

ROSS VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 23-04

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ROSS VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT REGARDING
TELECONFERENCE AND VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETINGS DURING THE COVID-
19 STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2023 – FEBRUARY 28, 2023.**

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROSS VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Ross Valley Fire Department is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed pursuant to his authority under the California Emergency Services Act, California Government Code Section 8625, that a state of emergency exists due to a novel coronavirus (COVID- 19); and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2021, in lifting many restrictions that the State previously imposed due to COVID-19, the Governor indicated that those changes did not end the ongoing, proclaimed State of emergency; and

WHEREAS, as of the date of this resolution, neither the Governor nor the Legislature have exercised their respective powers pursuant to California Government Code section 8629 to lift the State of emergency either by proclamation or by concurrent resolution in the state Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the continued local rates of transmission of the virus and variants causing COVID-19 are such that on September 22, 2021, the Marin County Director of Health & Human Services recommended that local government entities continue to emphasize social distancing to minimize the potential spread of COVID-19 during indoor, public meetings; and

WHEREAS, in light of this recommendation, the RVFD Board of Directors desires to continue to have the flexibility to meet by teleconference and/or videoconference;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE ROSS VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD OF
DIRECTORS DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS**

1. There is an ongoing proclaimed state of emergency relating to the novel coronavirus causing the disease known as COVID-19.
2. The State of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the RVFD Board of Directors to meet safely in person.
3. Local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Ross Valley Fire Department on February 8, 2023, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Stephanie Hellman, President

ATTEST:

Mariana Gonzalez, Temporary Administrative Assistant