



COUNTY OF YOLO

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To: Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)

Fr: Dan Fruchtenicht, Chief Probation Officer

Re: Authorize Continued Remote Meetings

Subject

Authorize remote (teleconference/videoconference) meetings by finding, pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, that (a) the COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency is ongoing, and (b) meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

Reason for Recommended Action/Background

The CCP has been meeting remotely since August 10, 2020. AB 361 amended the Brown Act to add simplified procedures that make it easier to hold remote meetings during a state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor (a local emergency is insufficient). To meet remotely during a proclaimed emergency, the legislative body must find either of the following circumstances is present: (a) state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing; or (b) 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.

To date, the CCP has relied on the social distancing recommendations of the County Health Officer in adopting AB 361 findings. Like many other county health officers, however, Dr. Sisson is no longer recommending social distancing and CCP Members must therefore consider the "imminent risks" finding to continue meeting remotely. The "imminent risk" finding is substantiated based on:

- Public meeting spaces in County buildings were not designed to ensure attendees can remain the necessary six feet apart to reduce the possibility of infection with the virus that causes COVID-19.
- Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, CCP meetings would often attract significant attendance and community members and staff would be in close proximity (seated or standing immediately next to one another) for the meetings' entirety (between two to three hours)

- Holding in-person meetings requires community members to come to County facilities to participate in local government. Some public members are likely to be at high risk for serious illness from COVID-19 and/or live with someone who is at high risk.

On these grounds, staff believe CCP Members can appropriately make the findings necessary to allow continued implementation of AB 361.