

STAFF REPORT



MEETING DATE:	June 30, 2022
SUBJECT:	Discuss and Provide Direction Regarding Future Board Meetings
AGENDA ITEM:	12
STAFF CONTACT:	Sean Tiedgen, AICP, Executive Director

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the board of directors consider where and how to conduct future SRTA Board of Directors meetings.

DISCUSSION:

Since 2018, SRTA held meetings at the Shasta County Board of Supervisors Chambers. With the COVID-19 pandemic, SRTA held meetings by teleconference and then via hybrid format (in person and remote) at SRTA's office as allowed under Governor Newsom's Executive Orders. Some board of directors expressed support to continue meetings at SRTA's office with the ability to participate remotely if board members or the public cannot attend in person.

Allowing the public to participate in SRTA's meetings remotely is above and beyond Brown Act requirements and can be continued with no required findings. However, the Governor's executive orders have expired and there are limited circumstances for remote attendance by board members. The Brown Act requires board members attending a public meeting remotely, 1) to provide the remote location on the meeting agenda, 2) post the agenda at the remote location, 3) allow members of the public to participate at the remote location, and 4) the remote location must be ADA accessible. Alternatively, Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361) allows Brown Act teleconference requirements to be suspended for local agencies until January 1, 2024, when a state of emergency has been declared and state or local health officials have imposed or recommended social distancing measures. However, a resolution must be passed by a majority of the board, stating that sufficient risks exist to the health or safety of attendees as a result of the emergency. The Governor's state of emergency still exists however the COVID-19 community concern level for Shasta County is currently "low."

The SRTA Fiscal & Policy Committee recommended that SRTA board of directors meetings continue to take place at SRTA's office. The recommendation is now being referred to the full board for consideration. If remote participation by the public or board members is desired, meetings would have to continue at SRTA for now as the county and city council chambers currently are not setup to allow for SRTA to do this at their facilities.

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Sean Tiedgen, AICP, Executive Director