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January 18 Board of Supervisors meeting to be held virtually due to COVID-19 virus spread

Due to high levels of community transmission of COVID-19, the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Shasta County Board of Supervisors will be held virtually. This decision is made to protect County staff and the public from exposure to COVID-19 during a large gathering in a public setting. This announcement also comes following the recent County of Shasta decision to limit in-person services until further notice. A number of County worksites are in outbreak status and the County workforce is currently experiencing the highest volume of COVID-positive employees to date. County Departments are making the effort to have employees work remotely as much as possible.

Additionally, the County is aware of concerning online activity including violent comments and pointed threats against County officials. Local law enforcement has confirmed that a number of threats have been deemed credible. The foundation of government is the engagement of the public and the ability to express opposing views in a respectable manner. There is no place for violence against anyone and we support local law enforcement in their investigations into threats made against any member of the public, County staff member, or local official.

The online meeting procedure will begin with the January 18, 2022 meeting and continue until it is deemed safe to resume meetings in person. County staff have experience in producing meetings in a virtual setting, a process that began during the early stages of the

COVID-19 pandemic. There will be a link to watch the meeting online or listen via telephone, and the opportunity for public interaction.

Full instructions on how to view and participate in the meeting will be included when the agenda for the January 18 meeting is posted online here:

<https://www.co.shasta.ca.us/index/bos/meeting-agendas>

Agendas are publicly announced no less than 72 hours in advance of the meeting.