

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-03

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SILICON VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY AUTHORITY COMMENDING MELODY TOVAR FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE FORMATION OF THE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY IN 2016 AND AS CITY STAFF OF A FOUNDING MEMBER AGENCY OF SILICON VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY AUTHORITY

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SILICON VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY AUTHORITY HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority (“SVCEA”) was formed on March 31, 2016, with eleven Cities and Towns and the County of Santa Clara deciding to become the initial members; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Melody Tovar, Director of Regulatory Programs at the City of Sunnyvale (“City”), has had a prolific career over 32 years committed to sustainability and improving environmental quality through implementing stormwater and wastewater regulations, managing community programs, and achieving ambitious climate action goals;

WHEREAS, Ms. Tovar oversaw the original study to explore the formation of a local community choice aggregation program proposed by the City’s Sustainability Commission and recognized it as the single most impactful action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions locally;

WHEREAS, Ms. Tovar led the initial cohort of four founding member agencies (cities of Sunnyvale, Mountain View, Cupertino, and the County of Santa Clara) in conducting a technical and financial feasibility analysis for forming a joint powers authority (JPA) to supply clean electricity to local communities;

WHEREAS, Ms. Tovar coordinated community engagement and led information sessions to garner public support and recruited additional agencies to join the JPA, eventually covering the 13 member agencies we serve today;

WHEREAS, Ms. Tovar served as Operations Manager for the Authority in its initial days, supporting the organization as it established its public identity, hired its CEO and staff, found its first office space, ran its first Board meetings, and prepared to serve customers and fully operate as a load-serving entity that launched 100% carbon-free service in 2017;

WHEREAS, Ms. Tovar continued to play a key role in the Authority’s growth, helping to steer the monthly Member Agency Working Group and providing input on initial decarbonization programs;

WHEREAS, Ms. Tovar’s dedicated support to and collaboration with the Authority has helped to reduce nearly three million metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions across our service territory to date;

WHEREAS, Ms. Tovar has demonstrated outstanding leadership in enabling the City to achieve its climate action goals and created a robust team that can carry on her vision and legacy;

WHEREAS, Ms. Tovar’s deep technical expertise has been valued by her peers across the county and in professional circles across the state; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Tovar's persistent curiosity and willingness to ask "why not?" has encouraged those she has worked with at the Authority, the City, and in the community to strive for a high standard of service and innovation as we address climate change;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of SVCEA hereby commends Ms. Melody Tovar and expresses its sincere appreciation for her dedicated service in the formation of the JPA in 2016 and as city staff of a founding member agency of the Authority.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this 12th day of February 2025, by the following vote:

JURISDICTION	NAME	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
City of Campbell	Director Scozzola	✓			
City of Cupertino	Director Fruen				✓
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 Barbadillo	✓			
City of Monte Sereno	Alt. Director Shannon	✓			
City of Morgan Hill	Director Martinez Beltran	✓			
City of Mountain View	Director Showalter	✓			
County of Santa Clara	Director Lee	✓			
City of Saratoga	Director Walia	✓			
City of Sunnyvale	Director Klein	✓			

Signed by:

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Vice Chair

ATTEST:

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Secretary