

Colusa, Sutter and Yolo Regional Child Support Agency Leadership Advisory Committee

To: RCSA Leadership Advisory Committee

From: Natalie Dillon, Regional Director

Subject: Resolution to Authorize Remote Meeting by Finding (Agenda Item #4 - Consent)

Date: August 31, 2022

As the LAC is an advisory body, it is covered by the Brown Act. Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 allowed for a deviation of teleconference rules required by the Brown Act during the COVID-19 Pandemic. As such, the first three meetings of the LAC were held virtually via Zoom, with meeting information posted in each of the three counties and on the RCSA website. The Executive Order expired in September 2021.

AB 361 considered urgency legislation, was signed into law and went into effect immediately, added and repealed sections of the Government Code related to open meetings. To use AB 361's simplified procedures after October 1, 2021, the Governor must have declared a state of emergency, and the state of emergency must be in effect. For the current COVID-19 pandemic, this requirement is satisfied. Additionally, either of the following circumstances must be present:

- State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing; or
- As a result of the declared emergency, the legislative body finds by majority vote that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

The Yolo County Counsel's office recommends that all local legislative bodies consider adding an item for consideration at the beginning of their first meeting on or after October 1, 2021 to affirm their intention to proceed using AB 361. Therefore, staff recommends that the Regional Child Support Agency Leadership Advisory Committee consider and approve the following:

Authorize remote (teleconference/videoconference) meetings by finding, pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, that local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

By authorizing remote meetings, it will allow for the meeting of August 31, 2022 to be held via teleconference. The renewal will need to be approved if conditions persist at each meeting the LAC wishes to be held virtually.