

1 **RESOLUTION**

2 **of the**

3 **Board of Directors**

4 **of**

5 **GREAT REDWOOD TRAIL AGENCY**

6 Resolution No. 2022-04

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8 **IN THE MATTER OF:**  
9 Resolution No. 2022-04  
10 Authorizing Teleconference  
11 Meetings Pursuant to AB 361.

12 **WHEREAS**, GREAT REDWOOD TRAIL AGENCY (“GRTA”) is committed to ensuring  
13 public access to observe and participate in local government meetings; and  
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15 **WHEREAS**, all meetings of the GRTA are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown  
16 Act, so that any member of the public may participate in local government meetings; and

17 Whereas, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote  
18 teleconferencing participation in local government meetings, without compliance with the  
19 requirements 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and  
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21 **WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency due to the  
22 outbreak of respiratory illness due to a novel coronavirus (a disease now known as COVID-19)  
23 and that State of Emergency is still in effect in the State of California; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the Sonoma County Public Health Officer, Marin County Public Health Officer,  
25 Humboldt County Health Officer, and Mendocino County Health Officer continue to recommend  
26 teleconferencing or social distancing during public meetings of all legislative bodies to protect  
27 the community’s health against the spread of COVID-19; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the GRTA finds that the current conditions continue to meet the circumstances set  
2 forth in Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to continue to use teleconferencing to hold open  
3 and public meetings in compliance with the requirements set forth in Government Code section  
4 54953(e)(2) to ensure the public can safely participate in and observe local government  
5 meetings.

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7 Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved:

8 **Section 1. Recitals.** The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into  
9 this Resolution by this reference.

10 **Section 2. Current Conditions Allow Teleconference Public Meetings.** Based on the California  
11 Governor's continued declaration of a State of Emergency and the above-stated health officers'  
12 recommendations to continue teleconferencing or social distancing during public meetings, the  
13 GRTA finds that the conditions continue to exist pursuant to Government Code section  
14 54953(e)(3) to allow it to use teleconferencing to hold public meetings in accordance with  
15 Government Code section 54953(e)(2) to ensure members of the public have continued access to  
16 safely observe and participate in local government meetings.

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18 **Section 3. Authorize Teleconference Meetings.** Staff is hereby authorized to take all actions  
19 necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, conducting open and  
20 public meetings of the GRTA in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(2) and  
21 other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

22 **Section 4. Effective Date of Resolution.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its  
23 adoption.

24 Introduced and adopted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2022, at a teleconference meeting of the Board of  
25 Directors of the GREAT REDWOOD TRAIL AGENCY by the following vote:

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27 AYES:

NOES:

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GRTA Chair  
Caryl Hart

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GRTA Executive Director  
Mitch Stogner