

SILICON VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SILICON VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY AUTHORITY RECONSIDERING CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY AND MAKING FINDINGS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO AUTHORIZE PUBLIC MEETINGS TO BE HELD VIA TELECONFERENCING PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e)

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 [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 determined that meetings of the SVCE legislative bodies may be held via teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e).

WHEREAS, to continue meeting pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e), an agency must make periodic findings that: (1) the body has reconsidered the circumstances of the declared emergency; and (2) that any of the following circumstances exist: (a) the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person, or (b) state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

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 COVID-19 state of emergency and local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing. As required by Government Code Section 54953(e)(3), the findings made pursuant to this Section 2 shall cover the period of time until the next regular meeting of the Board.


Section 3. The Board and other legislative bodies of SVCE may continue to 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 11th day of January 2023, by the following vote:

JURISDICTION	NAME	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
City of Campbell	Director Scozzola	✓			
City of Cupertino	Director Mohan	✓			
City of Gilroy	Director Hilton	✓			
City of Los Altos	Director Meadows	✓			
Town of Los Altos Hills	Director Tyson	✓			
Town of Los Gatos	Director Rennie	✓			
City of Milpitas	Director Chua	✓			
City of Monte Sereno	Director Mekechuk	✓			
City of Morgan Hill	Director Martinez Beltran				✓
City of Mountain View	Director Abe-Koga	✓			
County of Santa Clara	Director Lee	✓			
City of Saratoga	Director Walia	✓			
City of Sunnyvale	Director Klein	✓			

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Andrea Pizano, Board Clerk