

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-392

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 APPLIED SCIENCE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE AGENCY'S GROUNDWATER MODEL REFINEMENT AND CALIBRATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's (Agency) Resiliency Water Master Planning process focuses on optimizing the utilization of the local groundwater basin, as well as overall water supply reliability, by evaluating the water resources portfolio of the Agency and the ecological values of the Santa Clara River as interrelated systems; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is in the planning stages of assessments to enable more sophisticated analyses of the current groundwater operating plan in the context of the water supply needs in the Agency's service area and the stewardship objectives for the Santa Clarita River; and

WHEREAS, the Agency seeks to advance the Resiliency Water Master Plan by engaging in a Groundwater Model Refinement and Calibration Project (Project) by incorporating data that is being gathered through ongoing and future aquifer testing to provide more robust groundwater operations analyses and to examine alternative groundwater operating scenarios; 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) Applied Science Grant Program for this type of project. The WaterSMART Applied Science Grant program provides funding up to \$400,000 per award, but not to exceed 50% of the total project cost; and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to fund part of the cost of the Project with grant funding from the WaterSMART FY 2023 Applied Science Grant program.

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 Applied Science Grant 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 Applied Science Grant Program for its Groundwater Model Refinement and Calibration Project.
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 future grant 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 compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Board approval of the Groundwater Model Refinement and Calibration Project, to providing a minimum of 100% in matching funds and up to the balance of funds needed to complete the Groundwater Model Refinement and Calibration 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 scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of said Agency held on November 7, 2023 the foregoing Resolution No. SCV-392 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 7, 2023



Secretary

