

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-415

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING BY THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION'S FY 2024 WATERSMART WATER ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE AUTOMATED METER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – PHASE 2

WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (Agency) provides potable water for the businesses and residents in its service area and collects water usage data on a monthly frequency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is in the planning stages of an Automated Meter Infrastructure (AMI) Project (AMI Replacement Project) to replace existing meters with new smart meters that have the capability to communicate via radio or similar technology and enable the Agency to implement technological enhancements such as automated meter reads, usage notifications and interactive customer portals on a real time frequency; and

WHEREAS, case studies have shown that communities that upgrade to AMI systems can achieve water consumption savings of up to 15 percent by supplying customers with on-demand, real time water consumption data enabling them to make more informed decisions about their water use; 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) Water Energy Efficiency Grant Program (WEEG) for this type of project. The FY 2024 WaterSMART WEEG program provides funding up to a maximum of \$5,000,000 for projects up to 3 years, but not to exceed 50% of the total project cost; and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to fund part of the cost of the AMI Replacement Project with grant funding from the WaterSMART WEEG 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 WEEG Program for the AMI Improvement Project – Phase 2.
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 WEEG Program for the AMI Replacement Project Phase 2.
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 grant future 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 Board compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and approval of the AMI Replacement Project – Phase 2, to providing a minimum of 50% in matching funds for the AMI Replacement Project, and up to the balance of funds needed to complete the AMI Replacement Project – Phase 2.
6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Agency's Board of Directors does authorize the Agency's General Manager or its Chief Operating Officer to (1) apply for funding under the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART FY 2024 Water Energy Efficiency Grant Program; (2) execute a grant agreement and carry out responsibilities under any future grant agreement; (3) and commit to providing funding match of at least 50% and up to the balance of funds necessary to complete the project.



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 March 19, 2024 the foregoing Resolution No. SCV-415 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: March 19, 2024



Secretary

