

ORDINANCE NO. __

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
~~ADOPTING ORDINANCE NO. 01 TO~~
INCREASE DIRECTOR COMPENSATION**

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2018, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Act (the “Act”) reorganized the Castaic Lake Water Agency (“CLWA”) and Newhall County Water District (“NCWD”) into a new public agency called the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (“SCV Water” or “Agency”); and

WHEREAS, the Act made SCV Water the successor to all of CLWA and NCWD’s rights, duties, obligations, contracts, responsibilities, assets, entitlements, and liabilities, among other things; and

WHEREAS, Section 13(c) of the Act set the initial Board of Director compensation for attending meetings and authorized days of service at \$228.15 and provides that such initial compensation may be adjusted in accordance with the Water Code; and

WHEREAS, Water Code Section 20201 requires that any increase in compensation above the statutory amount must be done by ordinance following a noticed public hearing; and

WHEREAS, Water Code Section 20202 allows for an annual increase not to exceed 5 percent per year since the operative date of the last adjustment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors increased their compensation amount by 5% in December 2020 to \$239 per meeting from \$228.15 per meeting, effective February 2021; and

WHEREAS, as provided in the Water Code, the maximum amount the Board may at this time increase Director compensation is by \$23.90 for a total of \$262.90, which is a 10% increase for the two years (2022 and 2023) since the last adjustment (\$11.95 for each year); and

WHEREAS, Board of Directors commit significant time and energy toward serving the community by preparing for and attending Board meetings, workshops, conferences, and various community functions to fulfill SCV Water’s Mission; and

WHEREAS, Board of Director compensation is meant to fairly compensate Directors for their time and effort, and is a means of encouraging qualified community members to offer their service to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has conducted a survey of Director compensation of other comparable agencies to establish a generally accepted compensation level consistent with the public water industry in southern California (Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, based on such survey, the SCV Water Board of Director compensation rate is below the average and below the median; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has not increased the Board of Directors compensation amount since December of 2020 and has determined that a ___ percent increase is appropriate; and

WHEREAS, notice of the required public hearing was published by the Agency twice in a newspaper of general circulation as required by law on December 8, 2023 and December 15, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2023, the Board conducted a noticed public hearing on this Ordinance and heard any public comment regarding an adjustment in Board of Director compensation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board of Director daily compensation rate for attending meetings and authorized days of service is increased to \$_____.
2. This Ordinance shall become effective 60 days from the date of its passage, unless suspended, amended or rescinded by the Board or pursuant to law before that date.