**RESOLUTION 22-08**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MONO COUNTY TRI-VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS**

**FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2022 THROUGH OCTOBER 2, 2022 PURSUANT TO AB 361**

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

**WHEREAS,** on March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20, modifying the teleconferencing rules set forth in the California Open Meeting law, Government Code section 54950 et seq. (the “Brown Act”), subject to compliance with certain requirements; and

**WHEREAS,** on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21, providing that the modifications would remain in place through September 30, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361, providing that a legislative body subject to the Brown Act may continue to meet under modified teleconferencing rules if the meeting occurs during a proclaimed state of emergency and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Health Officer and the Director of Mono County Public Health have recommended that measures be implemented to promote social distancing, including the holding of virtual meetings of legislative bodies within the County of Mono, a copy of that recommendation is attached as an exhibit and incorporated herein; and

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of public health and safety, and in response to the local recommendation for measures to promote social distancing, the MONO COUNTY TRI-VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (the “Legislative Body”) deems it necessary to invoke the provisions of AB 361 related to teleconferencing;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE LEGISLATIVE BODY FINDS AND RESOLVES** that:

**SECTION ONE**: The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are adopted as findings of the Legislative Body.

**SECTION TWO**: The Legislative Body has considered the circumstances of the State of Emergency and determines that, as a result of the existence of a state of emergency related to COVID-19, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

**SECTION THREE**: State or local officials have recommended measures to promote social distancing, including the holding of virtual meetings for legislative bodies within the County of Mono that are subject to the Brown Act.

**SECTION FOUR**: Meetings of the Legislative Body may be held virtually in accordance with the procedures set forth in AB 361 from September 2, 2022 until October 2, 2022.

**SECTION FIVE:** Staff is directed to return to the Legislative Body no later than thirty (30) days after the adoption of this resolution, or at the next meeting of the Legislative Body, if later, for the Legislative Body to consider whether to make the findings required to meet under the modified teleconference procedures of AB 361.

**PASSED, APPROVED** and **ADOPTED** this 2nd day of September, 2022, by the following vote, to wit:

**AYES**:

**NOES**:

**ABSENT**:

**ABSTAIN**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Carol Ann Mitchell, Chair