

**SILICON VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 2021-23**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SILICON VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING PUBLIC MEETINGS TO BE HELD VIA TELECONFERENCING PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e) AND MAKING FINDINGS

WHEREAS, the Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority (“Authority”) was formed on March 31, 2016 pursuant to a Joint Powers Agreement to study, promote, develop, conduct, operate, and manage energy programs in Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (“the Board”) of Silicon Valley Clean Energy (“SVCE”) is committed to public access and participation in its meetings while balancing the need to conduct public meetings in a manner that reduces the likelihood of exposure to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the Board of Directors and the other legislative bodies of SVCE are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the Board and other legislative bodies conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 legislative bodies of local agencies may hold public meetings via teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e), without complying with the requirements of Government Code Section 54953(b)(3), if the legislative body complies with certain enumerated requirements in any of the following circumstances:

1. The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing.
2. The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.
3. The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and has determined, by majority vote, that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a declared a [State of Emergency](#) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic (the “Emergency”) which remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara Public Health Officer recommends that public bodies meet remotely to the extent possible, specifically including use of newly enacted AB 361.

WHEREAS, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the need to promote social distancing to reduce the likelihood of exposure to COVID-19, the Board intends to continue to hold public meetings via teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e).

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority does hereby resolve, determine, and order as follows:

Section 1. The Recitals provided above are true and correct and are hereby incorporated by reference.

Section 2. The Board has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and the Santa Clara Public Health Officer continues to recommend that public bodies meet remotely, specifically including use of newly enacted AB 361 to maintain remote meetings under the Brown Act.

Section 3. The Board and other legislative bodies of SVCE shall conduct their meetings pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e).

Section 4. Staff is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution. Such action includes returning to the Board within 30 days and every 30 days thereafter to make the findings required by Section 54953(e)(3).

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of October 2021, by the following vote:

JURISDICTION	NAME	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
City of Campbell	Director Gibbons	✓			
City of Cupertino	Director Sinks	✓			
City of Gilroy	Director Hilton	✓			
City of Los Altos	Director Fligor	✓			
Town of Los Altos Hills	Director Tyson	✓			
Town of Los Gatos	Director Rennie	✓			
City of Milpitas	Director Chua	✓			
City of Monte Sereno	Director Ellahie	✓			
City of Morgan Hill	Director Martinez Beltran	✓			
City of Mountain View	Director Abe-Koga				✓
County of Santa Clara	Director Ellenberg				✓ 2

City of Saratoga	Director Walia	✓			
City of Sunnysvale	Director Larsson	✓			

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Acting Chair

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Dorothy Roberts
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Dorothy Roberts, Interim Board Clerk