

# SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY LIBRARY SYSTEM

## Electronic Resources Committee Meeting

March 17, 2022

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### MINUTES

**A. Call to Order**

Nathan Boyer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**B. Introductions**

Members Present: Nathan Boyer, Chair (SJVLS); Nathan Vosburg (Coalinga-Huron Library District); Alyssa Furin (Fresno County Public Library); Heather Eddy (Kern County Library); Ashley Nuhfer (Kings County Library); Mary Jo Lawrence (Madera County Library); Rebecca Adams (Mariposa County Library); Smruti Deshpande (Merced County Library); Yer Vang (Tulare County Library); Maria Marquez (Tulare Public Library)

Others Present: Tony Arellano (Porterville City Library)

**C. Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda was adopted as written.

**D. Comments from the Public**

None

**E. Approval of Minutes from February 17, 2022 (Attachment 1)**

The minutes were unanimously approved.

Motion: Marquez (Tulare Public)

Second: Eddy (Kern)

**F. Projects for Discussion and Action**

1. Discussion and Action: Continuing Teleconferences under Amended Brown Act – Subsequent Resolution (Attachment 2)

Governor Newsom's state of emergency remains in effect in California, though social distancing and mask recommendations are being withdrawn across the SJVLS service area.

Members were invited to share local guidance and/or library policies for masks and social distancing staff meetings and public programming.

Coalinga: Vosburg stated that Coalinga-Huron is no longer requiring masks or social distancing. Committee meeting practices should be updated to be consistent with relaxed public health policies in the state. He wants to accommodate committee member health concerns and comfort levels regarding in-person meetings and proposed a hybrid model that would allow both in person and virtual participation.

Fresno: Furin stated that Fresno libraries are open with no mask requirements. Programs are offered in person. CDC recommendations are posted but masking and social distancing are not enforced. Some staff meetings are virtual, while others

are held in person.

Kern: Eddy stated that Kern County libraries are fully open with no masks or social distancing. Public programs are being held in person. Staff meetings are virtual because of convenience for staff across a wide geographical area and not due to public health concerns. Eddy is open to in person meetings.

Kings: Nuhfer reported that in person staff meetings and public programs are beginning this week. Masks are recommended but not required.

Madera: Lawrence said Madera libraries are open. Masks are recommended but not required. Programs are being offered in person but attendance limits are maintained. Some staff meetings are held in person; others are virtual, but due to geography and not public health concerns.

Mariposa: Adams shared that libraries are open and masks are optional. They have not started meeting in person yet. Adams prefers virtual or a hybrid meeting model to traditional face-to-face meetings.

Merced: Deshpande said that masks are optional in Merced libraries. Masks are still required at children's programs. Staff meetings are held in person; masks are optional.

Tulare County: Vang stated that masks are recommended but not required at Tulare County libraries. In person programming begins next month. Attendance will be limited based on branch size. COVID-related signage is coming down. Most staff are still wearing masks.

Tulare Public: Marquez said Tulare Public is recommending masks but they are not required. Staff wear masks when dealing with the public. Masks are optional in staff areas. Some programs are still being held outside. Meeting rooms are available. Vosburg expressed support for the committee continuing to meet virtually according to the modified Brown Act rules but encouraged the committee to implement new hybrid meeting methods as public health restrictions are disappearing. Boyer agreed that the committee will discuss different meeting scenarios at the April meeting. Vosburg moved to adopt the resolution to continue to hold virtual committee meetings in accordance with the Brown Act as amended by AB361.

Motion: Vosburg (Coalinga-Huron)

Second: Deshpande (Merced)

Ayes: Vosburg (Coalinga-Huron), Furin (Fresno), Eddy (Kern), Nuhfer (Kings), Lawrence (Madera), Adams (Mariposa), Deshpande (Merced), Vang (Tulare County), Marquez (Tulare Public)

Noes: None

The motion passed and the resolution will be reconsidered at the next meeting, no later than April 16, 2022.

#### **G. Status Update on System Resources**

Boyer is aware of ongoing issues affecting remote access to Gale Interactive Science since that was made available by through State Library. Issues have been shared with

Kirk Peterson, system's Gale rep. Boyer will also contact State Library.

Lawrence (Madera) asked about usage statistics for the six resources provided by the State Library. Furin (Fresno) stated that Coursera stats are available from an admin interface; Skillshare and GetSetUp stats can be emailed. Furin shared contact information for Skillshare, GetSetUp, and the State Library.

**H. Calendar Items**

1. Set date of next meeting: tentatively April 14, 2022

**I. Announcements**

1. Lawrence announced she has accepted a position with Ingram and will be leaving the Madera County Library on March 31.

**J. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.