

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-299

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING UNDER THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION'S FY 2023 WATERSMART WATER ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE AGENCY'S WATER EFFICIENCY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (Agency) provides potable water for the businesses and residents in its service area and offers customers a wide range of conservation and water use efficiency ; and

WHEREAS, the Agency, in alignment with the Santa Clarita Valley Water Use Efficiency Plan, has implemented water conservation programs including the Residential, Commercial, Industrial and Institutional Lawn Replacement Programs, incentives for Irrigation Efficiency Improvements, and its Multifamily Apartment Retrofit Program (for which the Agency received EPA WaterSense Excellence Awards in 2020 and 2021) (collectively, Water Efficiency Program); and

WHEREAS, savings achieved through the Agency's water conservation programs decrease its aggregate energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions resulting from decreases in treatment, pumping, and distribution, and

WHEREAS, there is potential opportunity to increase participation in the Agency's Water Efficiency Program, promote conservation, reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, water conservation, whether achieved through water use efficiency improvements, landscape transformation, technological enhancements, and/or education is a cost-effective demand management best practice which improves local supply reliability and water affordability, and significant water saving opportunities remain; and

WHEREAS, The United States Department of the Interior offers financial assistance in the form of grant funding through its Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART (Sustain and Manage America's Resources for Tomorrow) Water Energy Efficiency Grant Program (WEEG) for this type of project. The WaterSMART WEEG program provides three levels of grant funding up to a maximum grant amount of \$5,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to fund part of the cost of the Water Efficiency Program with grant funding from the WaterSMART WEEG program at the \$2,000,000 funding level for projects to be completed within 3 years of grant award.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, 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 WEEG Program for the Water Efficiency Program.


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 to the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART WEEG Program for the Water Efficiency Program up to the amount of \$2,000,000.
3. The General Manager, or his or her designee, is authorized and 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 authorized and designated to represent the Agency in carrying out the Agency's responsibilities under any grant future 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 to the Agency 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 Water Efficiency Program, to providing a minimum of 100% in matching funds (\$2,000,000) for the Water Efficiency Program, and up to the balance of funds needed to complete the Water Efficiency Program Project.
6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.



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 16, 2022 the foregoing Resolution No. SCV-299 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 16, 2022



Secretary

