

MINUTES

County of Inyo WATER COMMISSION

March 17, 2022

The Chairperson called the Water Commission meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. via videoconference. Water Commissioners in attendance were Teri Red Owl, Randy Keller, Nate Gratz, Paul Huette, and Holly Alpert. Present from the Water Department were Aaron Steinwand, Laura Piper.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Chairperson led the pledge of allegiance.

2. Public Comment

The Chairperson opened the public comment period and there was no one wishing to address the Board.

3. Request that the Water Commission adopt findings pursuant to AB 361 that: A) the Commission considered the circumstances of the existing State of Emergency issued on March 4, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and B) local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing, and/or the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person.

Commissioner Red Owl and Dr. Steinwand provided a brief overview of the current emergency status and the legislation driving AB 361. Motion by Commissioner Gratz, seconded by Commissioner Huette to find A) the Commission considered the circumstances of the existing State of Emergency issued on March 4, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and B) local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing, and/or the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person. Motion to approve by Nate Gratz, seconded by Paul Huette. The Chairperson called a roll call vote; Teri Red Owl – Y, Randy Keller - Y Nate Grate – Y, Paul Huette – Y, Holly Alpert – Y. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Future meeting schedule

The Board and staff discussed scheduling an AB 361 meeting the week of April 11 virtually, a virtual meeting on April 25 and an in-person workshop with the Board on April 26, 2022.

5. Adjourn

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.