

Agenda

County of Inyo Planning Commission

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Independence, California

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Items will be heard in the order listed on the agenda unless the Planning Commission rearranges the order or the items are continued. Estimated start times are indicated for each item. The times are approximate and no item will be discussed before its listed time.

Lunch Break will be given at the Planning Commission's convenience.

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December 29, 2021

8:00
A.M.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**
2. **ROLL CALL** – Roll Call to be taken by staff.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** – This is the opportunity for anyone in the audience to address the Planning Commission on any planning subject that is not scheduled on the Agenda.
4. **CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION** - The Planning Commission to meet remotely pursuant to AB 361.

Action
Item

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT/COMMENTS

Commissioners to give their report/comments to staff.

PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Planning Director, Cathreen Richards, will update the Commission on various topics.

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AGENDA ITEM NO.: 4 (Action Item)

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING DATE: December 29, 2021

SUBJECT: Consideration of the adoption of a resolution regarding virtual meetings for the protection of public health pursuant to AB 361

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

Since March 2020, legislative bodies in California have been permitted to meet virtually without following certain requirements of the Brown Act due to an executive order from Governor Newsom. That executive order expired on September 30, 2021, and in its place, the Governor has signed AB 361, which modifies the Brown Act in a manner to permit continued virtual meetings in certain circumstances.

ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:

In order to meet virtually under AB 361, certain requirements must be met. These requirements are:

1. The Governor has declared a state of emergency;
2. Local officials have recommended social distancing recommendations or the legislative body itself makes a finding that meeting remotely is necessary for health reasons; and,
3. The legislative body makes a finding every 30-days that they have assessed the situation and still determine remote meetings to be necessary.

Currently, Inyo County meets the requirements for the Planning Commission to hold virtual meetings. There is a declared state of emergency at the state level related to COVID-19. Also, the health officer for Inyo County has recommended social distancing. A resolution is being presented today so that the Commission may consider continuing virtual meetings for Planning Commission meetings.

Attachments:

- Draft Resolution
- Memo from Dr. James Richardson



County of Inyo

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Date: September 23, 2021

To: Inyo County Local Agency Governing Bodies

From: Dr. James Richardson, Inyo County Public Health Officer

Re: Continued Recommendation Re Social Distancing and Remote Meetings

In order to help minimize the spread of COVID-19, I recommend that physical/social distancing measures continue to be practiced throughout our Inyo County communities, including at public meetings of the Board of Supervisors and other public agencies. Individuals continue to contract COVID-19 and spread the infection throughout our communities. Social distancing, masking, and vaccination are crucial mitigation measures to prevent the disease's spread. Remote public agency meetings allow for the participation of the community, agency staff, presenters, and board members in a safe environment, with no risk of contagion. As such, and since this disease negatively and directly impacts the ability of public agencies to conduct public meetings safely in person, it is my recommendation that local public agencies conduct their public meetings remotely.

This recommendation will remain in place until further notice.

Dr. James A. Richardson
Inyo County Health Officer

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE COUNTY OF INYO
REGARDING THE NEED FOR CONTINUED VIRTUAL MEETINGS TO
PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH**

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to threaten the health and safety of communities within Inyo County's jurisdiction since its inception in March 2020; and

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom has declared a state of emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Health Officer for Inyo County has recommended social distancing and continued virtual meetings as a means to limit the spread of COVID-19, particularly the highly contagious Delta variant. These recommendations are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Planning Commission of the County of Inyo that:

1. The Commission has considered the circumstances of the state of emergency related to COVID-19 and declared by Governor Newsom.
2. The Commission finds that the above-mentioned state of emergency directly impacts the ability of the Commission to meet safely in person because in person meetings, particularly with the public present, increase the likelihood that COVID-19 will be transmitted throughout the community.
3. Local officials—specifically the Health Officer of Inyo County—continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of December, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Kate Morley
Chairperson

ATTEST: _____
Cathreen Richards, Planning Director

Paula Riesen, Secretary