RESOLUTION NO. SCV-284

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY AUTHORIZING THE GRANT APPLICATION, ACCEPTANCE, AND EXECUTION OF A FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR THE S WELLS PFAS AND DISINFECTION FACILITIES

WHEREAS, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (Agency) determined that Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a threat to the Agency's groundwater resources; and

WHEREAS, the S Wells PFAS and Disinfection Facilities (Project) is an important component to treat PFAS at the existing S6, S7 and S8 Wells; and

WHEREAS, an Initial Study and Environmental Documents are currently being prepared for the Project in accordance with the State CEQA guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Interior offers financial assistance in the form of grant funding through its Bureau of Reclamation's FY2023 WaterSMART (Sustain and Manage America's Resources for Tomorrow) Drought Response Program (DRP): Drought Resiliency Projects Program for this type of project. The program provides up to a maximum of \$5,000,000 in grant funding for long term projects, but not to exceed 50% of the total project cost; and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to fund part of the cost of the S Wells PFAS and Disinfection Facilities with grant funding from the WaterSMART DRP Program; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has the legal authority and is authorized to enter into a funding agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation.

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 DRP Program 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 DRP Program for the Project up to the amount of \$5,000,000.
- 3. The 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 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, pending Board compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and approval of the Project, to providing a minimum of 100% in matching funds (\$5,000,000) for the Project, and up to the balance of funds needed to complete the construction of the Project.

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 meeting of the Board of Directors of said Agency held on June 21, 2022 the foregoing Resolution No. SCV-284 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: June 21, 2022



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