

STONES-BENGARD COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT

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March 28, 2020

**DECLARATION OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT
ALTERING THE REGULAR MEETING LOCATION
DUE TO LOCAL EMERGENCY CAUSED BY THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, the Stones Bengard Community Service District is an independent special district and the meeting of its Board are open and public in compliance with the legal requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code 54950) and

WHEREAS, due to the coronavirus pandemic, we are in a state of emergency, as established by the Governor on March 4, 2020, and by the Lassen County Office of Emergency Services on March 20, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the stay at home order, except for specified critical infrastructure affects the District's service area and requires alterations to the District's normal business practices, and

WHEREAS, the Governor identified Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers that include wastewater operators, fire volunteers, and other personnel to provide for safety and sanitation, and

WHEREAS, the District General Manager promulgated certain rules and orders establishing alternate operations, temporarily closing District facilities to the public, and altering public services to ensure social distancing and protect the life and property of the District, its employees and residents of the Stones Bengard Community, and

WHEREAS, it is essential to continue to have meetings of the Board of Directors of the Stones Bengard Community Service District, and

WHEREAS, Section 54954 (a) of the Brown Act requires that the District specify its regular meeting time and place, as listed in District By-Laws, Article II, and I.1. c, and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 54954 (e) allows the Board President to designate an alternate location for the meetings if, due to an emergency, it is unsafe to meet in the designated location, and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order N-29-20 which authorized meetings to be held at other locations to facilitate social distancing or by electric means and

WHEREAS, it is my intent to allow the Board to continue to hold meetings in order to receive information, provide direction, and make decisions on behalf of the District while complying with social distancing during this pandemic:

THEREFORE, on behalf of the District, I, Kay Oring, President of the Board of Directors, hereby find and declare the following:

1. The above referenced recitals are true and correct and material to the adoption of this declaration.
2. The District Office at 509-695 Stone Road, Eagle Lake, shall be temporarily closed to the public.
3. The regular meetings of the Board, and any other meetings that are subject to the Brown Act, may be held in places to facilitate social distancing, or by electronic means as may be established. These may be updated in the agenda notices posted in Stones and Bucks Bay and on our website www.stonesbengardcsd.org
4. In the current situation, the District Office allows for social distancing of the Board of Directors so they may continue to meet there. This may change so notice will be posted as above, #3.
5. All members of the public are encouraged to participate with written comments or questions via email to stonesb@frontiernet.net . These must be received by the day before the scheduled meeting. They will be read aloud at the meeting.
6. To facilitate written comments, the agendas will be posted 96 hours (4 days) before the meetings instead of the 72 hours (3 days).
7. In the event that the Board is unable to meet, I direct the Secretary to pay our bills on time. Board approval will occur at the next regular meeting that meets.
8. This Declaration shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect only during the period in which state and local public health officials have imposed social distancing measures.

This Declaration is not intended to and does not create any rights or benefits against the Stones Bengard Community Service District, its Board, employees or volunteers.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 28th day of March, 2020


Kay Oring, President
Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Donna Round
Secretary of the Board