

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-06

**MAKING FINDINGS THAT THE PROCLAIMED WINTER STORM EMERGENCY
CONTINUES TO IMPACT THE ABILITY OF THE MPWD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AND ITS COMMITTEES TO MEET SAFELY IN PERSON**

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MID-PENINSULA WATER DISTRICT

WHEREAS, extraordinary rainfall on December 31, 2022, resulted in flooding, mudflows, and sanitary sewer overflows in many areas throughout the County of San Mateo, including the flooding of Belmont Creek; and

WHEREAS, the extraordinary rainfall experienced on December 31, 2022 was the first of a series of severe storms, or “atmospheric rivers,” which collectively have been termed the “Late December / Early January Winter Storm Event” by the California Office of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of California declared a state of emergency due to the Late December / Early January Winter Storm Event on January 4, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo, and the Cities of Belmont and San Carlos declared a local emergency due to the Late December / Early January Winter Storm Event on January 2, 2023, January 3, 2023, and December 31, 2022, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Peninsula Water District’s Operations Center at 3 Dairy Lane, including administrative offices, shop, and corporation yard, sustained significant property damage due to flooding resulting from extraordinary rainfall on December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the flooding sustained at 3 Dairy Lane rendered the administrative offices unsafe for use as a venue for District public meetings; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2023 the Governor of California declared an additional state of emergency to exist in thirteen counties, including San Mateo County, as a result of additional winter storms that have continued to impact the state.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Mid-Peninsula Water District has considered the circumstances of the proclaimed January 4 and March 8, 2023 emergency proclamations and finds that, as a result of those emergencies and resulting damage to the District's Operations Center, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of meeting attendees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mid-Peninsula Water District will comply with the requirements of Government Code Section 54953(e)(2) when holding Board and committee meetings pursuant to this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Mid-Peninsula Water District will reconsider the findings in this resolution every thirty (30) days and may, by motion, reaffirm these findings.

REGULARLY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of March, 2023.

AYES: Schmidt, Wheeler, Zucca, Jordan, Vella

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENCES:



BOARD PRESIDENT

ATTEST:


BOARD SECRETARY