

# Future Governance Committee Meetings



**SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM**





# Timeline and Where We Are Today

- March 2020 – Governor proclaimed a State of Emergency for California as a result of the threat of COVID-19
- September 2021 - Assembly Bill (AB) 361 signed into law to continue suspending Brown Act teleconference requirements when a local agency meets during a declared state of emergency, or local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing.
- October 17, 2022 – Governor announced that the COVID-19 State of Emergency will end on February 28, 2023





# Future Committee Meetings

- Starting March 1, to ensure quorum and effective communication during critical SIP deliberations such that all committee members can participate equally, committee members are highly encouraged to attend **in person** or send an alternate to attend in their place.
- If the meeting venue can accommodate hybrid meetings, committee members may have the option to attend virtually in compliance with the **Brown Act** or modified Brown Act per **AB2449**.
  - The District will send a survey prior to each meeting to confirm quorum and solicit required information for teleconferencing, if needed.
  - For meeting venue recommendations, please contact the District.





# Brown Act Requirements

- Brown Act teleconference requirements:
  - Notice each teleconference location committee members attend from on the agenda
  - Post agenda at all teleconference locations
  - Each teleconference location to be accessible to the public
  - Members of the public may address the committee at each teleconference location





# AB2449 Requirements

- AB2449 teleconference requirements - Board member's teleconference location does not need to be posted on the meeting notice or agenda, and does not have to be open to the public. However:
  - Quorum must participate in the meeting from a single physical location
  - Committee member must submit a disclosure of "just cause"
  - Committee member must participate remotely by audio *and* video
  - May not participate remotely under "just cause" more than two meetings within a calendar year
  - And may not participate remotely for any reason for more than three consecutive months or for 20 percent of the regular meetings within a calendar year.





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Questions?

