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with the Brown Act Section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the legislative bodies of the District may continue to teleconference without compliance with the requirements of the Brown Act Section 54953(b)(3).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County this 13^{th} day of October 2021 by the following vote:

Directors Lee, Taj, Saleh, Barcena, Dunton, Hu, Mendoza, Sharif, Frometa, Garcia, Buscaino, Cobos-Cawthorne, Yiu, Perez, Olmos, Camacho, Liao, Davila, Ybarra, Solis, and Warner AYES:

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

CATHY WARNER Chairperson

ATTEST:

KIMBERLY S. CHRISTENSEN Secretary

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