

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-_____

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO
WEST YOST ASSOCIATES FOR PLANNING SERVICES
FOR RIO VISTA WATER TREATMENT PLANT TURBIDITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
AND FINDING THAT THE AUTHORIZATION IS NOT A PROJECT SUBJECT TO CEQA**

WHEREAS, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (Agency) wishes to conduct feasibility and planning studies with regard to a potential Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant (RVWTP) Turbidity Improvements Project, as it continues to work towards meeting its Strategic Plan Objectives B.1: “Plan, design, and build facilities to meet demand including storage capacity and interconnections between regional and retail water systems” and B.2: “Plan and budget for long-term replacements and improvements~~D.1: “Achieve 100% compliance with all environmental regulations and standards” and D.2: “proactively install, operate, and maintain groundwater treatment infrastructure to avoid impacts on water supply reliability (e.g. VOCs, perchlorate, PFAS, etc.)”~~; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the resolution for a purchase order to West Yost Associates for planning services for the RVWTP Turbidity Improvements Project authorizes the preparation of feasibility and planning studies, and does not constitute an approval for the construction of the RVWTP turbidity improvements and so is exempt from further review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines section 15262; and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not commit the Agency to any current or future projects, and does not entail any construction or other activity that could result in a potential physical change to the environment; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2023, SCV Water issued the Request for Proposal (RFP) to four (4) of its on-call consultants on PlanetBids for planning services for the RVWTP Turbidity Improvements Planning Services Project; and

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2023, proposals from one (1) consultant was electronically received on the Agency’s website page on PlanetBids pursuant to the Agency’s planning services RFP for the RVWTP Turbidity Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, it is in the Agency’s best interest that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Board of Directors, authorizes it’s General Manager to award a purchase order to West Yost Associates for planning services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$610,000.

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 Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency’s Board of Directors finds that the resolution does not constitute an approval for the construction of the RVWTP turbidity improvements and so is exempt from further review under CEQA Guidelines section 15262, that the administrative record has been completed in compliance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and that the CEQA findings reflect the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency’s Board of Director’s independent judgment.

SECTION 2. LOCATION AND CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS. The documents and materials associated with the project that constitute the record of proceedings on which these findings are based can be requested from the Custodian of Record located at Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. The Custodian of Record is the Board Secretary April Jacobs.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors authorizes its General Manager to issue a purchase order to West Yost Associates for planning services for the RVWTP Turbidity Improvements Project for the not-to-exceed amount of \$610,000.