Item Name: Update: Impact of COVID-19 on PTA

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Comment:

Assessment Appeals Board hearings are an important function for the community. Other counties have successfully implemented teleconferencing for the AAB hearings to best protect the health and safety of the public and the staff involved in the hearings. It is important for Santa Clara County to implement teleconferencing as a viable, safer option to allow the community to exercise their right to appeal.