RESOLUTION NO. 99

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONSULTANT(S) CONTRACTS TO INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF GROUNDWATER RECHARGE ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, the Board of Director's for the successor Castaic Lake Water Agency previously authorized the General Manager to execute a reconnaissance level study to explore how integrated local water resource operations could be incorporated into the Santa Clarita Valley's water supply portfolio; and

WHEREAS, the successor agency Newhall County Water District utilized the recommendations of the Reconnaissance Study to commission Trussell Technologies and GSI Water Solutions to complete the *Upper Santa Clara River Watershed Recharge Feasibility Study* in 2017, which identified potential designated recharge locations on the eastern end of the Santa Clarita Valley near the Canyon Country service area; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors finds that site specific data is required to determine the feasibility of future groundwater recharge activities for the locations identified in the above study; and

WHEREAS, the successor agency Newhall County Water District, in conjunction with JMP Development and Woodridge Capital, previously commissioned Geosyntec Consultants to complete the Castaic Conceptual Feasibility Study for Infiltration of Recycled Water, for the District's property known as the "Castaic School Site" located southwest of the Castaic Lagoon; and

WHEREAS, SCV Water's practice of continuing to develop options to supplement our diversified water supply portfolio is in alignment with feasibility investigations for groundwater recharge activities at both the Castaic School Site and east end locations; and

WHEREAS, the consulting firm GSI Water Solutions is uniquely qualified to conduct feasibility study investigations due to their previous experiences assisting the Agency's consultants to complete the Reconnaissance Study in 2015, the Trussell Study in 2017 as well as their recent work developing the Agency's current numeric groundwater basin model; and

WHEREAS, the CEQA determination is that the proposed action qualifies under both the feasibility and planning studies exemption and a categorical exemption (Section 15262 and Class 6, Section 15306 of the State CEQA Guidelines).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency does authorize the General Manager to enter into consultant(s) contracts with GSI Water Solutions in an amount not to exceed \$246,554 to investigate the feasibility of groundwater recharge activities.

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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 meeting of the Board of Directors of said Agency held on April 2, 2019, the foregoing Resolution No. SCV-99 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 2, 2019



