San Mateo County Libraries

Agenda Item III., B.

San Mateo County Libraries Joint Powers Authority
Operations Committee Emergency Meeting
Minutes of March 13, 2020

Board Members Present:
Jeremy Dennis, Portola Valley (Chair)
Matthew Chidester, Half Moon Bay (Vice Chair)
Afshin Oskoui, Belmont
Clay Holstine, Brisbane
Jaime Fontes, East Palo Alto
Jeff Moneda, Foster City
Angela Louis, Millbrae
Kevin Woodhouse, Pacifica
Crystal Mui, San Carlos
Kevin Bryant, Woodside
Justin Mates, San Mateo County

Staff Present:
Anne-Marie Despain
Nicole Pasini
Danae Ramirez
Brian Kulich, County Counsel

I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 12:34 p.m.

II. Emergency Meeting Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.5 to Discuss San Mateo County Libraries Level of Emergency Response to COVID-19 Pandemic and Library Closures. Director Despain provided information on the Library's current emergency response to COVID-19 and level of operations. Members discussed the challenges and rapidly evolving situation and agreed to air on the side of caution, making the difficult decision to recommend closing libraries. Members generally agree to move to a level 4 response and discuss whether March 31 or a longer date would be more appropriate.

Motion: Effective March 16, 2020, the San Mateo County Library JPA adopts a Level 4 response, as defined in the Agenda Report, through March 31, 2020, with authority delegated to the Director of Library Services to, in consultation with local authorities, (a) increase services at facilities on a case-by-case basis and (b) extend the Level 4 response through April 30, 2020. Passed (MSP: Woodhouse/Moneda).

III. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.