

RESOLUTION NO. 697

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PLEASANT VALLEY RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY PERSISTS AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETING PROCEDURES BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ALL STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE DISTRICT FOR THE INITIAL 30-DAY PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 5, 2022 THROUGH FEBRUARY 4, 2022 PURSUANT TO THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT AS AMENDED BY ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 361

WHEREAS, the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District (“District”) is committed to preserving and fostering public access, transparency, observation, and participation in meetings of the Board of Directors (“Board”) and all standing committees; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the Board and standing committees are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code sections 54950 – 54963, so that any member of the public may attend, observe, and participate in a meaningful way; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, as amended by AB 361 (2021), at Government Code section 54953(e) *et seq.*, allows for remote observation and participation in meetings by members of a legislative body and members of the public, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, the initial required condition is a declaration of a state of emergency by the Governor pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act at 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 and within the boundaries of the District, caused by conditions as described in Government Code section 8558; and

WHEREAS, such conditions now exist in the District specifically, a state of emergency was proclaimed, which includes area within the jurisdictional boundaries of the District, on or about March 4, 2020, by California Governor Gavin Newsom in response to the COVID-19 novel coronavirus pandemic, including measure to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in order to control outbreaks which minimizes the risk to the public, maintains the health and safety of the people of California, and limits the spread of infection in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors does hereby find the Ventura County Public Health Officer has recommended that physical/social distancing measures continue to be practiced throughout Ventura County communities to minimize the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the District remains committed to providing the public with real-time access to attend and participate in remotely held District meetings through a variety of

options including through the internet via Zoom, telephonically, via email correspondence prior to the meeting, and through livestream video via the District's YouTube channel, in an effort to protect the constitutional and statutory rights of all attendees; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the local emergency existing, the Board hereby finds that the Board and all standing committees of the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District shall conduct their meetings without compliance with Government Code section 54953(b)(3), and shall instead comply with the remote meeting requirements as authorized by Government Code section 54953(e) *et seq.*; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PLEASANT VALLEY RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. The Board of Directors hereby recognizes and affirms the existence and conditions of a state of emergency as proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020 and recognizes that the Ventura County Public Health Officer has recommended physical and social distancing measures to be practiced throughout Ventura County communities to minimize the spread of COVID-19. Based on such facts, findings and determinations, the District proclaims the existence of a local emergency throughout the District and authorizes staff to conduct remote teleconference meetings of the Board of Directors, including committee meetings, under the provisions of Government Code Section 54953(e).

Section 3. The General Manager is authorized and directed to take all actions reasonably necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution, including conducting open and public meetings remotely in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) *et seq.*, and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act, for all Board meetings, and all standing committee meetings of the District.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until either (i) 11:59 p.m. on February 4, 2022, or (ii) such time as the Board of Directors adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District and all standing committees of the District may continue to meet remotely, without compliance with Government Code section 54953(b)(3), but otherwise as permitted by Government Code section 54953(e) *et seq.*

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District at a regular meeting held on the 5th day of January 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

Bob Kelley, Chair, Board of Directors
PLEASANT VALLEY RECREATION
AND PARK DISTRICT

Attested:

Bev Dransfeldt, Secretary
PLEASANT VALLEY RECREATION
AND PARK DISTRICT