

RESOLUTION 23-53

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
SANTA CLARA VALLEY OPEN SPACE AUTHORITY
ADOPTING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT SELF-EVALUATION AND TRANSITION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority (Authority) has an obligation under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and other disabilities rights laws, to provide equal access to all Authority programs, services, and activities; and

WHEREAS, with regard to existing facilities, the ADA requires the Authority to operate each program, service, or activity, when viewed in its entirety, as readily accessible to and usable by people with disabilities, but does not necessarily require the Authority to make each of its existing facilities accessible and usable by individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is committed to the values of Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Access and to connecting all people with nature; and

WHEREAS, through the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan process, the Authority evaluated its policies, procedures, and practices, and evaluated five public facilities for compliance with Federal and State law regarding physical architectural barriers to access for persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Authority sought feedback on the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan from the community, in particular local accessibility advocates, and is committed to ongoing engagement with interested persons, including individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Authority endeavors to provide programs, services, and activities in the most integrated setting as possible and seeks to provide accessible and usable facilities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Authority and in its name, to execute and deliver such other documents and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of the above resolution.

Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on the 28th day of September 2023 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTION:

Helen Chapman, Chairperson
Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

William P. Parkin, Legal Counsel

Caroline Hernandez, Clerk of the Board