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Subject: Mariposa County Code Compliance Advisory Committee

Good afternoon CCAC members,

I'm sure you are all wondering what's happening with the Code Compliance Advisory Committee (CCAC)...why hasn't a first meeting been scheduled?

I'm writing to give you an update.

I intended to schedule our first meeting for the first week in October. I intended to provide the ability for the CCAC to meet in person in the Board Chambers (a large county room with adequate area for distancing), with remote attendance possible (by telephone). I prefer in-person meetings, especially with larger groups of people, but respect that some members may not want to meet in person. Based on the noticing requirements for a meeting, I needed to submit notice of the meeting to the local newspaper by last Friday, 9/17/21 (for publication on Thursday, 9/23/21).

Unfortunately, I haven't been able to schedule this CCAC meeting because there is a question about the Board's direction for county functioning when COVID cases started spiking again (early August)...the question is whether the Board's direction included no in-person meetings of county appointed advisory committees. The CAO will be scheduling a discussion and direction item for the Board regarding this question. I don't have a date for this discussion and direction item yet (am hoping it'll be on next week's agenda, but it may not be on until the following week).

The matter is further complicated by the sunseting (on September 30, 2021) of the Governors' Executive Orders modifying certain requirements of the Brown Act. These orders were issued in 2020 amid concerns of the spread of COVID-19 in California. The orders allowed less restrictive teleconferencing of meetings of legislative bodies.

AB 361 is effective October 1, 2021 and establishes flexibility for continued remote open meetings during a proclaimed state emergency. There are new conditions which must be addressed pursuant to this bill.

Bottom line for us is that, until there is Board direction and action on this (the ability to host in-person meetings, and the ability to comply with provisions of AB 361), I am not able to schedule and notice an in-person meeting of our CCAC in a county facility (with ability for remote attendance). You may be aware that there are some citizens' advisory committee meetings scheduled for later October which are solely teleconferenced meetings...if AB 361 compliance issues are not successfully addressed, these meetings will have to be cancelled.

I apologize for the delay in getting started on the important business of the CCAC.

If the group is interested in getting started on some homework, I could put together background information which will be discussed at our first meeting(s). I would make that information available to the CCAC members, as well as the public. Information would minimally include:

- CCAC authority and duties (County Resolution)
- Ralph M. Brown Act
- Current applicable county codes (related to code compliance)
- Current code compliance case summary

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Thanks!

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