

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY FINDING THE WELL 201 VOC TREATMENT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT EXEMPT FROM CEQA UNDER CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15301, AND ALTERNATIVELY, SECTION 15303, AND AWARDING THE CONTRACT TO PACIFIC HYDROTECH CORPORATION

WHEREAS, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (Agency) determined that Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) are a threat to the Agency's groundwater resources; and

WHEREAS, the Well 201 VOC Treatment Improvements is an important component to treat VOCs; and

WHEREAS, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, as the CEQA Lead Agency, filed a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk's Office on November 14, 2021, the Ventura County Clerk's Office on November 5, 2021, and the State Clearinghouse on November 29, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the project, aka the whole of the action, qualifies for an exemption under CEQA guidelines section 15301 Class 1 Minor Alterations to Existing Facilities because it is a minor alteration of an existing public facility and it concerns proposed new mechanical equipment involving negligible or no expansion of use, i.e. no additional extraction of water, beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination; and

WHEREAS, the project, aka the whole of the action, also qualifies for an exemption under CEQA guidelines section 15303 Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures because the water main extension and treatment system reflect limited construction of facilities where only minor modifications are made; and

WHEREAS, all bid proposals submitted to the Agency pursuant to the Agency's specifications (Project No. 2301146) for procurement of the Well 201 VOC Treatment Improvements, as amended by Addenda, were publicly opened electronically on the Agency's bid website page on PlanetBids on Monday, December 19, 2022 at 2:00 p.m., in full accordance with the law and the Agency's customary procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors finds, after considering the opinion of staff, that the total bid of Pacific Hydrotech Corporation in the amount of \$7,726,700 is the lowest responsible bid of seven (7) bids submitted, and that said bid substantially meets the requirements of said materials purchase contract documents as amended by Addenda; and

WHEREAS, it is in the Agency's best interest that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Agency, authorize its General Manager to accept the \$7,726,700 bid from Pacific Hydrotech Corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Agency's Board of Directors finds the project exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, and alternatively, exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Section 15303.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Agency's Board of Directors authorize its General Manager to accept Pacific Hydrotech Corporation's bid and does therefore authorize the Agency's General Manager or its Chief Engineer to issue a Notice of Award to Pacific Hydrotech Corporation, hereby found to be the "lowest responsive responsible bidder" for the Well 201 VOC Treatment Improvements for the total sum of \$7,726,700.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Agency's General Manager or its President and Secretary are thereupon authorized, upon receipt of appropriate payment and performance bonds, appropriate certificates of insurance and an executed Contract Agreement from Pacific Hydrotech Corporation, all of which must be approved by General Counsel, to execute the said Contract Agreement on behalf of the Agency.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Agency's General Manager or Chief Engineer are thereafter authorized to execute and forward to Pacific Hydrotech Corporation an appropriate Notice to Proceed.