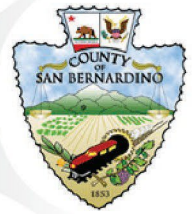




# High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority



E-220 HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

**Monday, February 28, 2022 – 2:00 p.m.**

Members of the public may participate in the virtual meeting via Zoom info below.  
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### HDC JPA Board Virtual Meeting Info:

**Join HDC JPA Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom, click link below:**

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*Council Member, Town of Apple Valley*

**Debra Jones**

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**Gabriel Reyes**

*Mayor, City of Adelanto*

**HDC JPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS**

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Vacant, Joint Appointment, San Bernardino County/Los Angeles County

**HDC JPA BOARD MEMBER ALTERNATES**

Christopher Porter, 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisorial District, County of San Bernardino  
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Dave Perry, 5<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District Transportation Deputy, Los Angeles County  
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**HDC JPA STAFF**

Executive Director: Arthur V. Sohikian  
Clerk: Lynna Monell, San Bernardino Clerk of the Board  
Auditor-Controller: Jessica Trillo, San Bernardino County  
Legal Counsel: John Tubbs II, Deputy County Counsel, San Bernardino County

**OPEN SESSION**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Kathryn Barger, Chair
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** HDC JPA is conducting business remotely. HDC JPA is committed to ensuring that our public meetings are accessible to the public and that the public can observe and address the meeting and to participate by providing written and oral comment on HDC matters. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Executive Director Arthur Sohikian at [arthur@avsconsultinginc.com](mailto:arthur@avsconsultinginc.com).

At this time members of the public can address the HDC JPA Board of Directors regarding any items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the agency that are not separately listed on this agenda. Whenever possible, lengthy testimony should be presented to the Board in writing and only pertinent points presented orally.

**5. HDC JPA VIRTUAL/REMOTE BOARD MEETING OPT-IN UNDER AB 361 – Legal Counsel**

**Recommended Action:** *Adopt findings and approve February 28, 2022, virtual meeting under AB 361 during Proclaimed State of Emergency with findings as follows:*

1. *There exists a “proclaimed state of emergency”, pursuant to the Governor’s State of Emergency Declaration, issued on March 4, 2020.*
2. *State and/or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing.*

**Future Meetings –** Discussion and potential setting of special meetings.

*If HDC JPA wishes to consider invoking AB 361 virtual meetings for subsequent meetings:*

- a. *The proclaimed state of emergency must remain active; or*
- b. *State or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing;*  
*AND*
- c. *Not later than 30 days after teleconferencing for the first time under the AB 361, and every 30 days thereafter, the board shall again make the following findings by majority vote:*

*The board has reconsidered the circumstances of emergency, and at least one of the following circumstances exist:*

- a) *The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person; or,*
- b) *State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.*

**6. POTENTIAL COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO WITHDRAWAL FROM HDC JPA –Executive Director**

**Recommended Action:**

1. *Consider a request be made to the County of San Bernardino Board of Supervisors strongly urging them to grant a sixty-day review period before action is taken on March 1, 2022, to withdraw from the HDC JPA.*
2. *Authorize the Executive Director to immediately consult with the Los Angeles County and its County Counsel Office in cooperation with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) to review options and alternatives for a new HDC JPA agreement.*

**7. HDC JPA CORRESPONDENCE: San Bernardino Clerk of the Board, Lynna Monell**

- i. **FRA Letter: Federal Agency Lead for NEPA, February 14, 2022**
- ii. **County of San Bernardino Letter: Withdrawal from HDC JPA, February 7, 2022**

**8. HDC JPA BOARD MEMBER FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**9. ADJOURNMENT. Next HDC JPA Board of Directors meeting April 14, 2022, at 2:00 pm. Interim Special Meetings under AB 361 possibly TBD.**