

**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-292**

**RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPTING THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FOR THE WELL 205 GROUNDWATER TREATMENT PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) determined that remediated groundwater is an important component of future water supplies; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Well 205 Groundwater Treatment Project (Project) is a component of the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, an Initial Study for the Project has been completed pursuant to CEQA which identifies potentially significant effects on the environment which would result from the Project, and concludes that these impacts can be avoided or reduced to a level of insignificance with adoption and implementation of certain mitigation measures therein identified and listed; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the Initial Study, a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan was prepared in accordance with CEQA, which finds that any potentially significant environmental effects of the proposed project would be sufficiently mitigated to a level of insignificance with implementation of mitigation measures specified therein; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines Section 15072(b), on April 19, 2022, SCV Water mailed a Notice of Intent to Adopt the Draft MND to all responsible and reviewing agencies, the Office of Planning and Research, and members of the public that have requested notice; the Agency also published the Notice of Intent to Adopt the Draft MND in the *Santa Clarita Valley Signal*, a newspaper of general circulation; and

**WHEREAS**, as required by State CEQA Guidelines section 15072(d), the Notice of Intent to Adopt the Draft MND was concurrently posted by the Clerk of the Board for the County of Los Angeles; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines section 15073, the Draft MND was circulated for at least 30 days, from April 19, 2022, through May 19, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, SCV Water received two written public comments from the public or reviewing agencies during the comment review period; and

**WHEREAS**, SCV Water has responded to these two comments and has included the responses herein; and

**WHEREAS**, the Final MND, MMRP and public comment responses is on file at the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, 26521 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350 and on the [yourscvwater.com](https://yourscvwater.com) website Document Library web page at: <https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Well-205-Final-MND.pdf> and a

paper copy may be obtained by contacting the Executive Assistant, Elizabeth Adler at [eadler@scvwa.org](mailto:eadler@scvwa.org); and

**WHEREAS**, a notice of public meeting relating to the MND was duly given and posted in the manner and for the time frame prescribed by law, and the Engineering and Operations Committee held a public meeting on July 7, 2022, at 5:30 P.M., as part of its decision process concerning the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Engineering and Operations Committee recommended that the SCV Water Board of Directors ("Board") approve a resolution adopting the Final MND and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program ("MMRP"); and

**WHEREAS**, a notice of public meeting relating to the MND was duly given and posted in the manner and for the time frame prescribed by law, and the SCV Water Board held a public meeting on the Project on August 2, 2022, at 6:00 P.M., as part of its decision process concerning the Project, at which time all persons wishing to comment in connection the MND were heard; and

**WHEREAS**, no comments made during the public review period, and no additional information submitted to SCV Water have produced substantial new information requiring recirculation of the MND or additional environmental review of the Project under State CEQA Guidelines section 15073.5; and

**WHEREAS**, all the requirements of the Public Resources Code and the State CEQA Guidelines have been satisfied in connection with the preparation of the MND, which is sufficiently detailed so that all of the potentially significant environmental effects of the Project, as well as feasible mitigation measures, have been adequately evaluated; and

**WHEREAS**, the SCV Water Board reviewed the IS/MND and MMRP; and

**WHEREAS**, the SCV Water Board, acting as a Lead Agency, will need to adopt the MND; and

**WHEREAS**, the SCV Water Board has determined that the proposed Project can be approved because there is no substantial evidence in light of the whole record that the Project may have a significant effect on the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the SCV Water and its Board have considered all of the information presented to it as set forth above and this Resolution and action taken hereby is a result of the Board's independent judgment and analysis.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the SCV Water Board does hereby find and determine as follows:

**SECTION 1.** RECITALS. The SCV Water Board finds that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein as substantive findings of this Resolution.

**SECTION 2.** COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT. As a decision-making body for the Project, the SCV Water Board has reviewed and considered the information contained in the MND, comments received,

and other documents contained in the administrative record for the Project. Based on the Agency's independent review and analysis, the SCV Water Board finds that the MND and administrative record contain a complete and accurate reporting of the environmental impacts associated with the Project, and that the MND has been completed in compliance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.


**SECTION 3.** FINDINGS ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. Based on the whole record before it, including the MND, the administrative record, and all other written and oral evidence presented to the SCV Water Board, the SCV Water Board finds that all environmental impacts of the Project are either less than significant or can be mitigated to a level of less than significant under the mitigation measures outlined in the MND and the MMRP. The SCV Water Board finds that substantial evidence fully supports the conclusion that no significant and unavoidable impacts will occur and that, alternatively, there is no substantial evidence in the administrative record supporting a fair argument that the Project may result in any significant environmental impacts. The SCV Water Board finds that the MND contains a complete, objective, and accurate reporting of the environmental impacts associated with the Project and reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the SCV Water Board.

**SECTION 4.** ADOPTION OF THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION. The SCV Water Board hereby approves and adopts the MND as the Lead Agency.

**SECTION 5.** ADOPTION OF THE MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM. In accordance with Public Resources Code section 21081.6, the SCV Water Board hereby adopts the MMRP, attached hereto as Exhibit "A". In the event of any inconsistencies between the Mitigation Measures as set forth in the MND and the MMRP, the MMRP shall control.


**SECTION 6.** LOCATION AND CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS. The documents and materials associated with the Project and the MND 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.

**SECTION 7.** NOTICE OF DETERMINATION. The SCV Water hereby directs staff to prepare, execute, and file a Notice of Determination with the Los Angeles County Clerk's office and the Office of Planning and Research within five (5) working days of adoption of this Resolution.

  
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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 August 2, 2022 the foregoing Resolution No. SCV-292 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: August 2, 2022

  
Secretary

