



## **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-08**

### **OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

#### **RE-AUTHORIZING REMOTE MEETINGS CONSISTENT WITH AB 361**

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

**WHEREAS**, all meetings of Nevada Irrigation 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, participate, and watch the District's legislative bodies conduct their business; and

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

**WHEREAS**, a required condition of remote meetings is a declaration of a state of emergency 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**, it is further required that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or, the legislative body meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors previously adopted Resolution Number 2021-32 on October 21, 2021, finding that the requisite conditions exist for the District's legislative bodies to conduct remote meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953; and

**WHEREAS**, as a condition of extending the use of the provisions found in section 54953(e), the Board of Directors must reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency; and the Board of Directors has done so; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency conditions persist in the District, specifically, on March 4, 2020, the Governor proclaimed State of Emergency to exist in California due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which proclamation is still active and will end on February 28, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, state and local officials have recommended social distancing measures, including masks, to slow the spread of COVID-19 and the contagious Delta variant, and to protect the vulnerable and immunocompromised members of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors does hereby find that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet in-person; and

**WHEREAS**, as a consequence of the State of Emergency and recommended social distancing measures, the Board of Directors does hereby find that the legislative bodies of Nevada Irrigation District shall continue to 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 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**, the public may attend meetings and comment by calling in or by using the Zoom platform as described in meeting agendas.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NEVADA IRRIGATION 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. Re-ratification of Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency. The Board hereby ratifies the Governor of the State of California's Proclamation of State of Emergency, effective as of its issuance date of March 4, 2020.

Section 3. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The District's General Manager, Secretary, and legislative bodies are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, continuing to conduct open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 4. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the Governor's COVID-19 State of Emergency end date on February 28, 2023.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District at a regular meeting held on the 8th day of February, 2023, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Directors: Heck, Bierwagen, Caulder, Johansen, Hull

**NOES:** Directors: None

**ABSENT:** Directors: None

**ABSTAINS:** Directors: None

  
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President of the Board of Directors

**Attest:**   
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Secretary to the Board of Directors