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**SLEEPY HOLLOW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-1**

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**RESOLUTION REGARDING**

**TELECONFERENCE AND VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETINGS**

**DURING THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**FOR FEBRUARY 21, 2022 THROUGH MARCH 21, 2022**

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROSS VALLEY PARAMEDIC AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District (SHFPD) is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of its Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS,on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed pursuant to his authority under the California Emergency Services Act, California Government Code Section 8625, that a state of emergency exists due to a novel coronavirus (COVID- 19); and

WHEREAS,on June 4, 2021, in lifting many restrictions that the State previously imposed due to COVID-19, the Governor indicated that those changes did not end the ongoing, proclaimed state of emergency; and

 WHEREAS,as of the date of this Resolution, neither the Governor nor the

Legislature have exercised their respective powers pursuant to California Government Code Section 8629 to lift the state of emergency either by proclamation or by concurrent resolution in the State Legislature; and

 WHEREAS,the continued local rates of transmission of the virus and variants causing COVID-19 are such that on September 22, 2021, the Marin County Director of Health & Human Services recommended that local government entities continue to emphasize social distancing to minimize the potential spread of COVID-19 during indoor, public meetings; and

 WHEREAS,in light of this recommendation, the SHFPD Board of Directors desires to continue to have the flexibility to meet by teleconference and/or videoconference.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District hereby resolves as follows:

 1. The foregoing Recitals are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

 2. The Board desires to continue to have the flexibility to meet by teleconference and/or videoconference. Pursuant to AB 361 and based on the Recitals above, which are hereby incorporated, the Board finds:

 3. There is an ongoing proclaimed state of emergency relating to the novel coronavirus causing the disease known as COVID-19.

 4. The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the Board to meet safely in person.

 5. Local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing.

 6. Meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, such that the conditions continue to exist pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) to allow the Board to utilize teleconferencing to hold public meetings in accordance with Government Code Section 54953(e)(2) to ensure members of the public have continued access to safely observe and participate in local government meetings.

 PASSED AND ADOPTED at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held this 21st day of March 2022 by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Shortall, Finn, and Adams

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Richard C. Shortall, Jr., Director/President

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Thomas J. Finn, Director/Secretary