



AGENDA
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
March 22, 2022 -- 5:00 PM

SPECIAL NOTICE OF TELECONFERENCE ACCESSIBILITY

Pursuant to the provisions of Assembly Bill 361, and in response to the COVID-19 outbreak and as a precaution to our Board of Directors, staff and the public, Rowland Water District will hold its Board meeting virtually. The public's physical attendance at the District is not allowed. Any Director and member of the public who desires to participate in the open session items of this meeting may do so remotely without otherwise complying with the Brown Act's teleconference requirements by accessing the following options: **Zoom:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8759899861> -- Meeting ID: 875 989 9861; **Dial-In:** (669) 900-6833 -- Passcode: 8759899861#

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CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Anthony J. Lima, President
Szu Pei Lu-Yang, Vice President
Robert W. Lewis
John Bellah
Vanessa Hsu

ADDITION(S) TO THE AGENDA - PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Any member of the public wishing to address the Board of Directors regarding items not on the Agenda within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board should do so at this time. With respect to items on the agenda, the Board will receive public comments at the time the item is opened for discussion, prior to any vote or other Board action. A three-minute time limit on remarks is requested.

Any person may make a request for a disability-related modification or accommodation needed for that person to be able to participate in the public meeting by telephoning Gabriela Sanchez, Executive Assistant at (562) 562-383-2323, or writing to Rowland Water District, at 3021 Fullerton Road, Rowland Heights, CA 91748. Requests must specify the nature of the disability and the type of accommodation requested. A telephone number or other contact information should be included so that District staff may discuss appropriate arrangements. Anyone requesting a disability-related accommodation should make the request with adequate time prior to the meeting in order for the District to provide the requested accommodation.

Any member of the public wishing to participate in the meeting, who requires a translator to understand or communicate in English, should arrange to bring a translator with them to the meeting.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

All items under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine matters, status reports, or documents covering previous Board instruction. The items listed on the Consent Calendar will be enacted by one motion unless separate discussion is requested.

1.1 Reconsider COVID-19 Emergency and Reaffirm Findings in Resolution No. 10-2021 to Continue Virtual Board and Committee Meetings Pursuant to AB 361 for an Additional 30 Days

Recommendation: The Board of Directors authorize virtual meetings pursuant to AB 361 for an additional 30 days and find that (1) it has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency for COVID-19 and (2) reaffirms the findings in Resolution No. 10-2021

Next Regular Board Meeting: April 12, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

Next Special Board Meeting: April 26, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

2. ACTION ITEMS

This portion of the Agenda is for items where staff presentations and Board discussions are needed prior to formal Board action

2.1 Assembly Bill No. 361 Open Meetings: State and Local Agencies: Teleconferences

Recommendation: The Board and staff discuss AB 361 and examine steps necessary to return to in-person Board meetings.

2.2 Board Development Workshop Facilitated by Jim Uhl, Breaking the Chain Consulting

3. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

4. CLOSED SESSION

a. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR – [§54956.8]

Property: 18938 Granby Place, Rowland Heights, CA 91748
District Negotiator: Tom Coleman, General Manager
Negotiating Parties: Mark I. Chen Revocable Living Trust dated 9-8-17
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

5. RECONVEVE/REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

General Manager's and Directors' Comments

Future Agenda Items

Late Business

No action shall be taken on any items not appearing on the posted agenda, except upon a determination by a majority of the Board that an emergency situation exists, or that the need to take action arose after the posting of the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

President ANTHONY J. LIMA, Presiding



**RESOLUTION NO. 10-2021
ROWLAND WATER DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AUTHORIZING VIRTUAL BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS
PURSUANT TO AB 361**

WHEREAS, the Rowland Water District ("District") is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the District's legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend and participate in the Agency's meetings; and

WHEREAS, starting in March 2020, in response to the spread of COVID-19 in the State of California, the Governor issued a number of executive orders aimed at containing the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, among other things, these orders waived certain requirements of the Brown Act to allow legislative bodies to meet virtually; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Governor's executive orders, the District has been holding virtual meetings during the pandemic in the interest of protecting the health and safety of the public, District staff and Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's executive order related to the suspension of certain provisions of the Brown Act expires on September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021 the Governor signed AB 361 (in effect as of October 1, 2021 – Government Code Section 54953(e)), which allows legislative bodies to meet virtually provided there is a state of emergency, and either (1) state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; or (2) the legislative body determines by majority vote that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, such conditions now exist in the District, specifically, a state of emergency has been proclaimed related to COVID-19, state and local officials are recommending measures to promote social distancing, and because of the ongoing threat of COVID-19, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROWLAND WATER DISTRICT 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. Remote Teleconference Meetings: Consistent with the provisions of Government Code Section 54953(e), the Board of Directors finds and determines that (1) a state of emergency related to COVID-19 is currently in effect; (2) state and local officials have recommended measures to promote social distancing in connection with COVID-19; and (3) due to the COVID-19 emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees. Based on such facts, findings and determinations, the Board 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. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption and shall be effective for 30 days unless earlier extended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors in accordance with Section 4 of this Resolution.

Section 4. Extension by Motion. The Board of Directors may extend the application of this Resolution by motion and majority vote by up to 30 days at a time, provided that it makes all necessary findings consistent with and pursuant to the requirements of Section 54953(e)(3).

ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROWLAND WATER DISTRICT HELD OCTOBER 12, 2021, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors Lima, Lu-Yang, Lewis, Bellah and Hsu
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None



ANTHONY J. LIMA, President

I certify that the forgoing Resolution is a true and correct copy of the Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Rowland Water District adopted on October 12, 2021.



TOM COLEMAN
General Manager/Board Secretary