



Special AMBAG Board of Directors Agenda

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Meeting Via GoToWebinar

DATE: April 6, 2022

TIME: 5:00 PM

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On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361 into law. The provisions enacted by AB 361 provide flexibility to meet remotely during a proclaimed emergency and will sunset on January 1, 2024. The AMBAG Board of Directors meeting will be conducted via GoToWebinar as established by Resolution 2022-6 adopted by the AMBAG Board of Directors on March 9, 2022. The AMBAG Board of Directors will participate in the meeting from individual remote locations.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
(A maximum of three minutes on any subject not on the agenda)
4. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
5. **Resolution in Accordance with AB 361 regarding the Ralph M. Brown Act and Finding of Imminent Risk to Health and Safety of In-Person Meetings as a Result of the Continuing COVID-19 Pandemic State of Emergency Declared by Governor Newsom**
Recommended Action: ADOPT
 - Maura Twomey, Executive Director

Adopt a resolution in accordance with AB 361 regarding the Ralph M. Brown Act and finding of imminent risk to health and safety of in-person meetings as a result of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency declared by Governor Newsom.
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6. **ADJOURNMENT**

REFERENCE ITEMS:

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NEXT MEETING:

Date: April 13, 2022

Location: GoToWebinar

Executive/Finance Committee Meeting: 5:00 PM

Board of Directors Meeting: 6:00 PM

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A RESOLUTION

**OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPTING A
RESOLUTION REGARDING THE RALPH M BROWN ACT AND FINDING OF IMMINENT RISK TO HEALTH AND
SAFETY OF IN-PERSON MEETING AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATE OF
EMERGENCY DECLARED BY GOVERNOR NEWSOM**

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, the proclaimed state of emergency remains in effect; and,

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 that suspended the teleconferencing rules set forth in the California Open Meeting law, Government code Section 54950 et seq. (the “Brown Act”), provided certain requirements were met and followed; and,

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21 that clarified the suspension of the teleconferencing rules set forth in the Brown Act, and further provided that those provisions would remain suspended through September 30, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361 that provides that a legislative body subject to the Brown Act may continue to meet without fully complying with the teleconferencing rules in the Brown Act provided the legislative body determines that meeting in person would present imminent risk to the health and safety of attendees, and further requires that certain findings be made by the legislative body every (30) days; and,

WHEREAS, California Department of Public Health (“CDPH”) and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) caution that the Delta and Omicron variants of COVID-19, currently the dominant strains of COVID-19 in the country, are more transmissible than prior variants of the virus, may cause severe illness, and that even fully vaccinated individuals can spread the virus (<https://cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/delta-variant.html>); and,

WHEREAS, other variants of COVID-19 exist, and it is unknown at this time whether other variants may result in a new surge in COVID-19 cases; and,

WHEREAS, the CDC has established a “Community Transmission” metric with 4 tiers designated to reflect a community’s COVID-19 case rate and percent positivity; and,

WHEREAS, Monterey County, San Benito County, and Santa Cruz County currently have a Community Transmission metric of “low” which is the least serious of the tiers; and,

WHEREAS, due to the current pandemic situation, the CDC recommends that all persons, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask based on your personal preference, informed by your personal level of risk. The public may choose to wear a mask or respirator that offers greater protection in certain situations, such as when you are with people at higher risk for severe illness, or if you are at higher risk for severe illness; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors for the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) is empowered to take actions necessary to protect public, health, welfare and safety within the region; and,

WHEREAS, AMBAG has an important governmental interest in protecting the health, safety and welfare of those who participate in meetings of AMBAG's various legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act; and,

WHEREAS, in the interest of the public health and safety, as affected by the emergency cause by the spread of COVID-19, the AMBAG Board of Directors deems it necessary to find that meeting in person for meetings of all AMBAG related legislative bodies as well as subcommittees of the board of Directors subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act, would present imminent risk to the health or safety of attendees, and thus intends to invoke the provisions of AB 361 related to teleconferencing as provided in subdivisions (e) of Government Code section 54953; and,

WHEREAS, all teleconference meetings of the AMBAG Board of Directors, AMBAG Executive/Finance Committee, as well as all subcommittees of the Board of Directors shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to meetings as prescribed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of Government Code section 54953;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the AMBAG Board of Directors does hereby approve as follows:

1. The AMBAG Board of Directors finds that meeting in person for meeting of all AMBAG related legislative bodies subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act would present imminent risk to the health or safety of attendees.
2. This finding applies to all AMBAG related legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act, including but not limited to, the AMBAG Board of Directors meeting; the AMBAG Executive/Finance Committee; the RAPS, Inc. Board of Directors meeting, and any other standing committees.
3. Staff is directed to return to the Board of Directors no later than thirty (30) days after the adoption of this resolution, or by next Board of Directors meeting (whichever comes first), with an item for the Board to consider making the findings required by AB 361 in order to continue meeting under its provisions.
4. The AMBAG Executive Director and AMBAG Counsel are directed to take such other necessary or appropriate actions to implement the intent and purposes of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of April 2022.

Kristen Petersen, President

Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director



The 2022 AMBAG Board of Directors meeting locations are subject to change and may be held remotely in light of Governor Newsom's State of Emergency declaration regarding the COVID-19 outbreak and in accordance with AB 361.

2022 AMBAG Calendar of Meetings

April 13, 2022	GoToWebinar Meeting Time: 6 pm
May 11, 2022	TBD Meeting Time: 6 pm
June 8, 2022	TBD Meeting Time: 6 pm
July 2022	No Meeting Scheduled
August 10, 2022	TBD Meeting Time: 6 pm
September 14, 2022	TBD Meeting Time: 6 pm
October 12, 2022	TBD Meeting Time: 6 pm
November 9, 2022	TBD Meeting Time: 6 pm
December 2022	No Meeting Scheduled

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AMBAG Acronym Guide	
ABM	Activity Based Model
ADA	Americans Disabilities Act
ALUC	Airport Land Use Commission
AMBAG	Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
ARRA	American Reinvestment and Recovery Act
3CE	Central Coast Community Energy
CAAA	Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (Federal Legislation)
Caltrans	California Department of Transportation
CAFR	Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
CalVans	California Vanpool Authority
CARB	California Air Resources Board
CCJDC	Central Coast Joint Data Committee
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CHTS	California Households Travel Survey
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement
CPUC	California Public Utilities Commission
CTC	California Transportation Commission
DEIR	Draft Environmental Impact Report
DEM	Digital Elevation Model
DOF	Department of Finance (State of California)
EAC	Energy Advisory Committee
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
FAST Act	Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FTIP	Federal Transportation Improvement Program
GHG	Greenhouse Gas Emissions
GIS	Geographic Information System
ICAP	Indirect Cost Allocation Plan
ITS	Intelligent Transportation Systems
JPA	Joint Powers Agreement

LTA	San Benito County Local Transportation Authority
LTC	Local Transportation Commission
MAP-21	Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21 st Century Act
MBARD	Monterey Bay Air Resources District
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPAD	Monterey Peninsula Airport District
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MST	Monterey-Salinas Transit
MTP	Metropolitan Transportation Plan
MTIP	Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program
OWP	Overall Work Program
PG&E	Pacific Gas & Electric Company
PPP	Public Participation Plan
RAPS, Inc.	Regional Analysis & Planning Services, Inc.
RFP	Request for Proposal
RHNA	Regional Housing Needs Allocation
RTDM	Regional Travel Demand Model
RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
RTPA	Regional Transportation Planning Agency
SAFETEA-LU	Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users
SB 375	Senate Bill 375
SBtCOG	Council of San Benito County Governments
SCCRTC	Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
SCMTD	Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District
SCS	Sustainable Communities Strategy
S RTP	Short-Range Transit Plan
STIP	State Transportation Improvement Program
TAMC	Transportation Agency for Monterey County
TAZ	Traffic Analysis Zone
USGS	United States Geological Survey
VMT	Vehicle Miles Traveled
VT	Vehicle Trips