

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-273

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY AUTHORIZING AN
APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING BY THE BUREAU OF
RECLAMATION'S WATERSMART TITLE XVI WIIN ACT WATER
RECLAMATION AND REUSE PROJECTS FOR THE RECYCLED WATER
EXPANSION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (the "Agency") is a public water wholesaler and retailer in the Santa Clarita Valley in Northeastern Los Angeles County that provides potable and recycled water to its customers; and

WHEREAS, the proposed South End Recycled Water Main Extension (Phase 2C) Project (Project) is a component of the Recycled Water Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") the Agency prepared and the Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA) Board of Directors certified a Program Environmental Impact Report and adopted a Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Recycled Water Master Plan on March 28, 2007; and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2017, Newhall County Water District adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) as the Lead Agency; and

WHEREAS, on August 23, 2017, CLWA adopted the MND and MMRP as the Responsible Agency by Resolution 3186 since CLWA has taken the lead on applying for construction grants and aids; and

WHEREAS, in June 2021, the Agency adopted an Addendum to the MND that analyzed changes to potential environmental impacts due to pipeline alignment modifications of the South End Recycled Water Main Extension (Phase 2C) Project; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has determined that there are no new or more severe impacts requiring additional environmental review under CEQA related to the proposed grant application to the Water SMART Title XVI WIIN Act XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects for funding for the Project and associated actions; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is preparing for the construction of South End Recycled Water Expansion Project (Phase 2C) (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Agency is currently completing final design for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Project will expand the Agency's recycled water distribution infrastructure by installing up to 28,400 linear feet of recycled water pipelines within the Agency's southern service area; and

WHEREAS, the Project will expand the Agency's recycled water distribution capacity up to 1,359 acre-feet per year (AFY); and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Interior offers financial assistance in the form of grant funding through its Bureau of Reclamation's (Reclamation) WaterSMART (Sustain and Manage America's Resources for Tomorrow) Title XVI WIIN Act Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects to Agencies with Reclamation approved Title XVI Feasibility Studies. The program provides up to 25% of the Project's total cost, up to a maximum of \$30,000,000 in grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the Agency submitted a Title XVI Feasibility Study to Reclamation prior to the release of the WaterSMART Title XVI WIIN Act Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) that is currently pending Reclamation's approval; and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to fund part of the cost of the Project with grant funding from the WaterSMART Title XVI WIIN Act Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency hereby finds, determines, declares and resolves as follows:

1. The Board hereby supports a grant application to the WaterSMART Title XVI WIIN Act Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects funding for the Project.
2. The Board hereby authorizes and directs the General Manager, or his or her designee, to complete, review, sign and submit, for and on behalf of the Agency, a grant application from the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Title XVI WIIN Act Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects Program for the Project up to the amount of \$6,002,500.
3. The Agency's General Manager, or his or her designee, is designated to provide the assurances, certifications, and commitments required for the grant application, including executing a financial assistance or similar agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation within established deadlines and any amendments or changes thereto.
4. The Agency's General Manager, or his or her designee, is designated to represent the Agency in carrying out the Agency's responsibilities under the grant agreement, including certifying disbursement requests on behalf of the Agency and compliance with applicable state and federal laws.
5. If a grant award is made by the Bureau of Reclamation, the Agency commits to providing a minimum of 75% in matching funds for the Project, and up to the balance of funds needed to complete the construction of the Project.
6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.



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 special meeting of the Board of Directors of said Agency held on April 26, 2022 the foregoing Resolution No. SCV-273 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: April 26, 2022


Secretary

