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**TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021**

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**SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
RIO VISTA WATER TREATMENT PLANT  
27234 BOUQUET CANYON ROAD  
SANTA CLARITA, CA 91350**

**TELECONFERENCE ONLY  
NO PHYSICAL LOCATION FOR MEETING**

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**OPEN SESSION BEGINS AT 6:30 PM**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Members of the public may comment as to items not on the Agenda at this time. Members of the public wishing to comment on items covered in this Agenda may do so now or at the time each item is considered. (Comments may, at the discretion of the Board's presiding officer, be limited to three minutes for each speaker.) Members of the public wishing to comment on items covered in Closed Session before they are considered by the Board must request to make comment at the commencement of the meeting at 6:30 PM.

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- 13.2 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 (One Case)

**OPEN SESSION CONTINUES WITH THE PHONE NUMBER LISTED  
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- \* Indicates Attachment
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**Note: The Board reserves the right to discuss or take action or both on all of the above Agenda items.**

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Posted on March 10, 2021.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – March 2, 2021

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A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency was held via teleconference at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, March 2, 2021. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Kathye Armitage, B. J. Atkins, Beth Braunstein, Ed Colley, William Cooper, Jeff Ford, Jerry Gladbach, R. J. Kelly, Gary Martin, Dan Mortensen, Piotr Orzechowski and Lynne Plambeck via teleconference.

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** None.

Also present via teleconference: General Manager Matthew Stone, General Counsel Tom Bunn and Joe Byrne, Board Secretary April Jacobs, Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Chief Engineer Courtney Mael, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Eric Campbell, Chief Operating Officer Keith Abercrombie, Director of Finance and Administration Rochelle Patterson, Director of Tech Services Cris Perez, Communications Manager Kathie Martin, GIS Manager Jose Huerta, Sustainability Manager Matt Dickens, Principal Engineers Brent Payne and Jason Yim, Senior Engineer Shadi Bader and Jim Leserman, Senior Management Analyst Kim Grass, Financial Analyst Darine Conner, Water Resources Planner Rick Vasilopoulos, Water Conservation Specialist II Janet Keith, Executive Assistant's Eunie Kang and Leticia Quintero, Senior Office Assistant Terri Bell, Accounting Tech II Kyle Arnold, and members of the public.

President Martin called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. A quorum was present.

Upon motion of Vice President Mortensen, seconded by Director Atkins and carried, the Board approved the Agenda by the following roll call votes (Item 4):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Yes
Director Braunstein	Yes	Director Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Mortensen	Yes
Director Orzechowski	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

Upon motion of Vice President Mortensen, seconded by Director Cooper and carried, the Board pulled item 5.2 for further discussion and approved the remaining items on the Consent Calendar including Resolution Nos. SCV-199, SCV-200 and SCV-201 by the following roll call votes (Item 5):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Yes
Director Braunstein	Yes	Director Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Mortensen	Yes
Director Orzechowski	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-199**

**JOINT RESOLUTION OF  
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,  
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR  
CONTROL DISTRICT AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX  
REVENUES RESULTING FROM ANNEXATION OF L 015-2020  
TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687**

**<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-030221-Resolution-SCV-199.pdf>**

**RESOLUTION NO. 200**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
CONCURRING IN NOMINATION TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES  
JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY (ACWA/JPIA)**

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**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-201**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
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To help with the discussion and provide more information for Item 5.2, the presentation on Item 6.2 was given first but a vote on Item 6.2 was not taken, the Board voted on this item after Item 6.1.

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Orzechowski and carried, the Board approved Resolution No. SCV-198 adopting the Final Supplemental Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program under the California Environmental Quality Act for the Vista Canyon Recycled Water (Phase 2B) project by the following roll call votes (Item 5.2):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Yes
Director Braunstein	Yes	Director Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Ford	Yes



Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Mortensen	Yes
Director Orzechowski	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-198**

**RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPTING THE SUPPLEMENTAL MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FOR THE RECYCLED WATER VISTA CANYON EXTENSION (PHASE 2B) PROJECT**

**<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-030221-Resolution-SCV-198.pdf>**

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Upon motion of Vice President Gladbach, seconded by Director Ford and carried, the Board authorized the General Manager to implement the Purple PREP Pilot for recycled water on-site conversion support by the following roll call votes (Item 6.1):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Yes
Director Braunstein	Yes	Director Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Mortensen	Yes
Director Orzechowski	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

Upon motion of Director Orzechowski, seconded by Director Colley and carried, the Board authorized the General Manager to execute an agreement to purchase property for the Phase 2B Recycled Water tank location for up to \$65,000 and execute an agreement to transfer property to the City of Santa Clarita upon completion of the purchase of the new tank site by the following roll call votes (Item 6.2):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Yes
Director Braunstein	Yes	Director Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Mortensen	Yes
Director Orzechowski	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

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**General Manager's Report on Activities, Projects and Programs (Item 7).**

The General Manager gave an update on the following items:

- Solar Purchase Power Agreements.

- UWI Spring Conference where he was a moderator on a panel discussing the WaterFix Project and gave details on that presentation.
- He thanked staff for their hard work on completing tonight's Item 6.2, Phase 2B recycled water tank location.
- Lastly, he touched back on the earlier public comment on the public's ability to add items to the agenda.

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**Committee Meeting Recap Reports for Informational Purposes Only (Item 8).**

There were no comments on the recap reports.

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**Written Reports for Informational Purposes Only (Item 9).**

Director Armitage thanked the Water Resources Department for their Section Report that covered the SCV Water Green Team. She loves that we have a Green Team, with it being an integrated team, that focuses on sustainability. She was also happy to read about the recharge feasibility studies taking place to access how we can recharge groundwater on the east side. She has heard on numerous occasions from community members, who are concerned about that issue.

There were no other comments on the written reports.

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**President's Report (Item 10).**

President Martin updated the Board on Director Armitage's request that Committee meetings be recorded. He advised the Board that after discussion with the Board officers and staff at Agenda Planning, it was decided that Committee meetings would not be recorded due to future costs of those recordings once we go back to in-person meetings. It was felt that once we started recording these meetings we would need to continue and those costs would be very high.

He then updated the Board on upcoming conferences and Agency related meetings/webinars.

Lastly, he touched on Mr. Petzold's comments that were given at the beginning of the meeting pertaining to the policy on the public requesting agenda items which was removed from the SCV Water website. He again mentioned that the policy that was on the website was not a Board approved policy and that is why it was taken down. Mr. Petzold's original request for an agenda item to be added to the Board agenda was considered as if the policy were in effect because of the confusion and as a courtesy. This was a one-time consideration, due to the fact, it is again not a Board Policy. Further he mentioned that the Board could consider such a policy in the future in its discretion. He reiterated that the Board Agenda is set by the Board and is under their purview. However, the public can contact any Director should they want to ask for something to be put on a future agenda. He does not see the Board moving forward with this item at this time.

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**AB 1234 Written and Verbal Reports (Item 11).**

Written reports were submitted by Vice President Gladbach and Directors Braunstein and Orzechowski and were included in the Board packet. Additional written reports were submitted by President Martin and Directors Armitage and Plambeck which were posted on the SCV Water website, OnBoard and are part of the record.

Vice President Gladbach reported that he attended the ACWA DC 2021 Virtual Conference on February 24, 2021. He also took a moment to thank the Agency for sponsoring the event.

Director Armitage reported that she attended the AWWA Virtual Summit on Sustainable Water/ PFAS /Waterborne Pathogens held on February 10-11, 2021 and attended the Urban Water Institute Spring 2021 Virtual Conference held on February 17-18, 2021.

Director Atkins reported that he attended the the Urban Water Institute Spring 2021 Virtual Conference held on February 17-18, 2021, the SCWC Water Quality Matters Webinar on February 19, 2021 and the ACWA DC 2021 Virtual Conference on February 24, 2021.

Director Colley reported that he met with the General Manager via teleconference for a one-on-one Director meeting on February 25, 2021.

Director Kelly reported that he attended the ACWA DC 2021 Virtual Conference on February 24, 2021 and the ACWA Business Development Program in February 2021.

There were no further AB 1234 Reports and all meetings were virtual.

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**Director Reports (Item 12).**

Director Orzechowski thanked General Manager Stone and Customer Service Manager Kathleen Willson for their quick response to a recent customer issue that he had brought to their attention.

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**Director Requests for Approval for Event Attendance (Item 13).**

There were no Director requests for event attendance.

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**Request for Future Agenda Items (Item 14).**

Director Armitage requested that the Consumer Confidence Report/Water Quality Report, when released, be presented to the Board as a presentation with the objectives of helping Board members understand three things (1) how to find it online, (2) how customers can get a hard

copy and (3) how to read and understand the Consumer Confidence Report and what the numbers mean.

Director Atkins requested that we have a more in-dept discussion of the Westridge HOA issue that was raised during public comment and he expressed his concern with some of the public comments.

- General Counsel Joe Byrne mentioned this item would be discussed in Closed Session at the next Board meeting.

There were no other requests for future Agenda items.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 PM (Item 15).

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April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

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President of the Board



# BOARD MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 5, 2021

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Courtney Mael, P.E. *CM*  
Chief Engineer

**SUBJECT:** Approve (1) a Resolution for Construction Contract with GSE Construction Company, Inc., (2) a Purchase Order to Kennedy Jenks for Engineering Services During Construction and (3) a Purchase Order to MNS Engineers for Construction Management and Inspection Services for the Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment Improvements Project

## SUMMARY

SCV Water is planning to construct treatment improvements to treat per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) at its Valley Center Well. At the October 20, 2020 Board meeting, the material purchase funding was authorized, and the material acquisition is in progress. The site construction work for the Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment Improvements project was advertised, and bids have been received. Staff is recommending award of a construction contract to GSE Construction Co., Inc. (GSE). Staff is also recommending approval of a Purchase Order (PO) to Kennedy Jenks (KJ) for engineering services during construction and a PO to MNS Engineers (MNS) for construction management and inspection services.

## DISCUSSION

Valley Center Well is located at 26715 Valley Center Drive. The well was constructed between 2009 and 2010. The well produces 1,200 gallons per minute (gpm) of potable water.

The proposed PFAS treatment uses Ion Exchange technology that will capture and remove PFAS to non-detect limits before entering the distribution system. The site construction work was advertised from November 23, 2020 to February 2, 2021. Staff is recommending award of a construction contract to GSE, and POs to KJ and MNS for engineering services during construction and construction management and inspection services, respectively. The construction bid was advertised in accordance with the SCV Water Purchasing Policy, with notices in The Signal on three different dates and on the Agency’s website. On February 2, 2021, the following eight (8) bids were received:

Bidder	Bidder Office Location	Total Bid Price
GSE Construction Co., Inc.	Livermore, CA	\$2,996,800
Bowe Contractors Inc	Lancaster, CA	\$3,098,000
HPS Mechanical, Inc.	Bakersfield, CA	\$3,372,135
PCL Construction, Inc.	Long Beach, CA	\$3,372,150
Pacific Hydrotech Corporation	Perris, CA	\$3,380,523
Integrated Water Services, Inc.	Steamboat Springs, CO	\$3,390,432
Teichert Energy & Utilities Group, Inc.	Long Beach, CA	\$3,648,000

Mehta Mechanical Company Inc.	La Palma, CA	\$6,582,800
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The apparent lowest responsive bid is from GSE for a total of \$2,996,800. The engineer’s estimate for the project is approximately \$3,000,000. GSE is registered with the Department of Industrial Relations and has constructed projects for the Agency in the past.

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) DETERMINATION**

The proposed action today is authorizing the award of a construction contract to GSE Construction Co., Inc., and approval of a Purchase Order to Kennedy Jenks for engineering services during construction and a Purchase Order to MNS Engineers for construction management and inspection services for PFAS treatment at the Valley Center Well project. The whole of the action also includes operation of the project. The term “Project” in CEQA refers to the whole of an action and to the underlying activity being approved, not to each governmental approval. (CEQA Guideline §15378(a), (c)–(d).) This definition ensures that the action reviewed under CEQA is not the approval itself but the development or other activities that will result from the approval.

The project construction is a minor alteration limited to construction within the Agency’s existing facility property. Construction and operation of this project is found to be categorically exempt under the provisions of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines as described below:

- The project, aka the whole of the action, qualifies for an exemption under CEQA guidelines section 15301 Class 1 Minor Alterations to Existing Facilities because it is a minor alteration of an existing public facility and it concerns proposed new mechanical equipment involving negligible or no expansion of use, i.e. no additional extraction of water, beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency’s determination.
- The project, aka the whole of the action, also qualifies for an exemption under CEQA guidelines section 15303 Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures because the project construction is limited to construction within SCV Water’s existing facility property.
- None of the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines would apply to the action. In particular, a biological resources survey was conducted, and no special status species were observed. Based on discharge rate and duration, the well discharge will not create flowing water in the river sufficient to reach the closest unarmored three spine stickleback occupied habitat downstream. This finding is supported by the biological resources assessment prepared for the project.

On March 4, 2021, the Engineering and Operations Committee considered staff’s recommendation to approve (1) a resolution for construction contract with GSE Construction Company, Inc., (2) a purchase order to Kennedy Jenks for engineering services during construction and (3) a purchase order to MNS Engineers for construction management and inspection services for the Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment Improvements Project.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The project is included in SCV Water’s FY 2020/21 Capital Improvement Program Budget for the Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment Improvements project. Currently,

\$376,000 has been expended on this project. The project's total estimated cost, including planning, design, construction management, construction, inspection and miscellaneous costs, is \$5,387,000. GSE Construction Co., Inc.'s bid is \$2,996,800.

The retail debt cap is \$11,047,000 and the estimated PFAS expenses for all of the PFAS projects are approximately \$9.2 million, which will be paid from 2020A bond funds. Any PFAS costs that exceed \$11,047,000 will be billed to each of the retail divisions' pay-go accounts.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Engineering and Operations Committee recommends that the Board of Directors (1) approve the attached resolution for a construction contract with GSE Construction Co., Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$2,996,800, (2) authorize the General Manager to execute a purchase order with Kennedy Jenks for an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for engineering services during construction and (3) authorize the General Manager to execute a purchase order with MNS Engineers for an amount not to exceed \$450,000 for construction management and inspection services for the Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment Improvements Project.

Attachments

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**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
AWARDING A CONTRACT TO GSE CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR THE  
VALLEY CENTER WELL PFAS GROUNDWATER TREATMENT  
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (Agency) determined that Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a threat to the Agency's groundwater resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment Improvements Project is an important component to treat PFAS; and

**WHEREAS**, SCV Water, as a CEQA Responsible Agency, filed a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk's Office and the State Clearinghouse on August 10, 2020 and there are no substantial changes to the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the project, aka the whole of the action, qualifies for an exemption under CEQA guidelines section 15301 Class 1 Minor Alterations to Existing Facilities because it is a minor alteration of an existing public facility and it concerns proposed new mechanical equipment involving negligible or no expansion of use, i.e. no additional extraction of water, beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination; and

**WHEREAS**, the project, aka the whole of the action, also qualifies for an exemption under CEQA guidelines section 15303 Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures because the project construction is limited to construction within SCV Water's existing facility property; and

**WHEREAS**, none of the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines would apply to the action. In particular, a biological resources survey was conducted, and no special status species were observed. Based on discharge rate and duration, the well discharge will not create flowing water in the river sufficient to reach the closest unarmored three spine stickleback occupied habitat downstream. This finding is supported by the biological resources assessment prepared for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, no further CEQA documentation is necessary for the Board to act with regards to the proposed actions; and

**WHEREAS**, all bid proposals submitted to the Agency pursuant to the Agency's specifications (Project No. 200602F) for the construction of the Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment Improvements Project, as amended by Addenda, were publicly opened electronically on the Agency's bid website page on PlanetBids on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 2:00 p.m., in full accordance with the law and the Agency's customary procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors finds, after considering the opinion of staff, that the total bid of GSE Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$2,996,800 is the lowest

responsible bid of eight (8) bids submitted, and that said bid substantially meets the requirements of said construction contract documents as amended by Addenda; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the Agency's best interest that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Agency, authorize its General Manager to accept the \$2,996,800 bid from GSE Construction Co., Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the Agency's best interest that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Agency, authorize its General Manager to authorize a Purchase Order in the amount of \$300,000 to Kennedy Jenks for Engineering Services During Construction; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the Agency's best interest that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Agency, authorize its General Manager to authorize a Purchase Order in the amount of \$450,000 to MNS Engineers for Construction Management and Inspection Services; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Agency's Board of Directors does authorize its General Manager to accept said low bid and does therefore authorize the Agency's General Manager or its Chief Engineer to issue a Notice of Award to GSE Construction Co., Inc., hereby found to be the "lowest responsible bidder" for the Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment Improvements Project for the total sum of \$2,996,800.

**RESOLVED FURTHER** that the Agency's Board of Directors does authorize its General Manager to authorize a Purchase Order in the amount of \$300,000 to Kennedy Jenks for Engineering Services During Construction.

**RESOLVED FURTHER** that the Agency's Board of Directors does authorize its General Manager to authorize a Purchase Order in the amounts of \$450,000 to MNS Engineers for Construction Management and Inspection Services.

**RESOLVED FURTHER** that the Agency's General Manager or its President and Secretary are thereupon authorized, upon receipt of appropriate payment and performance bonds, appropriate certificates of insurance and an executed Contract Agreement from GSE Construction Co., Inc., all of which must be approved by General Counsel, to execute the said Contract Agreement on behalf of the Agency.

**RESOLVED FURTHER** that the Agency's General Manager or Chief Engineer are thereafter authorized to execute and forward to GSE Construction Co., Inc. an appropriate Notice to Proceed.

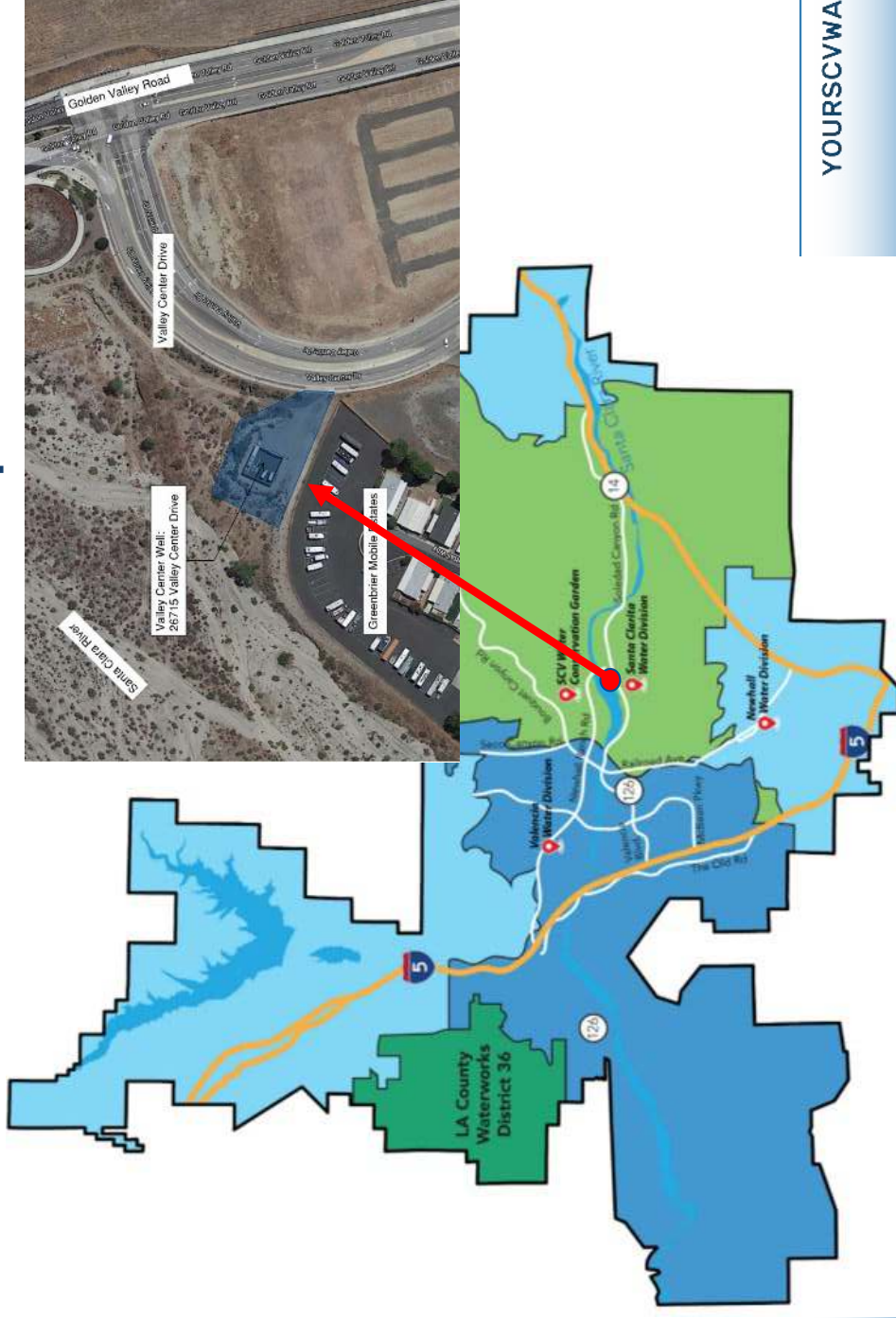


March 16, 2021

# Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment Site Construction Project

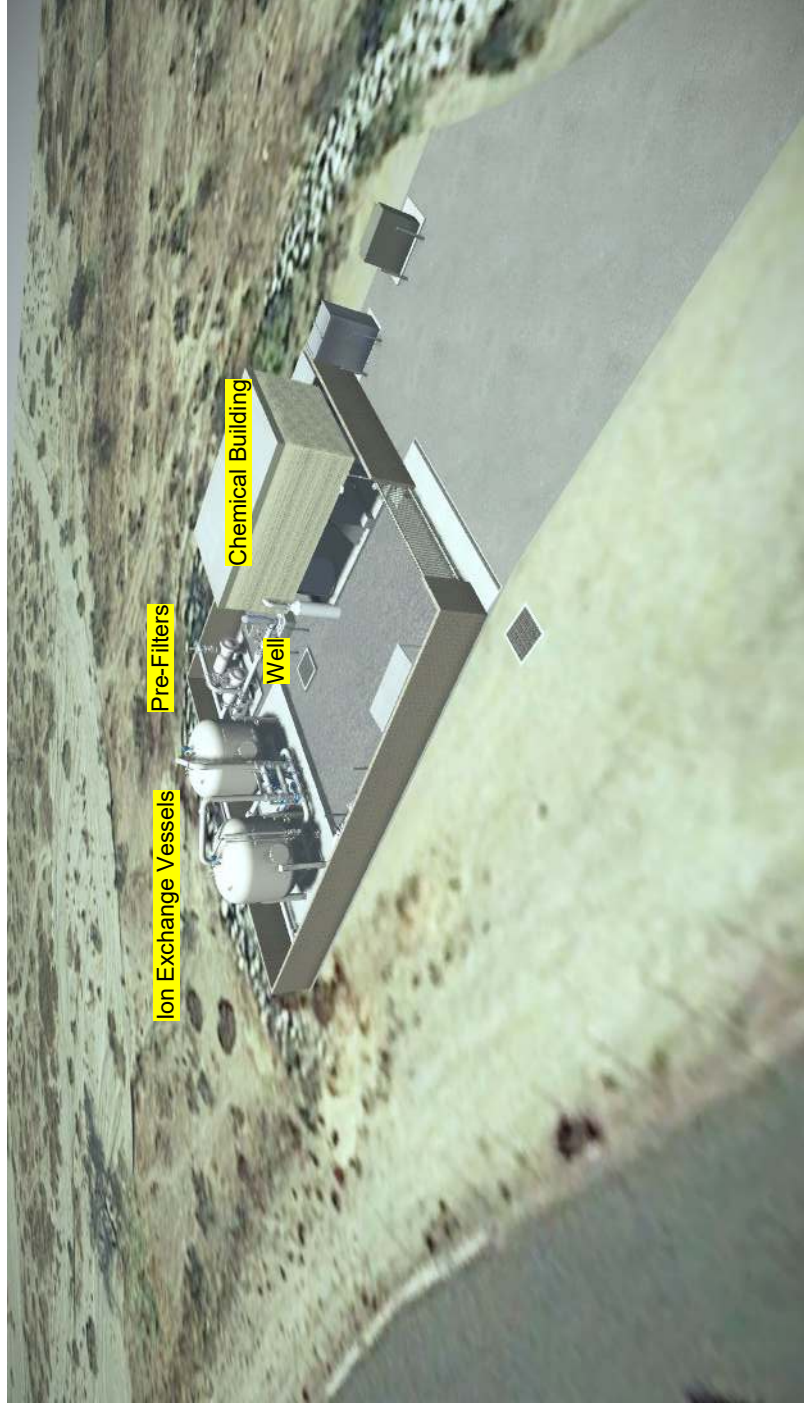
**Board Meeting**

# Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment Project Location Map



# Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment Project

## 3-D Rendering



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# Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment Project

## Site Construction

- Staff advertised project on PlanetBids from November 23, 2020 to February 2, 2021
- Project was advertised in The Signal on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>
- Bids were electronically opened on February 2, 2021

Bidder	Bidder Office Location	Total Bid Price
GSE Construction Co., Inc.	Livermore, CA	\$ 2,996,800
Bowe Contractors, Inc.	Lancaster, CA	\$ 3,098,000
HPS Mechanical, Inc.	Bakersfield, CA	\$ 3,372,135
PCL Construction, Inc.	Long Beach, CA	\$ 3,372,150
Pacific Hydrotech Corporation	Perris, CA	\$ 3,380,523
Integrated Water Services, Inc.	Steamboat Springs, CO	\$ 3,390,432
Teichert Energy & Utilities Group, Inc.	Long Beach, CA	\$ 3,648,000
Mehta Mechanical Company, Inc.	La Palma, CA	\$ 6,582,800

\*Engineer's Estimate \$3,000,000



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# Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment Project

## Site Construction

### Kennedy Jenks Proposal

<b>Engineering Services During Construction:</b>	
Pre-construction and progress meetings	\$26,000
Project Management (monthly progress updates)	\$43,000
Submittals, Site Visits, RFI's, etc.	\$211,000
<u>Project Closeout and Record Drawings</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>
Total	\$300,000

**Total Recommended Time and Materials Not to Exceed Budget: \$300,000**



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# Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment Project

## Site Construction

### MNS Engineers Proposal

#### Construction Management Services:

Construction Management and Inspection Services	\$400,000
<u>Material Testing (optional) and Other Direct Costs</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>
Subtotal	\$450,000

**Total Recommended Time and Materials Not to Exceed Budget: \$450,000**





# Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment Project

## Site Construction

### Project Schedule

- Construction Award Phase:
  - ✓ March 4, 2021: Engineering & Operations Committee
  - ✓ March 16, 2021: Board Meeting
- Construction Phase:
  - ✓ April 2021: Issue a Notice to Proceed
  - ✓ April 2021 - January 2022: Construction (270 calendar days)
- Resin Purchase Phase:
  - ✓ July 2021: Engineering & Operations Committee
  - ✓ August 2021: Board Meeting



# Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment Project

## Site Construction

### Project Recommendation

The Engineering and Operations Committee recommends the Board of Directors:

1. Adopt the resolution awarding a contract to GSE Construction Co., Inc. for the Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment Project for \$2,996,800
2. Authorize the General Manager to execute a purchase order for engineering services during construction with Kennedy Jenks for an amount not to exceed \$300,000
3. Authorize the General Manager to execute a purchase order for construction management and inspection services with MNS Engineers for an amount not to exceed \$450,000



# Questions



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## BOARD MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 8, 2021

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Mike Alvord   
Director of Operations & Maintenance

**SUBJECT:** Approve a Change Order to the Contract for Newhall Tank 2 Interior Recoat and Repair

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### SUMMARY

SCV Water currently consists of 7 separate Public Water System Operating Permits issued by Division of Drinking Water (DDW). There are several interconnections between the various systems. The original intent of these connections was to provide emergency or stand-by water supply to the neighboring utility. Since the formation of SCV Water, the goal has broadened to integrate the separate systems into one distribution system.

The West Newhall Interconnection will be between the Newhall Water Division-Newhall system and the Santa Clarita Division system and the Valencia Water Division system and the SCWD system. The goal is to provide more robust and reliable service to this area.

### DISCUSSION

The original approved contract amount of \$261,000 included interior recoating and some structural repairs to the internal rafters. Simpson Sandblasting & Special Coatings, Inc., has subcontracted the structural repair work to Speiss Construction Co., Inc. Staff also contracted with Cannon Engineering to provide structural design and recommendations. Upon review of the initial dive inspection report and after field visits it was concluded that the rafter repairs would only require additional bracing support.

However, after the tank was taken out of service and drained, it was subjected to a severe windstorm event. After the construction crews remobilized and entered the tank, it was observed that additional rafter damage had occurred. Based on review and documentation from both contractor and structural engineer, it was determined that the additional damage was caused by the high winds. The repeated cycles of wind loads lifting and dropping the roof plates on the joists has caused the joists to move further out of alignment. Therefore, it was concluded that the rafters will now need additional straightening and the additional exposed areas will also require recoating.

Staff has reviewed the proposed additional work with the contractor and structural engineer and finds the proposal acceptable for the additional work that is needed. The change order estimate is \$40,453.68, which equates to approximately 15.5% of the total contract price. This would increase the total project cost to just over \$300,000.

On March 4, 2021, the Engineering and Operations Committee considered staff's recommendation to approve a Change Order to the Contract for Newhall Tank 2 Interior Recoat and Repair.

#### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Funding for the Newhall Tank 2 Interior Recoat & Repair project is provided through the CIP budget and is included in the FY2020-21 Budget in the amount of \$500,000.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Engineering and Operations Committee recommend that the Board of Directors approve the General Manager to execute the change order in the amount of \$40,500 to the original contract amount of \$261,000 for the Newhall Tank 2 Interior Recoat & Repair to Simpson Sandblasting & Special Coatings, Inc.

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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
CONCURRING IN THE NOMINATION OF JO MACKENZIE  
TO THE CSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**WHEREAS**, the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) is holding an election for its Board of Directors for the Southern Network, Seat A for the 2021-23 term; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency is a voting member of CSDA and a voting member of the Southern Network; and

**WHEREAS**, the incumbent, Jo MacKenzie, of the Vista Irrigation District is seeking re-election for this position; and

**WHEREAS**, Jo MacKenzie has been involved with the CSDA Board since 2003 and has served in a wide variety of roles including Board President in 2011, Vice President in 2010, and Treasurer in 2008 and 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency believe that Jo MacKenzie is an effective leader on the CSDA Board.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency does concur in the nomination of Jo MacKenzie to represent the Southern Network, Seat A, on the CSDA Board of Directors; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the District Secretary is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the attention of the Board Secretary of the Vista Irrigation District at 1391 Engineer Street, Vista, CA 92081, or email Lsoto@vidwater.org forthwith.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the following roll call vote of the Board of Directors for the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021.

- AYES:
- NOES:
- ABSTAIN:
- ABSENT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gary Martin, President

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
April Jacobs, Secretary  
Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

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## ***CONCURRING RESOLUTION REQUEST***

### **Re-ELECT JO MacKENZIE TO CSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SEAT A SOUTHERN NETWORK**

Board Member Southern Network,

I would appreciate your board of directors consider approving a Concurring Nomination Resolution on my behalf. Nominations are now in progress for the CSDA Board of Directors, Seat A. There are three directors in each Network with rotating three-year terms. I am running for my seat on the CSDA Board so I can continue serving you. I have attached a Concurring Nomination Resolution Template for your convenience.

It has been a privilege and honor to represent the California Special Districts Southern Network. I have served on the CSDA Board as President, Vice President and Treasurer, as well as on nearly all of the CSDA Committees. During my tenure on the board of directors, I have provided the leadership to grow the association. CSDA's influence and visibility in the Capitol has grown because legislators know the association represents the diverse needs of all special districts. In this leadership role, I will continue to provide the direction, ideas, and participation necessary for CSDA to continue its upward progress. I am presently the President of the CSDA Finance Corp---if your agency is in need of funding for a capital improvement project, the Finance Corp provides competitive financing. I was appointed by the CSDA Board to serve on the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) Board of Directors in 2013 where I continue to serve as its Treasurer since 2014.

Serving on the CSDA Board of Directors requires a commitment of time along with a sincere interest in the issues confronting special districts statewide and nationally. It is also imperative that CSDA Board Members are driven to assure that members receive timely information and assistance in order to be up-to-date on new legislation affecting special districts, and the educational opportunities offered by CSDA. I connect with the Southern Network members so that they know what CSDA, CSDA Finance Corp, and the Special District Leadership Foundation have to offer: educational opportunities and representation at the Capitol; financing to meet district's needs; and scholarship availability to attend CSDA events.

I would truly be honored if your district would approve the concurring resolution. Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Jo MacKenzie, Director  
Vista Irrigation District  
CSDA Past President  
mackgroup@cox.net  
760-743-7969

#### **CSDA EDUCATION CATALOG LINK:**

<https://www.csda.net/viewdocument/2021-professional-development-catal> All webinars are free to CSDA Members this year. The Workshops and Conferences are at the reduced Membership fee. If your district needs financial assistance in order to attend, check out the Scholarships available to ALL districts on a first come basis (funds are limited) at WWW.SDLF.ORG.

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## BOARD MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 5, 2021

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Courtney Mael, P.E. *CM*  
Chief Engineer

**SUBJECT:** Approve (1) a Resolution Awarding a Construction Contract to Pacific Tank and Construction Inc., with a Condition that Project Complies with the Adopted Supplemental Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and to Approve the General Manager's Change Order Authority be Increased to Ten Percent (10%) of the Original Contract Amount, (2) a Work Authorization to Cannon Corporation for Construction Management and Inspection Services, (3) a Work Authorization to Kennedy Jenks for Engineering Construction Support Services and (4) a Work Authorization to Geolabs Westlake Village for Geotechnical Observation and Testing Services for the Vista Canyon (Phase 2B) Recycled Water Tank Project

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### SUMMARY

To commence construction of the Vista Canyon (Phase 2B) Recycled Water Tank project, staff recommends approval of:

- 1) A resolution awarding a construction contract to Pacific Tank and Construction Inc., in the amount of \$3,906,870 with a condition that the project complies with the adopted supplemental Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and to approve the General Manager's change order authority be increased to ten percent (10%) of the original contract amount, as provided for in SCV Water Purchasing Policy.
- 2) A work authorization to Cannon Corporation for construction management, inspection services, and material testing, in the amount of \$496,015.
- 3) A work authorization to Kennedy Jenks for engineering construction support services, in the amount of \$126,000.
- 4) A work authorization to Geolabs Westlake Village for geotechnical observation and testing services, in the amount of \$106,000.

### DISCUSSION

The Phase 2B project will provide recycled water to the east side of SCV Water's service area by using surplus recycled water that will be available from the new water reclamation plant (termed The Water Factory) that was recently constructed as part of the Vista Canyon development. The proposed Phase 2B recycled water system comprises a network of recycled water distribution pipelines that extend from the Water Factory to irrigation water users within the Vista Canyon and Fair Oaks Ranch communities; and recycled water tanks

that are necessary for operational storage. The distribution pipelines are currently in construction under a separate contract and are not a part of this approval action.

The Phase 2B recycled water tank project consists of constructing two 500,000-gallon recycled water welded-steel tanks on a re-graded pad site next to the Cherry Willow potable water tank site, including onsite piping, utilities, site improvements, and appurtenances. The project will also include a 15-foot-high berm to minimize visual impacts to the residents along Cherry Willow Drive below, and the extension of the recycled water distribution pipeline along the existing tank access road.

SCV Water advertised the recycled water tank project for public construction bidding on January 8, 2021 in accordance with SCV Water Purchasing Policy. Five (5) bids were received electronically on February 10, 2021 and are shown below.

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Total Bid Price</b>
Pacific Tank & Construction, Inc.	\$ 3,906,870.00
Metro Builders & Engineering Group, Ltd.	\$ 4,298,338.00
Bowe Contractors, Inc.	\$ 4,806,616.50
Paso Robles Tank, Inc.	\$ 4,985,616.00
Myers & Sons, Inc.	\$ 5,151,000.00

Upon review of the bids for completeness and compliance with the bid and contract requirements, staff recommends award of the construction contract to Pacific Tank & Construction, Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder, for a total of \$3,906,870.00. The engineer's estimate for the project is \$3,960,000. Pacific Tank & Construction, Inc. is licensed as a Class A General Engineering and C33 Contractor in California and is registered with the Department of Industrial Relations.

A bid protest was received from the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest bidder, Metro Builders & Engineering Group, Ltd., claiming that Pacific Tank and Construction, Inc., the lowest bidder, neglected to submit a notary acknowledgement with the Bid Bond and Non-Collusion Affidavit that are required to be executed by all bidding contractors. As recommended by legal counsel, SCV Water denied the bid protest based on the following: Staff confirmed that an executed bid bond and notary acknowledgement was in fact received by our office prior to the bid opening date, and a notary acknowledgement for the non-collusion affidavit is not required by Public Contract Code 7106. A copy of the bid protest rejection letter is attached. Furthermore, Metro Builders & Engineering Group's own bid is not responsive and not eligible for award of the contract.

SCV Water Issued a Request for Proposal to seven (7) on-call engineering consultants to provide construction management, inspection, and material testing services. Proposals were received from three (3) engineering firms. An internal consultant selection committee reviewed and scored the proposals based on project approach, qualifications, schedule, and team members. Staff recommends that Cannon Corporation, with the highest score, be awarded a work authorization to provide construction management, inspection, and material testing services in the amount of \$496,015.

Staff received a proposal from Kennedy Jenks, the engineer of record and design consultant, to provide engineering construction support services in the amount of \$126,000. The scope of services will include submittal review, attending construction meetings, site visits, assistance in responding to requests for information and/or change orders, and preparing record drawings.

Staff received a proposal from Geolabs Westlake Village, the geotechnical engineer of record, to provide geotechnical observation and testing services during construction of the tanks for up to \$106,000. The scope of services will include daily observation during grading activities, testing and reporting of excavations, grading, and compaction of the tank pad and surrounding slopes.

The Agency's Purchasing Policy allows the General Manager to approve change orders up to four percent (4%) of the original contract amount, however, the Board may authorize a different change order authority on a project specific basis. Since this project must meet a December 31, 2021 deadline to qualify for grant funding, there will be limited time for change order processing and approvals. Accordingly, staff recommends that the General Manager's change order authority be increased to ten percent (10%) of the original contract amount for this Phase 2B tank project. Staff will brief the Engineering and Operations Committee and Board of all final approved change orders in accordance with SCV Water Purchasing Policy.

### **CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) DETERMINATION**

The Castaic Lake Water Agency's Board of Directors adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) for the Phase 2B project, including the proposed pipelines, by Resolution 3211 on November 20, 2017. CLWA filed the Notice of Determination with the Los Angeles County Clerk's Office and the State Clearinghouse on February 9, 2018.

On February 4, 2021, The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Engineering and Operations Committee reviewed staff's recommendation to adopt the project's supplemental Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and recommended that a resolution to adopt the Supplemental MND and MMRP be placed on the March 2, 2021 agenda for consideration by the SCV Water Board of Directors.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Funding for the Phase 2B project is included in the Agency's FY2020/21 Capital Improvement Project Budget. The CIP budget includes \$6,912,000 for the Phase 2B recycled water tanks and backbone portion of the recycled water pipeline. The total tank and backbone pipeline project cost is estimated to be \$6,584,557, including a 10% contingency allotment for potential change orders. The project is expected to receive \$2,710,300 in grant funds from the Department of Water Resources.

On March 4, 2021, the Engineering and Operations Committee considered staff's recommendation to approve (1) a resolution awarding a construction contract to Pacific Tank and Construction Inc., with a condition that project complies with the adopted supplemental Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and to approve the General Manager's change order authority be increased to ten percent (10%) of the original contract amount, (2) a work authorization to Cannon Corporation for construction management and inspection services, (3) a work authorization to Kennedy Jenks for engineering construction support services and (4) a work authorization to Geolabs Westlake Village for geotechnical observation and testing services.

## RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering and Operations Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve (1) the attached resolution awarding a construction contract to Pacific Tank and Construction Inc., in the amount of \$3,906,870, with a condition that project complies with the adopted supplemental Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and to approve the General Manager's change order authority be increased to ten percent (10%) of the original contract amount, (2) a work authorization to Cannon Corporation for construction management, inspection services, and material testing, in the amount of \$496,015, (3) a work authorization to Kennedy Jenks for engineering construction support services, in the amount of \$126,000 and (4) a work authorization to Geolabs Westlake Village for geotechnical observation and testing services, in the amount of \$106,000.

Attachments

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Engineering Services Section

26521 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350-3049

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February 18, 2021

Mr. Fouad Houalla  
President  
Metro Builders & Engineers Group, Ltd.  
2610 Avon Street  
Newport Beach, CA 92633

**Subject: Response to Bid Protest of February 15, 2021**  
Phase 2B Recycled Water Tanks at Cherry Willow Drive

Dear Mr. Houalla,

SCV Water received your bid protest letter, dated February 15, 2021, and hereby deny your bid protest request for the following reasons:

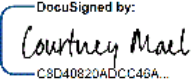
1. In accordance with the subject project contract documents, a bid bond with a notary acknowledgement was received in our office from Pacific Tank and Construction, Inc. and opened in our office at 2:00 pm on February 10, 2021. A Copy is enclosed for reference.
2. Any failure to submit a notary acknowledgment with the non-collusion affidavit is an immaterial and inconsequential defect that the Agency may waive in its discretion. Under well-settled law, "the absence of only one signature in an otherwise complete bid should be waivable by the public entity." (*Menefee v. County of Fresno* (1985) 163 Cal.App.3d 1175, 1179.) The *Menefee* case contains a substantially similar issue to the one raised in your protest: it involved a non-collusion affidavit that was not signed. In the court's words, the argument the bid was invalid "will not fly," and "there is no reason why the requirement cannot be waived." (See p. 1181.) Here, the only issue is lack of a notary signature on the affidavit, which is a requirement of the bid documents but is not otherwise required by law and can be waived. The affidavit meets all of the requirements of Public Contract Code section 7106.

Phase 2B Recycled Water Tanks at Cherry Willow Drive  
Response to Bid Protest  
February 18, 2021  
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Additionally, Metro Builders has no standing to protest the low bid because Metro's own bid is not responsive and not eligible for award of the contract. The Instruction to Bidders states that "Bidders should be aware that the AGENCY has established the following responsiveness criteria and shall be required to complete the related bid form demonstrating that they can meet the following criteria: The Contractor shall have completed at least two (2) similar projects between January 1, 2014 and December 1, 2020." Metro Builder's bid form does not show that Metro has completed two similar projects constructing large welded steel reservoir/tank projects.

Furthermore, the bid specifications issued as Addendum No. 5, require that the coating contractor shall have a C-33 license, and Metro's bid does not indicate that Metro or any of its listed subcontractors has this license. Therefore, Metro builders & Engineering Group, Ltd., failed to submit a responsive bid and would not have grounds to pursue its protest.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:  2/18/2021  
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Courtney Mael, P.E.  
Chief Engineer  
Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency



BID BOND

[Note: Not required when other form of Bidder's Security, e.g. certified check or cashier's check, accompanies bid.]

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT WHEREAS, Pacific Tank & Construction, Inc. (hereinafter called the "Principal") has submitted its Bid dated February 10th, 2021, for construction of the **RECYCLED WATER TANKS AT CHERRY WILLOW DRIVE (PHASE 2B)** to the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, California 91350 (hereinafter called "Obligee"), the Bid, by reference thereto; being hereby made a part hereof.

NOW THEREFORE, we Principal, Pacific Tank & Construction, Inc. and The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire having its principal place of business at 175 Berkeley Street, Boston 02116 in the State of Massachusetts and admitted to conduct surety business in the State of California, (hereinafter called the "Surety"), are held and firmly bound unto the Obligee, on order, in the sum of \$ Ten Percent of the Total Amount Bid Dollars, (\$ 10%) [being at least ten percent (10%) of the total amount of Principal's bid price] lawful money of the United States, for the payment of which we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

THE CONDITIONS OF THIS OBLIGATION ARE SUCH THAT:

If Principal's Bid is rejected or, in the alternate, if the Bid is accepted and the Principal signs and delivers a Contract and furnishes evidence of insurance and Performance Bond and Payment Bond, all in the Form and within the time requested by the Contract Documents, then this obligation shall become null and void, otherwise the same shall remain in full force and effect and upon default of the Principal shall be forfeited to the Obligee, it being expressly understood and agreed that the liability of the Surety for any and all default of the Principal shall be the amount of this obligation as herein stated, as liquidated damages.

The Surety, for value received, hereby agrees that the obligations of Surety and its bond shall not be impaired or affected by any extension of the time within which the Obligee may accept the bond, and the Surety hereby waives notice of any such extension.

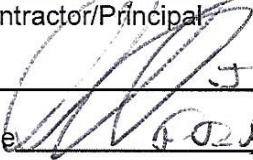
In the event suit is brought upon this bond by the Obligee and judgment is recovered, the Surety shall pay, in addition to the sum set forth above, all costs incurred by the Obligee in such suit, including reasonable attorney's fees and expert witness fees, to be fixed by the court, in addition to the penal sum of the Bond.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above-bound parties have executed this instrument under their several seals this 5th day of February, 2021, the name and corporate seal of each corporation.

(Corporate Seal)

Pacific Tank & Construction, Inc.

Contractor/Principal

By  JAMES JEFFERY

Title VP OPERATIONS

(Corporate Seal)

The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company

Surety

By  David B. Sandiford  
Attorney-in-Fact

(Attach Attorney-in-Fact Certificate)

Title David B. Sandiford - Attorney-in-Fact

**Note: Signature of person executing for Surety must be notarized and evidence of corporate authority attached. An original Power-of-Attorney authorizing the person signing on behalf of the Surety to do so must be attached hereto.**

The rate of premium on this bond is -0- per thousand. The total amount of premium charges, \$ -0-. (There is no premium charge for bid bonds)  
(The above must be filled in by corporate attorney.)

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS MANDATORY

Any claims under this bond may be addressed to:

(Name and Address of Surety)

Liberty Mutual Surety - The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company

P.O. Box 34526 - Attn: LMS Claims

Seattle, WA 98124

(Name and Address of Agent or Representative for service of process in California, if different from above)

CSC

2710 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 150N

Sacramento, CA 95833

(Telephone number of Surety and Agent or Representative for service of process in California)

Surety - 610-832-8240 - Agent for Service - 916-641-5100

# CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California }

County of Orange }

On February 5th, 2021 before me, Rosemarie Geiger  
(Here insert name and title of officer)

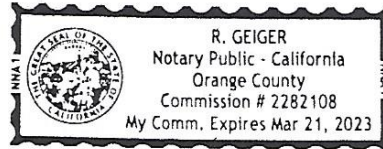
personally appeared David B. Sandiford,  
who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose  
name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that  
he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by  
his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of  
which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that  
the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

R. Geiger  
Notary Public Signature

(Notary Public Seal)



### ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL INFORMATION

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT

(Title or description of attached document)

(Title or description of attached document continued)

Number of Pages \_\_\_\_\_ Document Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### CAPACITY CLAIMED BY THE SIGNER

- Individual (s)
- Corporate Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

- Partner(s)
- Attorney-in-Fact
- Trustee(s)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM

*This form complies with current California statutes regarding notary wording and, if needed, should be completed and attached to the document. Acknowledgments from other states may be completed for documents being sent to that state so long as the wording does not require the California notary to violate California notary law.*

- State and County information must be the State and County where the document signer(s) personally appeared before the notary public for acknowledgment.
- Date of notarization must be the date that the signer(s) personally appeared which must also be the same date the acknowledgment is completed.
- The notary public must print his or her name as it appears within his or her commission followed by a comma and then your title (notary public).
- Print the name(s) of document signer(s) who personally appear at the time of notarization.
- Indicate the correct singular or plural forms by crossing off incorrect forms (i.e. he/she/they, is /are) or circling the correct forms. Failure to correctly indicate this information may lead to rejection of document recording.
- The notary seal impression must be clear and photographically reproducible. Impression must not cover text or lines. If seal impression smudges, re-seal if a sufficient area permits, otherwise complete a different acknowledgment form.
- Signature of the notary public must match the signature on file with the office of the county clerk.
  - ❖ Additional information is not required but could help to ensure this acknowledgment is not misused or attached to a different document.
  - ❖ Indicate title or type of attached document, number of pages and date.
  - ❖ Indicate the capacity claimed by the signer. If the claimed capacity is a corporate officer, indicate the title (i.e. CEO, CFO, Secretary).
- Securely attach this document to the signed document with a staple.



This Power of Attorney limits the acts of those named herein, and they have no authority to bind the Company except in the manner and to the extent herein stated.

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company
West American Insurance Company

Certificate No: 8197924-971922

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOWN ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: That The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire, that Liberty Mutual Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, and West American Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana (herein collectively called the "Companies"), pursuant to and by authority herein set forth, does hereby name, constitute and appoint, \*\*\*\*\*

\*David B. Sandiford\*\*\*\*\*

all of the city of Arcadia state of CA each individually if there be more than one named, its true and lawful attorney-in-fact to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver, for and on its behalf as surety and as its act and deed, any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations, in pursuance of these presents and shall be as binding upon the Companies as if they have been duly signed by the president and attested by the secretary of the Companies in their own proper persons.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Power of Attorney has been subscribed by an authorized officer or official of the Companies and the corporate seals of the Companies have been affixed thereto this 8th day of November, 2018.



Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company
West American Insurance Company

By: David M. Carey, Assistant Secretary

State of PENNSYLVANIA ss
County of MONTGOMERY

On this 8th day of November, 2018 before me personally appeared David M. Carey, who acknowledged himself to be the Assistant Secretary of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, The Ohio Casualty Company, and West American Insurance Company, and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, execute the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of the corporations by himself as a duly authorized officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my notarial seal at King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, on the day and year first above written.



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Notarial Seal
Teresa Pastella, Notary Public
Upper Merion Twp., Montgomery County
My Commission Expires March 28, 2021
Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

By: Teresa Pastella, Notary Public

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-laws and Authorizations of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, and West American Insurance Company which resolutions are now in full force and effect reading as follows:

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS: Section 12. Power of Attorney.

Any officer or other official of the Corporation authorized for that purpose in writing by the Chairman or the President, and subject to such limitation as the Chairman or the President may prescribe, shall appoint such attorneys-in-fact, as may be necessary to act in behalf of the Corporation to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective powers of attorney, shall have full power to bind the Corporation by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach thereto the seal of the Corporation. When so executed, such instruments shall be as binding as if signed by the President and attested to by the Secretary. Any power or authority granted to any representative or attorney-in-fact under the provisions of this article may be revoked at any time by the Board, the Chairman, the President or by the officer or officers granting such power or authority.

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Certificate of Designation - The President of the Company, acting pursuant to the Bylaws of the Company, authorizes David M. Carey, Assistant Secretary to appoint such attorneys-in-fact as may be necessary to act on behalf of the Company to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations.

Authorization - By unanimous consent of the Company's Board of Directors, the Company consents that facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature of any assistant secretary of the Company, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power of attorney issued by the Company in connection with surety bonds, shall be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

I, Renee C. Llewellyn, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary, The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, and West American Insurance Company do hereby certify that the original power of attorney of which the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, is in full force and effect and has not been revoked.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seals of said Companies this 5th day of February, 2021.



By: Renee C. Llewellyn, Assistant Secretary

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To confirm the validity of this Power of Attorney call 1-610-832-8240 between 9:00 am and 4:30 pm EST on any business day.

**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-XXX**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
AWARDING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO  
PACIFIC TANK AND CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE  
PHASE 2B RECYCLED WATER TANKS AT CHERRY WILLOW DRIVE PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (Agency) determined that recycled water is an important component of future water supplies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Phase 2B Recycled Water Tanks at Cherry Willow Drive project is a component of the Recycled Water Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Phase 2B Recycled Water Tanks at Cherry Willow Drive project is a collaborative project between the Regional Division (Regional) and the Santa Clarita Water Division (SCWD); and

**WHEREAS**, on November 20, 2017, the Castaic Lake Water Agency's Board of Directors adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) for the Vista Canyon Recycled Water (Phase 2B) project by Resolution 3211; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 2, 2021, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors adopted the Supplemental Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) for the Vista Canyon Recycled Water (Phase 2B) project by Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, all bid proposals submitted to the Agency pursuant to the Agency's Contract Documents (Project No. S16-702) for the construction of the Phase 2B Recycled Water Tanks at Cherry Willow Drive project, as amended by Addenda, were received electronically and reviewed by Agency staff on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 2:00 p.m., in full accordance with the law and the Agency's customary procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors finds, after considering the opinion of staff, that the total bid of Pacific Tank and Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$3,906,870 is the lowest responsible bid of five bids submitted, and that said bid substantially meets the requirements of said construction contract documents as amended by Addenda; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the Agency's best interest that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Agency, authorize its General Manager to accept the \$3,906,870 bid; and

**WHEREAS**, SCV Water's current Purchasing Policy allows the General Manager to approve change orders up to four percent (4%) of the original contract amount; and it is in the Agency's best interest to hereby authorize the General Manager's change order authority to be increased to ten percent (10%) of the original contract amount for the Phase 2B Recycled Water Tanks at Cherry Willow Drive project, as provided for in SCV Water's Purchasing Policy on a project-specific basis.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Agency's Board of Directors does authorize its General Manager to waive all defects and accept said low bid and does therefore authorize the Agency's General Manager or its Chief Engineer to issue a Notice of Award to Pacific Tank and Construction, Inc., hereby found to be the "lowest responsible bidder" for the Phase 2B Recycled Water Tanks at Cherry Willow Drive for the total sum of \$3,906,870.

**RESOLVED FURTHER** that the Agency's General Manager or its President and Secretary are thereupon authorized, upon receipt of appropriate payment and performance bonds, appropriate certificates of insurance and an executed Contract Agreement from Pacific Tank and Construction, Inc., all of which must be approved by General Counsel, to execute the said Contract Agreement on behalf of the Agency.

**RESOLVED FURTHER** that the Agency's General Manager or Chief Engineer are thereafter authorized to execute and forward to Pacific Tank and Construction, Inc. an appropriate Notice to Proceed.

**RESOLVED FURTHER** that the Agency's Board of Directors does hereby approve the General Manager's change order authority be increased to ten percent (10%) of the original contract amount for the Phase 2B Recycled Water Tanks at Cherry Willow Drive project as provided for in the SCV Water Purchasing Policy on a project-specific basis.



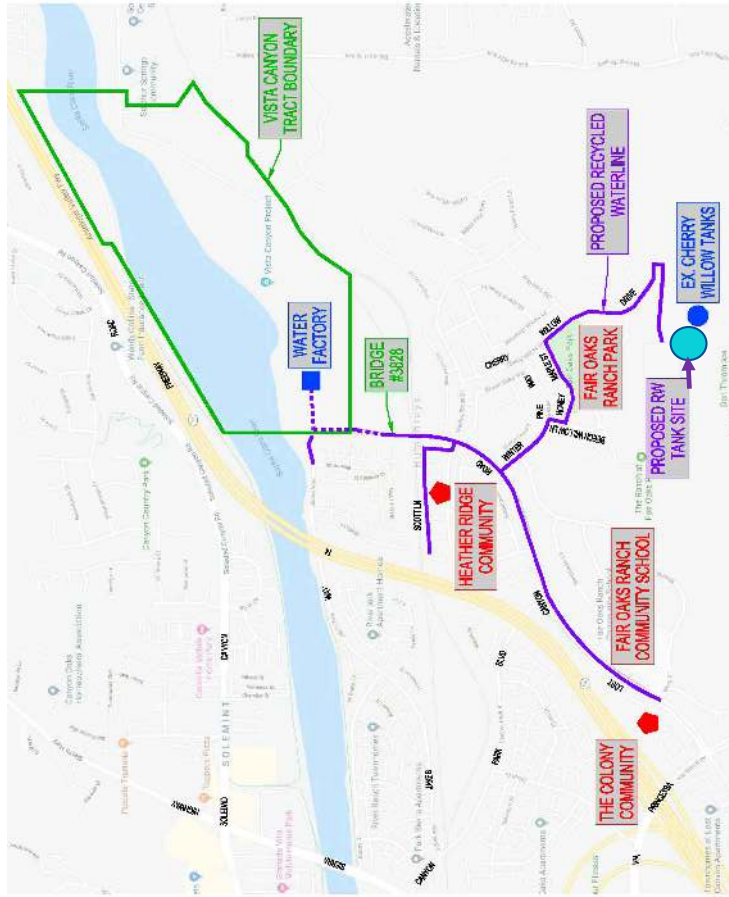
March 16, 2021

# Vista Canyon Recycled Water (Phase 2B) Tank

Board Meeting

# Overview of the Vista Canyon (Phase 2B) Recycled Water Project

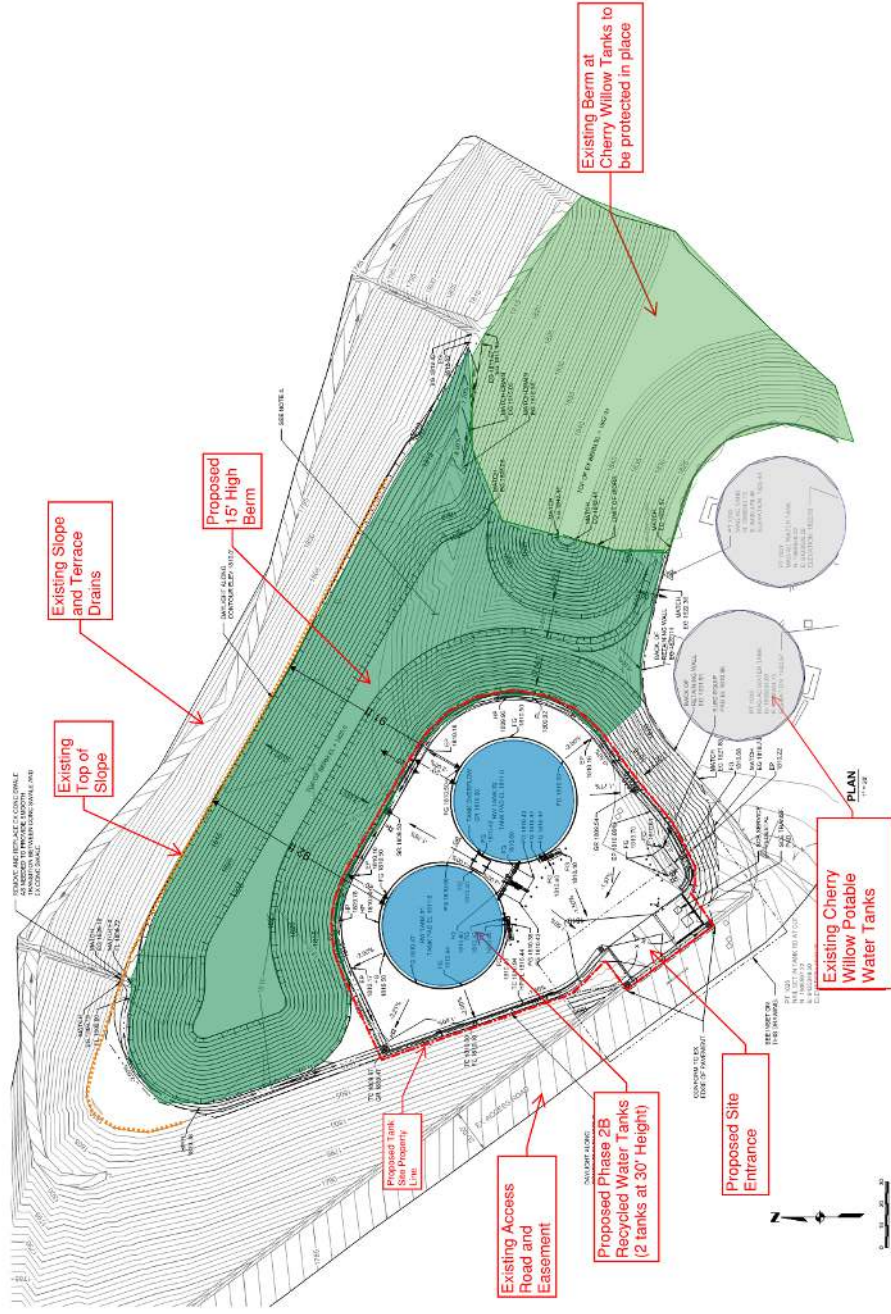
- Vista Canyon Water Factory will supply recycled water to irrigation customers in the Fair Oaks and Vista Canyon Communities
- Recycled Water Pipelines are currently in construction under separate contract
- Tanks provide recycled water storage to be used for peak demands and to maintain system pressure to irrigation customers.





# Proposed Ph2B Recycled Water Tanks

- Two 0.5 MG Recycled Water tanks
- 15' earth berm along north side
- Recycled water pipeline extension along access road



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# Recycled Water (Phase 2B) Tank Project Bid Opening

- Staff advertised project on PlanetBids from January 8, 2021 to February 10, 2021
- Bids were electronically opened on February 10, 2021

Bidder	Total Bid Price
Pacific Tank & Construction, Inc.	\$3,906,870
Metro Builders & Engineering Group, Ltd	\$4,298,338
Bowe Contractors, Inc.	\$4,806,616
Paso Robles Tank, Inc	\$4,985,616
Myers & Sons, Inc.	\$5,151,000

\*Engineer's Estimate: \$3,960,000



# Recycled Water (Phase 2B) Tank Project Construction Management & Engineering Services Proposals

Not to Exceed Amount  
• Construction Management, Inspection and Material Testing:  
*Cannon Corporation*      \$496,015

• Geotechnical Observation and Testing:  
*Geolabs Westlake Village (GE of Record)*      \$106,000

Engineering Construction Support Services:  
*Kennedy Jenks (Engineer of Record)*      \$126,000



## Recycled Water (Phase 2B) Tank Project Schedule

- Supplemental MND Timeline
  - Board of Directors Considers Adoption - March 2, 2021
- Prop 84 Grant Timeline
  - Tank Construction must be operational by **December 31, 2021** to receive the full grant reimbursement of \$2,706,600
- Construction Award Timeline
  - Engineering & Operations Committee Approval - March 4, 2021
  - Board of Director's Approval - March 16, 2021
  - Issue a Notice to Proceed - April 12, 2021
  - Substantial Completion - November 19, 2021



# Recycled Water (Phase 2B) Tank Project Budget

Category	Estimated Costs
Final Engineering Services	\$535,000
RW Backbone Pipeline Construction	\$1,000,000
RW Tank Construction	\$3,906,870
10% Change Order Contingency	\$390,687
Construction Management	\$752,000
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED COST</b>	<b>\$6,584,557</b>

- Tank and Backbone Pipeline CIP Budget: \$6,912,000
- Prop 84 Grant Funds ~ \$2.7 million



# Recycled Water (Phase 2B) Tank Project Project

## Project Recommendation

The Engineering and Operations Committee recommends the Board of Directors approve:

1. A resolution awarding a construction contract to Pacific Tank and Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$3,906,870, with a condition that project complies with the adopted supplemental Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and to approve the General Manager's change order authority be increased to ten percent (10%) of the original contract amount for this project, as provided for in SCV Water Purchasing Policy.
2. A work authorization to Cannon Corporation for construction management, inspection services, and material testing, in the amount of \$496,015.
3. A work authorization to Kennedy Jenks for engineering construction support services, in the amount of \$126,000.
4. A work authorization to Geolabs Westlake Village for geotechnical observation and testing services, in the amount of \$106,000.



# Questions?



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## BOARD MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 5, 2021  
**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Courtney Mael, P.E., Chief Engineer *CM*  
Keith Abercrombie, Chief Operating Officer *KA*  
**SUBJECT:** March 4, 2021 Engineering and Operations Committee Meeting Report

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The Engineering and Operations Committee met at 5:30 PM on Thursday, March 4, 2021 via teleconference. In attendance were Chairman William Cooper, Directors Jeff Ford, Gary Martin, Piotr Orzechowski and Lynne Plambeck. Staff members present were General Manager Matt Stone; Assistant General Manager Steve Cole; Chief Engineer Courtney Mael; Chief Operating Officer Keith Abercrombie; Director of Operations and Maintenance Mike Alvord; Executive Assistant Leticia Quintero; Executive Assistant Elizabeth Gallo; Principal Engineer Jason Yim; Principal Engineer Brent Payne; Civil Engineer Orlando Moreno; Senior Engineer Jim Leserman; Senior Engineer Shadi Bader; Engineering Technician II Jim Moreno and Water Resources Planner Rick Vasilopoulos. Three members of the public were present on the call. A copy of the agenda is attached.

**Item 1: Public Comments** – There was public comment.

**Item 2: Recommend Approval of (1) a Resolution for Construction Contract with GSE Construction Company, Inc., (2) a Purchase Order to Kennedy Jenks for Engineering Services During Construction and (3) a Purchase Order to MNS Engineers for Construction Management and Inspection Services for the Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment Improvements Project** – Recommended actions for this item are included in a separate report being submitted at the March 16, 2021 regular Board meeting.

**Item 3: Recommend Approval of (1) a Resolution Awarding a Construction Contract to Pacific Tank and Construction Inc., with a Condition that Project Complies with the Adopted Supplemental Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and to Approve the General Manager's Change Order Authority be Increased to Ten Percent (10%) of the Original Contract Amount, (2) a Work Authorization to Cannon Corporation for Construction Management and Inspection Services, (3) a Work Authorization to Kennedy Jenks for Engineering Construction Support Services and (4) a Work Authorization to Geolabs Westlake Village for Geotechnical Observation and Testing Services** – Recommended actions for this item are included in a separate report being submitted at the March 16, 2021 regular Board meeting.

**Item 4: Recommend Approval of a Change Order to the Contract for Newhall Tank 2 Interior Recoat and Repair** – Recommended actions for this item are included in a separate report being submitted at the March 16, 2021 regular Board meeting.

**Item 5: Monthly Operations and Production Report** – Staff and the Committee reviewed the Operations and Production Report.

**Item 6: Capital Improvement Projects Construction Status Report** – Staff and the Committee reviewed the Capital Improvement Projects Construction Status Report.

**Item 7: Committee Planning Calendar** – Staff and the Committee reviewed the FY 2020/21 Committee Planning Calendar.

**Item 8: General Report on Treatment, Distribution, Operations and Maintenance Services Section Activities** – Keith Abercrombie shared with the Committee updates on the Agency’s SC2 turnout project, chlorine scrubber installation, PVC replacement project and the upcoming availability of data on the now operational N Wells. Keith also gave the Committee an overview on the daily duties of SCV Water’s Safety and Operations Division.

**Item 9: General Report on Engineering Services Section Activities** – Courtney Mael updated the Committee on the rapidly growing request of engineering projects within the Santa Clarita Valley and the ongoing efforts of numerous staff to collaboratively improve both internal and external processes within the Engineering Services Section for a more streamlined experience.

**Item 10: Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

CM/KA  
Attachment

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**Date:** February 24, 2021

**To:** **Engineering and Operations Committee**  
William Cooper, Chair  
Jeff Ford  
Gary Martin  
Piotr Orzechowski  
Lynne Plambeck

**From:** Courtney Mael, Chief Engineer *CM*  
Keith Abercrombie, Chief Operating Officer *KA*

The **Engineering and Operations Committee** is scheduled to meet via teleconference on **Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 5:30 PM**, dial in information is listed below.

**TELECONFERENCE ONLY  
NO PHYSICAL LOCATION FOR MEETING**

**TELECONFERENCING NOTICE**

Pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020, any Director may call into an Agency Committee meeting using the Agency's **Call-In Number 1-833-568-8864, Access Code 161 033 2123** **or Zoom Webinar by clicking on the link <https://scvwa.zoomgov.com/j/1610332123>** without otherwise complying with the Brown Act's teleconferencing requirements.

Pursuant to the above Executive Order, the public may not attend the meeting in person. Any member of the public may listen to the meeting or make comments to the Committee using the call-in number or Zoom Webinar link above. Please see the notice below if you have a disability and require an accommodation in order to participate in the meeting.

We request that the public submit any comments in writing if practicable, which can be sent to **[egallo@scvwa.org](mailto:egallo@scvwa.org)** or mailed to **Elizabeth Gallo, Executive Assistant**, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, 26521 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. All written comments received before 4:00 PM the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Committee members and posted on the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency website prior to the meeting. Anything received after 4:00 PM the day of the meeting will be posted on the SCV Water website the following day.

## MEETING AGENDA

<u>ITEM</u>		<u>PAGE</u>
1.	Public Comments – Members of the public may comment as to items not on the Agenda at this time. Members of the public wishing to comment on items covered in this Agenda may do so now or at the time each item is considered. (Comments may, at the discretion of the Committee Chair, be limited to three minutes for each speaker.)	
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9.	General Report on Engineering Services Section Activities	
10.	Adjournment	
*	Indicates attachments	
◆	To be distributed	

**NOTICES:**

Any person may make a request for a disability-related modification or accommodation needed for that person to be able to participate in the public meeting by telephoning Elizabeth Gallo, Executive Assistant, at (661) 259-2737, or in writing to Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency at 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. Requests must specify the nature of the disability and the type of accommodation requested. A telephone number or other contact information should be included so that Agency staff may discuss appropriate arrangements. Persons requesting a disability-related accommodation should make the request with adequate time before the meeting for the Agency to provide the requested accommodation.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.5, non-exempt public records that relate to open session agenda items and are distributed to a majority of the Board less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting will be available for public inspection at the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, located at 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350, during regular business hours. When practical, these public records will also be made available on the Agency's Internet Website, accessible at <http://www.yourscvwater.com>.

Posted on February 25, 2021.

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Director AB 1234 Report  
March 16, 2021

Director name: Gary Martin  
Meeting attended: DCA Program Review Workshop  
Date of meeting: March 3, 2021  
Location: Virtual  
SCV Water Board meeting to be presented at: March 16, 2021

On March 3, 2021, I attended a Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) program review workshop. The presentation was made by senior DCA staff and the major agenda items were as follows:

- Project overview
- Intakes
- Tunnels and shafts
- Southern complex / central and eastern corridors
- Bethany reservoir alternative
- Logistics and traffic
- Reusable tunnel material (RTM)
- Flood risk reduction
- Construction schedule
- Q&A

Points of interest / information presented:

- The 3 alignments under consideration (central, eastern, Bethany)
- Key conveyance components (intakes, tunnels & shafts, pumping plants, etc)
- Intake sites relative to capacity options
- Typical intake layout, intake types, intake critical issues
- Key components of a tunnel drive – launch shaft, maintenance shaft, retrieval shaft
- Description and technology of tunnel boring machine
- Tunneling critical issues – reusable tunnel material, drive distance, site access, potential “gassy” conditions, contracting strategies
- Southern complex layout and critical issues
- Key differences east and central alignments
- Bethany reservoir, complex, pumping plant and critical issues discussion
- Traffic studies and support logistics plans
- Reusable tunnel material (RTM) overview and basics
- Risk reduction discussion and strategies
- Construction schedule
- Q&A

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**From:** [Jerry Gladbach](#)  
**To:** [April Jacobs](#)  
**Subject:** AB 1234 Report  
**Date:** Friday, March 5, 2021 1:26:37 PM

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#### DIRECTOR AB 1234 REPORT

Director Name: Jerry Gladbach  
Meeting Attended: NWRA's Federal Affairs Committee  
Date of Meeting: March 5, 2021  
Date of Meeting to be presented at: March 16, 2021

Points of Interest:

The nominations for the second level of appointees will be occurring soon, including the Commissioner of Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) and the head of the Corps of Engineers.

The nomination of Becerra as Secretary of HHS passed out of Committee with a tie vote, not good.

Brenda Birman, former Commissioner of BoR, will be working in Colorado on Colorado River issues

Shelby Hagenour, former Assistant Commissioner of BoR is now working with the Farm Bureau which is very good for western water.

The western states are well represented on the committees of both the Senate and House that are responsible for water issues.

Earmarks may be coming back, but the total dollar amount that can be earmarked is only 1% of the appropriations bill and each member can nominate 10 projects, which means very little for any one project.

Senator Bennett addressed Colorado's Federal Affairs earlier today and reported that there are rumors that additional earmarks for water and transportation infrastructure may be forthcoming. He reported that a letter is being drafted for all western Democratic Senators to sign asking the Administration to support money for western water projects.

He also reported that there is \$300B in the latest COVIG relief bill for water, sewer and broadband infrastructure and \$500M to pay for water bills that are in arrears from low income customers.

Special Districts can apply to cities and counties to get relief for COVIG financial impacts. Although there are efforts to get special districts paid directly like cities and counties, a large problem is that very few states have special districts, and personnel from the east have never heard of special districts.

There are efforts to get money for forest health to be included in the infrastructure bill, and Senator Bennett is pursuing efforts to have a certain amount included annually.

The Corps is continuing to issue nationwide permits.

President Biden has revoked over 170 regulations many of which were worked on prior to the President Trump Administration began.

Gary Gold, formerly a key congressional staffer is now with the Salt River Project and is a great asset to the water industry.

It was a very informative meeting.

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From: NWRA [nwra@nwra.org](mailto:nwra@nwra.org)  
Subject: NWRA Alert: March 5th Federal Affairs Call 12:30 Eastern  
Date: Mar 3, 2021 at 2:10:39 PM  
To: [ejglad@aol.com](mailto:ejglad@aol.com)



March 3, 2021

**To:** NWRA Federal Affairs Committee

**From:** NWRA Fed Affairs Team

**Re:** March 5th Federal Affairs Call  
12:30 Eastern, 11:30 Central, 10:30 Mountain, 9:30 Pacific

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Federal Affairs Committee members,

We look forward to connecting with you on Friday during our March Federal Affairs Committee call. We continue to see a good deal of activity both in Congress and at the Administration level. Please find information to access the call as well as an agenda below.

NWRA March 2021 Federal Affairs Committee Call  
Friday, March 5, 2021  
12:30 Eastern, 11:30 Central, 10:30 Mountain, 9:30 Pacific

Join online:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82108151952?  
pwd=WU9JcVhDTVZOUkEvSm4zcEdFK0dRUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82108151952?pwd=WU9JcVhDTVZOUkEvSm4zcEdFK0dRUT09)

Join by phone:

Call in number: [301-715-8592](tel:301-715-8592)  
Meeting ID: [821-0815-1952](tel:821-0815-1952)  
Passcode: 455135

I. Welcome

II. Administration Updates

- a. Interior
- b. Army Corps
- c. EPA

III. Congress

- a. Infrastructure
  - (i) Coalition Efforts
- b. Special District Status
- c. Water Rights
- d. Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2021
- e. Committees

IV. Task Force Updates

- a. Water Supply
- b. Water Quality
- c. Forest Health
- d. Environment
- e. Litigation Review
- f. Water Power
- g. Army Corps
- h. Groundwater

V. NWRA Events

- a. Canal Safety Panel
- b. Federal Water Issues Conference

VI. Other Business

Please let us know if we can provide any additional information prior to the call.

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