RESOLUTION NO. SCV-330

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO LEE + RO, INC. FOR PLANNING SERVICES FOR THE SAND CANYON RESERVOIR EXPANSION PROJECT, AND FINDING THAT THE AUTHORIZATION IS NOT A PROJECT SUBJECT TO CEQA

WHEREAS, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) wishes to conduct feasibility and planning studies with regard to the Sand Canyon Reservoir Expansion 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"; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the resolution for a purchase order to Lee + Ro, Inc. for planning services for the Sand Canyon Reservoir Expansion project authorizes the preparation of feasibility and planning studies, and does not constitute an approval for the construction of the Sand Canyon Reservoir Expansion project 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 October 6, 2022, SCV Water issued the Request for Proposal (RFP) to several of its on-call consultants on PlanetBids for planning services for the Sand Canyon Reservoir Expansion project; and

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2022, proposals from two (2) consultants were electronically received on the Agency's website page on PlanetBids pursuant to the Agency's planning services RFP for the Sand Canyon Reservoir Expansion project; and

WHEREAS, it is in the SCV Water's best interest that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the SCV Water, authorize its General Manager to award a purchase order to Lee + Ro, Inc. for planning services in the amount of \$420,000; and

NOW, THREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the SCV Water Board does hereby find and determine as follows:

SECTION 1. RECITALS. The Board finds that the administrative record has been completed in compliance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and that the CEQA findings reflect the Board'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 are located at the offices of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, 27234 Bouquet Canyon Rd, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. The Custodian of Record is April Jacobs.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Agency's Board of Directors authorize its General Manager to issue a Purchase Order to Lee + Ro, Inc. for planning services for the Sand Canyon Reservoir Expansion project for the total sum of \$420,000.

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Secretary Secretary

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 January 17, 2023 the foregoing Resolution No. SCV-330 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: January 17, 2023

