

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. XXXX

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
RELYING ON GOVERNOR NEWSOM’S JANUARY 7, 2025 PROCLAMATION OF A
STATE OF EMERGENCY
AND AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE
LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR THE PERIOD OF 45 DAYS FROM
JANUARY 11, 2025 TO FEBRUARY 25, 2025 PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT
PROVISIONS**

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (“Metropolitan”) is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of its legislative bodies; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of Metropolitan’s legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov’t Code Sections 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the Metropolitan’s legislative bodies conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Government Code Section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code Section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, a required condition is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code Section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in Government Code Section 8558; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation 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 Metropolitan’s boundaries, caused by natural, technological, or human-caused disasters; and

WHEREAS, it is further required the legislative body determines that as result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, such conditions now persist at Metropolitan, specifically, Governor Newsom’s January 7, 2025 Proclamation of a State of Emergency caused by the Palisades Fire and windstorm conditions and a result of the emergency meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the state of emergency, the Board of Directors does hereby find that the legislative bodies of Metropolitan shall conduct their meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54953, as authorized by subdivision (e) of Section 54953, and that such legislative bodies shall continue to comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of Section 54953; and

WHEREAS, Metropolitan is providing call-in telephonic access for the public to make comment and to listen; and providing livestreaming of the meetings over the internet to ensure access for the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Metropolitan Board of Directors does hereby resolve as follows:

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

Section 2. Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency. The Board of Directors hereby relies on the Governor of the State of California's Proclamation of a State of Emergency, effective as of its issuance date of January 7, 2025.

Section 3. Meeting in Person would Present Imminent Risks to the Health and Safety of Attendees. The Board of Directors hereby determines by majority vote that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of the attendees.

Section 4. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The Interim General Manager and legislative bodies of Metropolitan are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution, including conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code Section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 5. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of (a) February 25, 2025, or (b) such time the Board of Directors adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the legislative bodies of Metropolitan may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 54953.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California at its meeting held on January 11, 2025.

Secretary of the Board of Directors of
The Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California