



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 Hahn, 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022 by the following vote:

AYES: Five (5)

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

RE: ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE  
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL  
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021  
RECEIVE AND ORDER FILED

The Chief Engineer and General Manager advised that copies of the Districts' Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, which includes the annual audit required by state and federal laws, was attached to the agenda. He stated that

this item is an annual requirement to receive and file the ACFR. There were no findings by Auditors. The first several pages of the report include a summary of the Districts' major projects and that the report is straightforward. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship; and to protect financial and facility assets through prudent investment and maintenance programs. A recommendation was made to receive and order filed the Districts' ACFR for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

Upon motion of Director Hahn, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, which includes the annual audit required by state and federal laws, and was previously mailed to the Directors, was accepted and ordered filed.

RE: SERVICE CHARGE REPORT RECEIVE  
AND ORDER FILED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23  
SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAY 17, 2022  
AND GIVE REQUIRED NOTICE

A report titled *Newhall Ranch Sanitation District of Los Angeles County Service Charge Report for Fiscal Year 2022-23*, prepared in accordance with Section 5473 of the Health and Safety Code of the State of California and which establishes the formula for the calculation of a sewage unit

that represents the average daily quantity of sewage flow and strength from a single-family home (SFH), was presented.

For the Newhall Ranch Sanitation District, filing of the Service Charge Report is required each year in order to collect the wastewater service charge on the property tax roll. The current service charge rate per single-family home is \$56.36 per month (\$676.30 per year). The rate for fiscal year 2022-23, as previously adopted by the Board of Directors, is \$58.05 per month (\$696.60 per year).

A recommendation was made that, in accordance with the Health and Safety Code, the Board instructed the District Clerk to publish newspaper notices to inform the public of the date, time, and place for a public hearing on the Service Charge Report, and the collection of the service charge on the property tax roll. Furthermore, a recommendation was made that a public hearing be set for May 17, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., in the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration. After the public hearing is closed, the Board will consider adoption of the Service Charge Report.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby fix May 17, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., as the date and time, and in the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, as the place for a public hearing on *Newhall Ranch Sanitation District of Los Angeles County Service Charge Report for Fiscal Year 2022-23*, the proposed service charge and the collection of the service charge on the property tax roll.

The Clerk of this Board shall cause notice of the filing of the Report and the time and place of the public hearing to be published once a week for two successive weeks in *The Signal Newspaper (Santa Clarita)*, a weekly newspaper, there being no newspaper of general circulation printed and published within the District, and in such other publications as are deemed appropriate by the Chief Engineer and General Manager.

Upon motion of Director Hahn, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the *Newhall Ranch Sanitation District of Los Angeles County Service Charge Report for Fiscal Year 2022-23* was ordered filed with the Clerk of the District.

RE: FACILITIES PLANNING - AMENDMENT  
TO TAKEOVER AGREEMENT - THE NEWHALL  
LAND AND FARMING COMPANY - CONTRACT  
NOS. 5097A - APPROVE

As required in the Newhall Ranch Conceptual Sewer Master Plan approved by the District, The Newhall Land and Farming Company (Newhall) has constructed two trunk sewers and a temporary pumping plant and force main (the Sewerage Facilities), in accordance with

District's specifications and at no cost to the District, in order to convey wastewater from the Mission Village phase of the Newhall Ranch development to the Valencia Water Reclamation Plant. In accordance with the Takeover Agreements approved by the Board in March 2018, the District will ultimately own and operate the Sewerage Facilities. Newhall desires to utilize the Sewerage Facilities, but has not yet completed various administrative tasks required to allow the District's takeover. The proposed *Amendment to Takeover Agreement* (Amendment) permits Newhall to operate the Sewerage Facilities on an interim basis and designates Newhall as the responsible party in case of any sewage spills until the District accepts ownership. Additionally, the Amendment eliminates the requirement in the Takeover Agreements for Newhall to grant easements for the portions of the Sewerage Facilities located in Commerce Center Drive since the District has statutory rights to own, operate and maintain facilities in public rights-of-way. 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. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle of commitment to continual improvement. A recommendation was made to approve and order executed *Amendment to Takeover Agreement* with The Newhall Land and Farming Company and Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District for Mission Village Sewerage Facilities.

Upon motion of Director Hahn, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, an amendment to the agreement entered into with The Newhall Land and Farming Company, Contract No. 5097 dated March 13, 2018, providing for Newhall to operate the Sewerage Facilities on an interim basis and

designates Newhall as the responsible party in case of any sewage spills until the District accepts ownership, as set forth therein, was approved. All the terms and conditions of the *Amendment to Takeover Agreement*, Contract No. 5097A, dated March 15, 2022, were accepted and approved, and the Chairperson and Secretary were authorized to execute the Amendment on behalf of the District.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson.

HOLLY MITCHELL  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

KIMBERLY S. CHRISTENSEN  
Secretary

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