

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.

EXHIBIT A

2023 Stipend Survey

Agency	Contact	Phone	Current Stipend (10 days of service/Month)	Last Increase	Notes
Calleguas Basin Municipal Water District	Kara Wade, Executive Secretary	(805) 526-9323	\$230.00	4/5/2023	09/11/23 Per Kara email
Casitas Municipal Water District	Rebekah Vieira, Executive Administrator	(805) 649-2251	\$217.82	5/1/2022	09/14/23 Per Rebekah email
Central Basin Municipal Water District	Elizabeth Brizuela, Executive Administrative	(323) 201-5500	\$295.19	10/1/2021	09/13/23 Per Elizabeth email
Coachella Valley Water District	Sylvia Bermudez, Clerk of the Board	(760) 398-2651 ext. 2217	\$223.00	2010	09/11/23 Per Sylvia email
Cucamonga Valley Water District	Taya Victorino Executive Services Administrator/District Clerk	(909) 483-7434	\$250.00	11/2015	09/11/23 Per Taya email
Desert Water Agency	Sylvia Baca, Board Secretary	(760) 323-4971	\$406.12	9/30/2023	09/11/23 Per Sylvia email
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	Denise Garzaro, Board Secretary	(909) 993-1736	\$312.00	3/15/2023	09/12/23 Per Denise email
Irvine Ranch Water District	Leslie Bonkowski, Board Secretary	(949) 453-5300	\$315.00	1/1/2022	09/11/23 Per Kristine email
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District	Josie Guzman, Board Secretary	(818) 251-2100 (818) 251-2123 C	\$220.00	04/2017	09/11/23 Per Josie email
Municipal Water District of Orange County	Maribeth Goldsby	(714) 593-5006	\$327.43	01/01/20	09/11/23 Per Maribeth email
Orange County Water District	Christina Fuller, Board Secretary	(714) 378-3200 ext 3234	\$330.75	10/16/2023	09/14/23 Per Christina phone
Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency	April Jacobs, Board Secretary	(661) 297-1600	\$239.00	02/2021	
Santa Margarita Water District	Kelly Radvansky, Board Secretary	(949) 459-6400 ext 6642	\$324.00	06/07/23	09/11/23 Per Kelly email
Three Valley's Municipal Water District	Kirk Howie, Chief Administrative Officer	(909) 621-5568 (310) 217-2411	\$200.00	2/21/2007	09/11/23 Per Kirk email
West Basin Municipal Water District	Desiree Quintero, Board Secretary	ext 6263	\$295.09	1/3/2023	09/14/23 Per Desiree phone
			WITHOUT SCV WATER	WITH SCV WATER	
			AVERAGE		\$279.03
			MEDIAN		\$295.09

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