

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-394

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
APPROVING, PURSUANT TO A PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ADDENDUM TO THE ADOPTED  
2005 GROUNDWATER CONTAINMENT, TREATMENT, AND RESTORATION PROJECT  
MND AND MMRP, A PURCHASE ORDER TO LEE & RO, INC FOR PLANNING AND FINAL  
DESIGN SERVICES FOR WELLS 206 AND 207 GROUNDWATER TREATMENT  
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (Agency) wishes to conduct feasibility and planning studies, as well as final design, with regard to a potential Wells 206 and 207 Groundwater Treatment Improvements Project (Project), as it continues to work towards meeting its Strategic Plan Objective D.1: “Achieve 100% compliance with all environmental regulations and standards” and “D.2 Proactively install, operate, and maintain groundwater treatment infrastructure to avoid impacts on water supply reliability (e.g. VOCs, perchlorate, PFAS, etc.)”; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 5, 2022, the Agency, as the Lead Agency under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), adopted the Addendum to the 2005 Groundwater Containment, Treatment, and Restoration Project Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), which included evaluation of the portion of the Project having to do with the final design, affirmed, with findings, the adoption of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), with the adoption of Resolution No. SCV-268; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the review of Agency staff, the 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 previously adopted Addendum and the MND, and contained in the MMRP; and

**WHEREAS**, even without any reliance on the previously adopted MND and Addendum, the narrowly proposed action before the Board consists solely of approving feasibility, planning, and design work that does not involve any commitment to construction activities, such that the Board’s action is, in the alternative, statutorily exempt from substantive CEQA review under State CEQA Guidelines 15262; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 30, 2023, the Agency issued the Request for Proposal (RFP) to four (4) of its on-call consultants on PlanetBids for planning services for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 5, 2023, 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 Project; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the Agency’s best interest that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency’s Board of Directors authorize its General Manager to award a purchase order to Lee & Ro, Inc for planning and final design services for the Project in an amount not-to-exceed \$600,000.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Board of Directors does hereby find and determine as follows:

**SECTION 1.** COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT. Based on the whole record before it, including the previously adopted Addendum to the MND, the adopted MND, the administrative record, and all other written and oral evidence presented to the Agency Board, the Agency 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 contained in the MMRP. The Agency 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 Agency Board finds that the previously adopted Addendum to the MND and 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 Agency Board.

Alternatively, the Board finds that the proposed action before the Board consists solely of approving feasibility, planning, and design work that does not involve any commitment to construction activities, such that the Board's action is statutorily exempt from substantive CEQA review under State CEQA Guidelines 15262.

**SECTION 2.** ADOPTION OF THE MMRP. The Agency Board hereby approves the MMRP for the Project, as proposed in the previously adopted Addendum to the MND.

**SECTION 3.** 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 can be requested from the Custodian of Record located at Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. The Custodian of Record is the Board Secretary April Jacobs.

**RESOLVED FURTHER,** that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Board of Directors authorizes it's General Manager to issue a purchase order to Lee & Ro, Inc for planning and final design services for Wells 206 and 207 Groundwater Treatment Improvements Project for the not-to-exceed amount of \$600,000.

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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 scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of said Agency held on November 21, 2023 the foregoing Resolution No. SCV-394 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: November 21, 2023

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Secretary