

MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: January 4, 2023
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Shuran Parker, Administrative Services Manager
REVIEWED BY: Rafael Payan, General Manager
SUBJECT: Review of Updates to the Brown Act and Teleconferencing Options

SUMMARY:

With the Governor's COVID-19 state of emergency proclamation set to expire in February, staff thought it advisable to provide an update on the latest Brown Act provisions, specifically as it relates to teleconferencing options.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with taking this action.

FUNDING SOURCE:

Not applicable

FUNDING BALANCE:

Not applicable

DISCUSSION:

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Newsom and the State legislature issued and enacted certain executive orders and legislation, some of which temporarily amended provisions of the Brown Act that mostly relaxed the rules for meeting via teleconference. Then, late last year, it was announced that the governor's state of emergency proclamation would likely be expiring February 28 of this year. Additionally, and as previously reported, effective January 1, AB 2449 kicked in, further amending the provisions (**ATTACHMENT 1**).

To recap these new and anticipated changes, and now that the District has returned to in-person meetings, staff wanted to provide an update to the Board on where things stand, so with the help of Legal Counsel, prepared handouts on the teleconferencing options (**ATTACHMENT 2**) and key provisions of AB 2449, now in effect (**ATTACHMENT 3**).

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is recommended that the Board review the presented information. Staff and Legal Counsel will be available at the meeting to answer questions.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Copy of AB 2449](#)
2. [Brown Act Teleconferencing Options](#)
3. [Key Provisions of AB 2449](#)