

ORDINANCE NO. 01

**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 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 of the last authorized compensation amount; 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; 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 the Agency was created in January 2018 and has determined that a 5 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 4, 2020 and December 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2020 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 \$239.00.
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.



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 December 15, 2020, the foregoing Ordinance No. 01 was duly and regularly adopted by said Board, and that said ordinance has not been rescinded or amended since the date of its adoption, and that it is now in full force and effect.

DATED: December 15, 2020



Secretary

