

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-372

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPTING THE FINAL MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM AND APPROVAL OF FINAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE S WELLS PFAS TREATMENT AND DISINFECTION FACILITY PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (Agency) proposes to construct a new PFAS treatment and disinfection facility to restore the use of the S6, S7 and S8 Wells permitted to produce up to a total of 6,000 gallons per minute of potable water; and

WHEREAS, the new S Wells treatment and disinfection facility will reduce our dependency on costly imported waters; and

WHEREAS, a future groundwater Well S9 is to be constructed at the new facility as a separate project; and

WHEREAS, the project site will construct up to eight ion-exchange vessels, control panels, a pre-filter station, a one-story chloramine disinfection building, offsite and on-site yard piping, appurtenances, provisions for a future Well S9, public street improvements, landscaping, decorative wall and architectural paneling and pump and electrical upgrades at existing S6, S7 and S8 Well facilities; and

WHEREAS, the planning services have been successfully completed by Michael Baker International and MIG, Inc. Consultants; 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 not to exceed \$1,425,505 to Hazen and Sawyer Consultants for final design services; and

WHEREAS, an Initial Study for the Project has been completed pursuant to CEQA which identifies potentially significant effects on the environment which would result from the Project, and concludes that these impacts can be avoided or reduced to a level of insignificance with adoption and implementation of certain mitigation measures therein identified and listed; and

WHEREAS, Based on the Initial Study, a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan was prepared in accordance with CEQA, which finds that any potentially significant environmental effects of the proposed project would be sufficiently mitigated to a level of insignificance with implementation of mitigation measures specified therein; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines Section 15072(b), on November 18, 2022, The Agency mailed a Notice of Intent to Adopt the Draft MND to all responsible and reviewing agencies, the Office of Planning and Research, and members of the public that have requested notice; the Agency also published the Notice of Intent to Adopt the Draft MND in the *Santa Clarita Valley Signal*, a newspaper of general circulation; and

WHEREAS, as required by State CEQA Guidelines section 15072(d), the Notice of Intent to Adopt the Draft MND was concurrently posted by the Clerk of the Board of Directors for the County of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines section 15073, the Draft MND was circulated for at least 32 days, from November 18, 2022 to December 19, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Agency received three written comments from the reviewing agencies during the comment review period and responses have been prepared and included in the Final MND; and

WHEREAS, a notice of public meeting relating to the MND was duly given and posted in the manner and for the time frame prescribed by law, and the Engineering and Operations Committee held a public on-line meeting on May 4, 2023 at 5:30 P.M., as part of its decision process concerning the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Engineering and Operations Committee recommended that the SCV Water Board of Directors approve a resolution adopting the Final MND and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program ("MMRP"); and

WHEREAS, a notice of public meeting relating to the MND was duly given and posted in the manner and for the time frame prescribed by law, and the SCV Water Board of Directors held a public on-line meeting on the Project on June 6, 2023, at 6:30 P.M., as part of its decision process concerning the Project, at which time all persons wishing to comment in connection the MND were heard; and

WHEREAS, no comments made during the public review period, and no additional information submitted to the Agency have produced substantial new information requiring recirculation of the MND or additional environmental review of the Project under State CEQA Guidelines section 15073.5; and

WHEREAS, all the requirements of the Public Resources Code and the State CEQA Guidelines have been satisfied in connection with the preparation of the MND, which is sufficiently detailed so that all of the potentially significant environmental effects of the Project, as well as feasible mitigation measures, have been adequately evaluated; and

WHEREAS, the SCV Water Board of Directors reviewed the MND and MMRP; and

WHEREAS, the SCV Water Board of Directors, acting as a Lead Agency, will need to adopt the IS/MND; and

WHEREAS, the SCV Water Board of Directors has determined that the proposed Project can be approved because there is no substantial evidence in light of the whole record that the Project may have a significant effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Agency and its Board of Directors have considered all of the information presented to it as set forth above and this Resolution and action taken hereby is a result of the Board of Director's independent judgment and analysis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Board of Directors does hereby find and determine as follows:

SECTION 1. RECITALS. The Agency finds that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein as substantive findings of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT. As a decision-making body for the Project, the Agency has reviewed and considered the information contained in the MND, comments received, and other documents contained in the administrative record for the Project. Based on the Agency's independent review and analysis, the Agency finds that the MND and administrative record contain a complete and accurate reporting of the environmental impacts associated with the Project, and that the MND has been completed in compliance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

SECTION 3. FINDINGS ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. Based on the whole record before it, including the MND, the administrative record, and all other written and oral evidence presented to the Agency, the Agency finds that all environmental impacts of the Project are either less than significant or can be mitigated to a level of less than significant under the mitigation measures outlined in the MND and the MMRP. The Agency finds that substantial evidence fully supports the conclusion that no significant and unavoidable impacts will occur and that, alternatively, there is no substantial evidence in the administrative record supporting a fair argument that the Project may result in any significant environmental impacts. The Agency finds that the MND contains a complete, objective, and accurate reporting of the environmental impacts associated with the Project and reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the Agency.

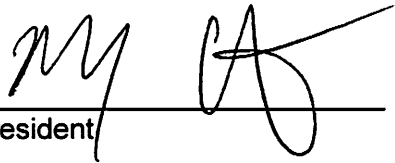
SECTION 4. ADOPTION OF THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION. The Agency hereby approves and adopts the MND as the Lead Agency.

SECTION 5. ADOPTION OF THE MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM. In accordance with Public Resources Code section 21081.6, the Agency hereby adopts the MMRP. In the event of any inconsistencies between the Mitigation Measures as set forth in the MND and the MMRP, the MMRP shall control.

SECTION 6. APPROVAL OF FINAL DESIGN SERVICES. Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Board of Directors does authorize its General Manager to accept said proposal and does therefore authorize the Agency's General Manager to issue a Purchase Order to Hazen and Sawyer Consultants for the Final Design of S Wells PFAS Treatment and Disinfection Facility Project (Project), for an amount not to exceed \$1,425,505.

SECTION 7. LOCATION AND CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS. The documents and materials associated with the Project and the MND that constitute the record of proceedings on which these findings are based are located at the offices of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, 26521 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350.


SECTION 8. NOTICE OF DETERMINATION. The Agency hereby directs staff to prepare, execute, and file a Notice of Determination with the Los Angeles County Clerk's office and the Office of Planning and Research within five (5) working days of adoption of this Resolution.



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-372 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

