

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-369

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM THE
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD'S EXPEDITED DRINKING WATER
GRANT FUNDING PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF THE NEW MINT ASSOCIATION FOR
CONSOLIDATION OF DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, New Mint Association (NMA) is a California nonprofit mutual benefit corporation formed for the purpose to develop, own, operate, and dispose of systems to sell distribute, supply, and deliver water at cost for its shareholders, which consist of 70 homeowners; and

WHEREAS, NMA is located within the service boundary of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (Agency) and currently receives water from the Agency from an existing 2-inch master meter; and

WHEREAS, NMA is managed by its own homeowner volunteers including billing, payments, operation, maintenance, and repairs of the system; and

WHEREAS, NMA's distribution system consists of small, aging pipes that lack capacity to provide adequate fire service or system pressure for its residents, and is subject to frequent leaks and interruption of service to the NMA community, and is at risk of catastrophic failure; and

WHEREAS, the cost to replace the NMA distribution system is significant, and NMA lacks the financial resources to pay for such replacement absent some form of financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, NMA has been communicating with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) regarding possible grant funding to pay for consolidation with the Agency including the replacement of the distribution system and installation of Agency Water meters to each NMA homeowner; and

WHEREAS, the SWRCB has informed the Agency that it may apply for grant funds from the Expedited Drinking Water Grant (EDWG) Funding Program on behalf of NMA to cover the entire cost of construction to replace and upgrade the distribution system, including installation of facility capacity fees for new meters; and

WHEREAS, the SWRCB has informed the Agency that this would be a "Distribution System Consolidation," which means the Agency will operate and maintain the new, upgraded distribution system and provide direct metered service to each homeowner, and the NMA Corporation would be dissolved and no longer own, operate, or maintain the distribution system; and

WHEREAS, the NMA desires to consolidate with the Agency and has adopted a resolution requesting the Agency prepare, submit, and execute a financial application on NMA's behalf to the SWRCB's EDWG Funding Program for the entire cost to consolidate with the Agency and to construct a new distribution system with 70 new service lines and meters, including facility capacity fees; and

WHEREAS, the SWRCB has informed the Agency that in order to apply for a grant from the SWRCB EDWG Funding Program on behalf of NMA, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors must first adopt a resolution authorizing the Agency to do so and to designate an Authorized Representative; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is applying for grant funding from the SWRCB EDWG Funding Program for a distribution consolidation with NMA, including the cost to construct a new distribution system with 70 new service lines and meters, including facility capacity fees; and

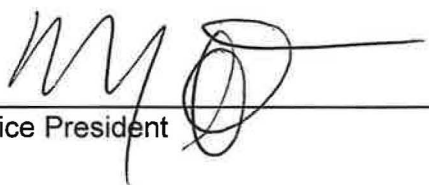
WHEREAS, the project, or the whole of the action qualifies for Categorical Exemption under CEQA guidelines section 15302(c) Class 2 Replacement or Reconstruction of existing utility facilities where the new facilities will be located on the same site as the facilities replaced and will have substantially the same purpose as the facilities replaced, as shown on the attached Notice of Exemption; and

WHEREAS, the project, aka the whole of the action, also qualifies for a Statutory Exemption under CEQA guidelines section 15282(k) as it will install less than one mile of new water distribution piping within the same limits as the existing system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors hereby authorizes the General Manager (the "Authorized Representative"), or designee, to prepare, execute, and file the necessary documents and/or applications for a financing agreement from the State Water Resources Control Board for the planning, design, and construction of the NMA Distribution Consolidation.

The General Manager, or his designee, is designated and further authorized to provide assurances, certifications, and commitments required for the financial assistance application, including executing a financial assistance agreement, subject to Board approval, with the State Water Resources Control Board and any amendments or changes thereto.

The General Manager, or his designee, is designated and further authorized to represent the Agency in carrying out the Agency's responsibilities under the financing agreement, including certifying disbursement requests on behalf of the Agency and compliance with applicable state and federal laws.


Vice President

I, the undersigned, hereby certify: That I am the duly appointed and acting Secretary of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, and that at a regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of said Agency held on July 18, 2023 the foregoing Resolution No. SCV-369 was duly and regularly adopted by said Board, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended since the date of its adoption, and that it is now in full force and effect.

DATED: July 18, 2023


Secretary



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
Los Angeles County
12400 Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650

From: Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency
27234 Bouquet Canyon Road
Santa Clarita, CA 91350

To: County Clerk and Recorder
Ventura County
800 S. Victoria Ave, Location #1260
Ventura, CA 93009

Project Title: Apply for Grant Funds from the State Water Resource Control Board's "Expedited Drinking Water Grant Funding Program" on Behalf of the New Mint Association for Consolidation of Distribution System

Location -- Specific: The project is located off Sierra Highway at Fitch Avenue, Forrest Street and Louis Avenue in Santa Clarita, CA

Location -- Counties: Los Angeles County

Description of Activity:

SCV Water is applying for Grant Funds from the State's "Expedited Drinking Water Grant Funding Program" for Consolidation of the New Mint Association water distribution system. The project will replace an existing potable water distribution system to meet SCV Water standards and consolidate the New Mint Association water system into SCV Water.

Based on the project design and because the construction consists of the replacement of a potable water system that provides water service to existing residences within the existing New Mint Association to meet current SCV Water standards, and because the project is located within the same site as the existing system, this project will be categorically exempt under the provisions of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines as described herein. A new NOE will be prepared when construction is approved by the SCV Water Board of Directors.

Name of Public Agencies Approving or Carrying Out Activity: Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (Lead Agency).

Exempt Status: (Choose Exemption Type)

- Ministerial
- Declared Emergency
- Emergency Project
- Categorical Exemption.** See CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 (c)
- Statutory Exemption.** See CEQA Guidelines Section 15282 (k)

Reasons why activity is exempt:

The project, aka the whole of the action, qualifies for a Categorical exemption under CEQA guidelines section 15302 (c) Class 2 Replacement or Reconstruction of existing utility facilities where the new facilities will be located on the same site as the facilities replaced and will have substantially the same purpose as the facilities replaced.

The project, aka the whole of the action, qualifies for a Statutory Exemption under CEQA guidelines section 15282 (k) as it will install less than one mile of new public water distribution piping within the same limits as the existing system.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Brent Payne **Telephone:** (661) 964-3991

Signature: _____ **Title:** _____ **Date:** _____

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing by County Clerk:
