Mammoth Lakes Recreation Commission Agenda Action Sheet

<u>**Title:**</u> Adopt the resolution making findings to allow the Recreation Commission to meet virtually during the COVID-19 pandemic declared emergency.

Commission Meeting Date: 10/5/2021

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<u>Recommended Motion</u>: Adopt the resolution making findings to allow the Recreation Commission to meet virtually during the COVID-19 pandemic declared emergency.

Summary: On September 15, 2021, the Governor signed Assembly Bill (AB) 361, amending the Ralph M. Brown Act to allow local agencies to continue conducting public meetings remotely during a state of emergency, so long as certain requirements are met.

Governor Newsom subsequently signed Executive Order N-15-21, which generally suspends the application of Assembly Bill ("AB") 361 until October 1, 2021. AB 361 is urgency legislation amending the Brown Act to allow legislative bodies of local agencies to meet remotely with relaxed teleconferencing requirements during declared emergencies under certain conditions.

The Recreation Commission has expressed an interest in continuing to utilize the virtual meeting process and AB 361 creates statutory exemptions to the Brown Act that extends flexibility for remote public meetings during proclaimed emergencies, through January 1, 2024.

To continue to meet remotely, the Recreation Commission will need to adopt a resolution each month making findings consistent with AB 361.