

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022**

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 13**

**SUBJECT: RECEIVE UPDATES AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTIONS REGARDING THE COVID-19 AND MONKEYPOX EMERGENCY RESPONSES, AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTINUANCE OF TELECONFERENCED PUBLIC MEETINGS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

As seen nationwide, community transmission of the COVID-19 and monkeypox (MPOX) viruses are occurring locally and as a result, San Diego County currently has two active emergency responses. As a leader in infectious disease control within California and across the United States, the preparation for and response to communicable disease events, outbreaks, and emerging infectious disease threats remain high priorities for the County of San Diego (County). The County continues to make significant, ongoing efforts to address these health emergencies with sustainable approaches.

Today's actions request the Board to receive an update on the local COVID-19 response; adopt a resolution entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTINUANCE OF TELECONFERENCED PUBLIC MEETINGS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953; and receive an update on the monkeypox local health emergency response and to find that there is a continuing need for the local health emergency.

This item supports the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by protecting the health of residents against the COVID-19 pandemic and the monkeypox outbreak.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Receive update on the COVID-19 response.
2. Adopt a resolution entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTINUANCE OF TELECONFERENCED PUBLIC MEETINGS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953.
3. Receive update on the monkeypox response and find that there is a continuing need for the local health emergency for monkeypox until no longer needed subject to the California Health and Safety Code Section 101080 requirements.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

In order to support the most vulnerable, an equity lens and risk-based approach was used to prioritize, when appropriate, the distribution of COVID-19 response and recovery-related federal, State, and local funding and resources, and the distribution of monkeypox (MPOX) vaccine and related resources. This was based on a data-driven approach, identifying communities that have the highest need for support in relation to the number of positive COVID-19 cases and the number of positive MPOX cases.

Through press conferences and presentations at the San Diego County Board of Supervisors meetings, the County of San Diego (County) has been able to disseminate critical information about the efforts being done to address and combat the COVID-19 pandemic and MPOX outbreak to a wide audience, as well as providing a forum to receive public comment. Helping people make the best-informed decisions to protect their health and the health of their community requires providing key health promotion and harm reduction prevention information to the public and working with partners and trusted messengers to ensure information reaches affected communities. In order to continue the County's commitment to transparency and open government and to remove traditional barriers to access and participation in government affairs, today's actions provide the mechanism to present updates on the current COVID-19 and monkeypox outbreak response efforts that have an impact on the lives of Black, Indigenous, people of color, women, people with disabilities, immigrants, youth, the LGBTQ+ community, and the economically disadvantaged.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed actions align with the County of San Diego Sustainability Goals, including engaging the community and protecting health and wellbeing. Implementation of the proposed actions will provide an opportunity to engage the community by transparently sharing any results of the pandemic and outbreak response and/or outcomes and to protect the health and wellbeing of the residents of San Diego County.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

### ***COVID-19 Response***

It is estimated that through the end of Fiscal Year (FY) ending June 30, 2022, the County of San Diego (County) will have spent over one billion dollars on overall COVID-19 response costs, excluding federally dedicated program funds for programs such as rental assistance and nutrition services. Funding sources include Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), County General Fund Balance, Realignment, and program revenues available for response efforts. In FY 2022-23, the County will rely on ARPA funding, as well as FEMA, other stimulus funds, program revenues, Realignment, and County General Fund Balance to cover response costs as needed. The County will continue to pursue other federal and State stimulus revenue and funding sources as made available.

### ***Monkeypox Outbreak Response***

It is estimated that the cost in responding to the monkeypox outbreak is approximately \$1.8 million as of September 30, 2022. Costs are being covered by existing Realignment and General-Purpose Revenue. The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency will continue to pursue federal and State revenues to cover response costs. There is no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

This action will help support individuals, families, and small businesses impacted by COVID-19.

### **ACTION 13.1:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions:

1. Received update on the COVID-19 response. [Ref. Board Letter Recommendation No. 1]

2. Received update on the monkeypox response and find that there is a continuing need for the local health emergency for monkeypox until no longer needed subject to the California Health and Safety Code Section 101080 requirements. [Ref. Board Letter Recommendation No. 3]

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

**ACTION 13.2:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 22-146 entitled: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTINUANCE OF TELECONFERENCED PUBLIC MEETINGS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953. [Ref. Board Letter Recommendation No. 2]

AYES: Vargas, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher

NOES: Anderson, Desmond

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County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



**Signed**  
**by** Andrew Potter

