

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-405

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER
TO RENEW THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE SCV-GSA TO
PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE, MANAGEMENT, AND TECHNICAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the members of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SCV-GSA) executed a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA Agreement) effective September 27, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the JPA Agreement contains details regarding powers, membership, board, meetings, member contributions, voting, budget, and other details; and

WHEREAS, the JPA Agreement indicates that, unless otherwise determined by the SCV-GSA Board of Directors, SCV Water, under a separate Administrative Services Agreement with the SCV-GSA, will manage the administrative operations of the SCV-GSA and the development of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Administrative Services Agreement defines SCV Water's responsibility to provide staffing and arrange for consultant services, identifies budget terms, and identifies conditions where SCV Water's expenses are subject to reimbursement by the SCV-GSA; and

WHEREAS, SCV Water and SCV-GSA entered into an earlier version of this Administrative Services Agreement as of October 4, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the October 2018 Administrative Services Agreement requires SCV Water to provide staff resources to administer the operations of the SCV-GSA and authorizes SCV Water to contract directly with consultants and other parties to carry out the direction of the SCV-GSA Board, including the development and implantation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP); and

WHEREAS, that Administrative Services Agreement expired on October 4, 2023, but SCV Water continued to provide the services called for by the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the parties intend to extend the Administrative Services Agreement as if it had not expired; and

WHEREAS, the Administrative Services Agreement by SCV-GSA and SCV Water will enable the SCV-GSA to carry out the work necessary to comply with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, including the preparation and implementation of the GSP and securing of grant funds to assist with such; and

WHEREAS, SCV Water finds that renewal of the Administrative Services Agreement is consistent with the SCV Water's mission to provide responsible water stewardship to ensure the Santa Clarita Valley has reliable supplies of high quality water at a reasonable cost; and

WHEREAS, all other legal prerequisites to the adoption of this Resolution have occurred.

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

1. The Board hereby finds and determines that the approval of the Administrative Services Agreement for SCV Water to Provide Management and Technical Services to SCV-GSA is not a project as defined by CEQA and therefore is not subject to environmental review. Specifically, the Board finds that, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378(b)(5), the approval actions do not constitute a project because they are “organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.” In the alternative, and assuming the approval of the subject agreement and contract constitutes a project under CEQA, the Board finds that these actions, individually and in the aggregate, are exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines sections 15307 and 15308, each of which exempts actions, as authorized by state law, taken by regulatory agencies that are designed to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment or a natural resource where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. In addition, the Board finds that these actions are exempt from further review under CEQA because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that these actions may have a significant effect on the environment pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3).

2. The Board hereby authorizes the General Manager to execute the “Administrative Services Agreement” with the SCV-GSA to perform General Services and secure Consultant Services to administer the SCV-GSA, develop and implement the Groundwater Sustainability Plan, and ratify actions taken under the expired agreement.

3. The Chairperson of the Board shall sign and the Secretary of the Board shall certify that this Resolution was duly and properly adopted by the Board.

4. The documents and materials that constitute the record of proceedings on which these findings have been based are located at Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency’s office located at 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. The custodian for these records is the Board Secretary.



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 February 6, 2024 the foregoing Resolution No. SCV-405 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: February 6, 2024.



Secretary

