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Notice – Call of Special PPC Meeting

To: NCPA Lodi Energy Center Project Participant Committee
From: Deane Burk, Chairman
Subject: **March 29, 2022 LEC PPC Special Meeting Notice & Agenda**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Government Code section 54956, a special meeting of the Northern California Power Agency Lodi Energy Center Project Participant Committee is hereby called for **Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 3:00 PM** to discuss those matters listed in the attached Agenda. The meeting will be held via teleconference.

Deane Burk

Deane Burk, Chairman



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LEC PPC Agenda

Subject: March 29, 2022 Lodi Energy Center Project Participant Committee Meeting

Time: 3:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time

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*****This meeting is being held in accordance with the Brown Act, Governor Gavin Newsom's Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19 adopted pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act, and Assembly Bill 361, that allow attendance by LEC PPC Committee Members, staff and the public to participate and conduct the meeting by teleconference.**

You may participate in the meeting via teleconference hosted by:

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The Lodi Energy Center Project Participant Committee may take action on any of the items listed on this Agenda regardless of whether the matter appears on the Consent Calendar or is described as an action item, a report, or an information item. If this Agenda is supplemented by staff reports, they are available to the public upon request. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.5, the following is the location at which the public can view Agendas and other public writings: NCPA, 651 Commerce Drive, Roseville, CA or www.ncpa.com

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1. Review Safety Procedures

2. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call

PUBLIC FORUM

Any member of the public who desires to address the Lodi Energy Center Project Participant Committee on any item considered by the Lodi Energy Center Project Participant Committee at this meeting, before or during the Committee's consideration of that item, shall so advise the Chair and shall thereupon be given an opportunity to do so. Any member of the public who desires to address the Lodi Energy Center Project Participant Committee on any item within the jurisdiction of the Lodi Energy Center Project Participant Committee and not listed on the Agenda may do so at this time.

- 3. Resolution of the Lodi Energy Center Project Participant Committee Proclaiming a Local Emergency, Re-Ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency Issued by Governor Gavin Newsom, and Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the LEC PPC** – The Committee will discuss whether Governor Gavin Newsom's Proclamation of a State of Emergency due to COVID-19 remains in force, whether as a result of the emergency and the conditions where Committee members are located (local conditions) are such that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees and thus, in accordance with Government Code Section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act, for a thirty-day period of March 29, 2022, through April 28, 2022, the LEC PPC should meet remotely.

ADJOURNMENT

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, April 11, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time.

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Lodi Energy Center Project Participant Committee Staff Report

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 03

Meeting Date: March 29, 2022

To: Lodi Energy Center Project Participant Committee

Subject: Proclaiming a Local Emergency Persists in the City of Santa Clara and the Modesto Irrigation District, Re-Ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency Issued by Governor Gavin Newsom, and Authorizing the Continuation of Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Lodi Energy Center Project Participant Committee for the Period of March 29, 2022, through April 28, 2022, Pursuant to the Brown Act

Proposal

Proclaim that a local emergency persists in the City of Santa Clara and the Modesto Irrigation District, re-ratify the Proclamation of a State of Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 4, 2020, and authorize the continuation of remote teleconference meetings of the Lodi Energy Center Project Participant Committee for the period of March 29, 2022, through April 28, 2022, pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act).

Background

The Lodi Energy Center Project Participant Committee (LEC PPC) is committed to preserving public access and participation in meetings of its governing body. All meetings of the LEC PPC's governing body are open and public, as required by the Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the LEC PPC conduct its business. The Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions.

On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill (AB) 361 into law. AB 361 extends the flexibilities provided to government bodies, such as LEC PPC, with respect to holding public meetings remotely. As urgency legislation, AB 361 became effective immediately. In order to meet under the Brown Act rules of AB 361, the LEC PPC must adopt an initial resolution at the first meeting that they will operate under AB 361 and then a subsequent resolution at least every 30 days thereafter.

In light of the continued state of emergency related to COVID-19, the Santa Clara County Public Health Officer continues to recommend that public bodies meet remotely to the extent possible, specifically including use of newly enacted AB 361 to maintain remote meetings under the Brown Act and similar laws, as outlined in their "Recommendation Regarding Continued Remote Public Meetings of Governmental Entities," issued September 21, 2021.

The Modesto Irrigation District has proclaimed that a local emergency exists through the District, and that the legislative body meeting in person could present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees due to the prevalence of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Stanislaus County and the state.

On December 2, 2021, the LEC PPC adopted initial Resolution 2021-01 finding that the requisite conditions exist for the LEC PPC to conduct remote teleconference meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953.

As a condition of extending the use of the provisions found in section 54953(e), the LEC PPC governing body must reconsider the circumstances of the declared local emergency and state of emergency that exists.

A required condition is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in Government Code section 8558. On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency due to COVID-19 pursuant to Government Code Section 8625 and this proclamation remains in effect as of today's date.

A proclamation is made when there is an actual incident, threat of disaster, or extreme peril posing imminent risk to the health and safety of persons within the state of California including the LEC PPC Project members' jurisdictions, caused by natural, technological, or human-caused disasters. It is further required that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or, that the legislative body meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees.

Such conditions now persist within certain LEC PPC members' jurisdictions, as some members reside: (i) in counties with higher COVID-19 transmission rates, (ii) in counties with varying vaccination rates, (iii) in counties with additional safety requirements in place including masking of all parties indoors regardless of vaccination status and requirements to show proof of vaccination to access certain indoor locations, (iv) in locations where social distancing and masking is recommended by local health authorities for meeting indoors, and (v) in counties where local public health officers recommend that public bodies meet remotely, and thus, the LEC PPC members convening in central location to attend an in person meeting would present imminent risk to the health and safety of attendees. Further, meeting in person during the COVID-19 pandemic could present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees due to the continued COVID-19 pandemic.

The LEC PPC now considers adoption of a subsequent resolution to continue to meet by teleconference and make the meetings available telephonically to any members of the public for the period from March 29, 2022, through April 28, 2022.

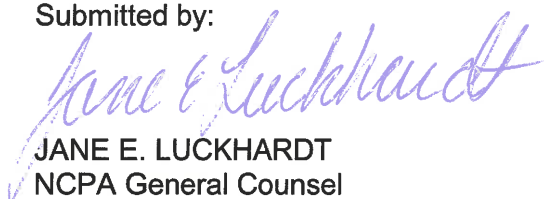
Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact as a result of authorizing teleconference meetings of the LEC PPC for the period March 29, 2022, through April 28, 2022.

Environmental Analysis

This activity would not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect change in the physical environment and is therefore not a "project" for purposes of Section 21065 the California Environmental Quality Act. No environmental review is necessary.

Submitted by:



JANE E. LUCKHARDT
NCPA General Counsel

Attachments: 1

- Proposed Resolution 2022-05

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI ENERGY CENTER PROJECT PARTICIPANT COMMITTEE PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY PERSISTS IN THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA AND IN THE MODESTO IRRIGATION DISTRICT, RE-RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM, AND AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUATION OF REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LODI ENERGY CENTER PROJECT PARTICIPANT COMMITTEE FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 29, 2022, THROUGH APRIL 28, 2022, PURSUANT TO THE BROWN ACT

WHEREAS, the LODI ENERGY CENTER PROJECT PARTICIPANT COMMITTEE (LEC PPC) is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of its governing body; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the LEC PPC's governing body 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 LEC PPC conduct its business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, a required condition is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in Government Code section 8558; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency due to COVID-19 pursuant to Government Code Section 8625 and this proclamation remains in effect as of today's date; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation is made when there is an actual incident, threat of disaster, or extreme peril posing imminent risk to the health and safety of persons within the state of California including the LEC PPC Project members' jurisdictions, caused by natural, technological, or human-caused disasters; and

WHEREAS, it is further required that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or, that the legislative body meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, in light of the continued state of emergency related to COVID-19, the Santa Clara County Public Health Officer continues to recommend that public bodies meet remotely to the extent possible, specifically including use of newly enacted AB 361 to maintain remote meetings under the Brown Act and similar laws, as outlined in their "Recommendation Regarding Continued Remote Public Meetings of Governmental Entities," issued on September 21, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Modesto Irrigation District has proclaimed that a local emergency exists through the District, and that the legislative body meeting in person could present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees due to the prevalence of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Stanislaus County and the state; and

WHEREAS, the LEC PPC previously adopted Resolution Number 2021-01 on December 2, 2021, finding that the requisite conditions exist for the LEC PPC to conduct remote teleconference meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of extending the use of the provisions found in section 54953(e), the LEC PPC governing body must reconsider the circumstances of the local state of emergency that exists, and the governing body has done so; and

WHEREAS, such conditions persist within certain LEC PPC members' jurisdictions, as some members reside: (i) in counties with higher COVID-19 transmission rates, (ii) in counties with varying vaccination rates, (iii) in counties with additional safety requirements in place including masking of all parties indoors regardless of vaccination status and requirements to show proof of vaccination to access certain indoor locations, (iv) in locations where social distancing and masking is recommended by local health authorities for meeting indoors, and (v) in counties where local public health officers recommend that public bodies meet remotely, and thus, the LEC PPC members convening in central location to attend an in person meeting could present imminent risk to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the declared emergency persisting, the LEC PPC does hereby find that the state of emergency as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and conditions causing imminent risk to the health and safety of meeting attendees has caused, and will continue to cause, conditions of peril to the safety of persons that are likely to be beyond the control of services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the LEC PPC, and desires to proclaim a local emergency persists in the City of Santa Clara and in the Modesto Irrigation District and re-ratify the proclamation of state of emergency by the Governor of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the local emergency persisting, the governing body of the LEC PPC does hereby find that the LEC PPC shall conduct its meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54953, as authorized by subdivision (e) of section 54953, and that such legislative body shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of section 54953; and

WHEREAS, the LEC PPC will continue to comply with all noticing and agenda requirements required by the Brown Act; provide the public with access to and participation in the meeting through a call-in or internet-based service; provide instructions in the posted notices or agenda for how to participate; ensure the public will be able to participate in the meeting in real time through call-in or internet-based service, ensure the public will be able to provide public comment during the meeting; and comply with the requirements of AB 361.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE LODI ENERGY CENTER PROJECT PARTICIPANT COMMITTEE DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.
2. Proclamation of Local Emergency. The LEC PPC hereby proclaims that a local emergency persists in the City of Santa Clara and in the Modesto Irrigation District due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and that the legislative body meeting in person could present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees.
3. Re-Ratification of Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency. The Board hereby re-ratifies the Governor of the State of California's Proclamation of State of Emergency signed on March 4, 2020 regarding COVID-19.
4. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The members and staff of the LEC PPC are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, continuing to conduct open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

5. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) April 28, 2022, or (ii) such time the LEC PPC adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the LEC PPC may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the LODI ENERGY CENTER PROJECT PARTICIPANT COMMITTEE
this _____ day of March, 2022, by the following vote on roll call:

| Summary Vote | |
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| Participant | Vote |
| Azusa | |
| BART | |
| Biggs | |
| CDWR | |
| Gridley | |
| Healdsburg | |
| Lodi | |
| Lompoc | |
| Modesto | |
| Plumas-Sierra | |
| PWRPA | |
| Silicon Valley Power | |
| Ukiah | |
| Vote Summary | |
| Total Ayes | |
| Total Noes | |
| Total Abstain | |
| Total Absent | |
| Result: | |

DEANE BURK, CHAIR

ATTEST: _____
ASSISTANT SECRETARY