

If the Resolution is adopted, then the Commission when holding meeting by teleconference must follow the procedures set forth by AB 361, which include the following:

1. Notice of the meeting must still be given in compliance with the Brown Act, and the notice must include the means by which the public may access the meeting and provide public comment.
2. The public must be provided access to the meeting via a call-in option or internet-based service option and allowed to “address the legislative body directly.” The agency does not have to provide an in-person option for the public to attend the meeting.
3. The meeting must be conducted “in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties and the public appearing before the legislative body.”
4. If there is a disruption to the meeting broadcast or in the ability to take call-in or internet-based public comment, no further action can be taken on agenda items until the issue is resolved.
5. The body cannot require comments to be submitted before the start of the meeting. The public must be allowed to make “real time” public comment.
6. Reasonable time for public comment must be provided. If the agency provides a timed public comment period, the public comment period must be left open until the time expires.
7. All votes must be taken by roll call.
8. The legislative body must approve a resolution making findings every 30 days to continue to conduct teleconference meetings under AB 361. The body must find it has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and either 1) the emergency continues to impact the ability to meet safely in person, or 2) State or local officials continue to impose or recommend social distancing.

If the state of emergency ends or if the Commission decides to rescind the Resolution, then meetings of the Commission must comply with the pre-COVID teleconferencing rules of 54953(b) described earlier in this Staff Report.

Attachment A: Resolution of the San Luis Obispo Local Agency Formation Commission Proclaiming The Continuing Need To Meet By Teleconference Pursuant To Government Code Section 54953 (e)

