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POTENTIAL DISCONTINUATION OF YOUTUBE LIVESTREAMING OF TRIUNFO WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS

Summary

As of March 27, 2020, Triunfo Water & Sanitation District (TWSD) has been conducting its Board meetings via the Zoom video-conferencing platform in compliance with COVID-19-related social distancing requirements that prohibit in-person public gatherings. At the April 27, 2020 Board meeting, the Board voted to add livestreaming of its meetings via YouTube to enhance public access. Staff purchased the necessary equipment, created a YouTube channel, and began the livestreaming with the May 18, 2020 Board meeting

On September 30, 2020, Director Orkney contacted staff to inquire if the livestream feature was redundant, in light of public accessibility via the Zoom technology. Staff reviewed the features of the Zoom platform and confirmed that it offers the same measure of public access as the YouTube livestream, with the added ability to make comments or connect via telephone in the absence of an internet connection. Staff believes the livestreaming could be discontinued with no negative impact on public accessibility. If and when in-person meetings resume, and the Zoom platform is no longer being used, the livestreaming option could be reconsidered to provide the desired remote public access.

Fiscal Impact

There would be no fiscal impact to discontinuation of the YouTube livestreaming.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board consider discontinuing the YouTube livestreaming of Board meetings until such time as circumstances may warrant resumption, and direct staff accordingly.

If you have, any questions, please contact me at (805) 658-4608 or sandywarren@vrsd.com.

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