

**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-484**

**RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS (1) ADOPTING AN ADDENDUM TO THE FINAL INITIAL STUDY-MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (SCH # 2024030871) AND AFFIRMING THE PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM, (2) APPROVING A PURCHASE ORDER FOR ACQUIRING MITIGATION CREDIT FOR THE SAND CANYON SEWER RELOCATION PROJECT AND (3) APPROVING A PURCHASE ORDER FOR ADDITIONAL FINAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE SAND CANYON SEWER RELOCATION PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (Agency), as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), adopted the original Final Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) for the Sand Canyon Sewer Relocation Project (State Clearinghouse [SCH #2024030871]) and the accompanying Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) were adopted on October 1, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency now proposes modifications to the Original Project, referred to as the "Modified Project" which includes an expansion of the Project site, minor modifications and adjustments to the access road/multipurpose trail alignment, minor modifications and adjustments to the soil cement bank protection to include rock slope protection in three (3) locations, the removal of the exposed portions of nine manholes from within the Santa Clara River channel, and new access routes from the southern bank of the Santa Clara River to the manhole locations; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the adopted Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, compensatory mitigation is required for permanent impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, The Petersen Ranch Mitigation Bank offers aquatic regulatory agency-approved mitigation credits, and purchasing these credits will help minimize the cost and effort associated with restoring the affected areas; and

**WHEREAS**, additional work has been identified that must be performed, which requires supplemental funding to be completed; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to CEQA, when taking subsequent discretionary actions on a project for which an IS-MND has been adopted, the lead agency is required to review any changed circumstances to determine whether any of the circumstances under Public Resources Code section 21166 and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 require additional environmental review; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15164, a lead agency shall prepare an addendum to a previously adopted IS-MND if some changes or additions are necessary but none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Environmental Impact Report (EIR) have occurred; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency evaluated the Modified Project in light of the standards for subsequent environmental review outlined in Public Resources Code section 21166, State CEQA Guidelines section 15162 and concluded that Modified Project would not result in new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant

effects that were previously disclosed in the IS-MND and therefore, no subsequent EIR or MND is required; and

**WHEREAS**, the Modified Project would nonetheless necessitate minor changes or additions to the IS-MND, and thus, the Agency has prepared an Addendum to the IS-MND pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15164; and

**WHEREAS**, an IS-MND Addendum is prepared to address additional scope of work that was identified during final design phase that result in increased environmental impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15164 on May 9, 2025, the Agency mailed a Notice of Intent (NOI) to adopt the Draft IS-MND Addendum to all responsible and reviewing agencies, the Office of Planning and Research, and members of the public that have requested notice; the Agency also published the NOI in the Santa Clarita Valley's *The Signal*, a newspaper of general circulation; and

**WHEREAS**, as required by CEQA Guidelines section 15072(d), the NOI to adopt the Draft IS-MND Addendum was concurrently posted by the Clerk of the Board of Directors for the County of Los Angeles; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines section 15164, the Draft IS-MND Addendum was circulated for at least 31 days, from May 9, 2025 to June 9, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency received two (2) written comments from state reviewing agencies during the comment review period and responses have been prepared and included in the Final MND; and

**WHEREAS**, all the requirements of CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines have been satisfied in connection with the preparation of the Final IS-MND Addendum, which is sufficiently detailed so that all of the potentially significant environmental effects of the Project, as well as feasible mitigation measures, have been adequately evaluated.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors does hereby find and determine as follows:

**SECTION 1.** RECITALS. The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors finds that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein as substantive findings of this Resolution.

**SECTION 2.** COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT. As the decision-making body for the Modified Project, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors has reviewed and considered the IS-MND and Addendum and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, any oral or written comments received, and the administrative record prior to making any decision on the proposed Modified Project. The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors finds that the Addendum and IS-MND contain a complete and accurate reporting of all the environmental impacts associated with the Proposed Project. The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors further finds that the Addendum has been completed in compliance with the State CEQA Guidelines.

**SECTION 3.** FINDINGS ON THE NECESSITY FOR SUBSEQUENT OR SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW. Based on the substantial evidence set forth in

the record, including but not limited to, the IS-MND, the Addendum, and all related information presented to the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors finds that pursuant to CEQA sections 15162 and 15164, an Addendum to the IS-MND is the appropriate document for the Modified Project. The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors further finds that the preparation of a subsequent or supplemental MND or EIR is not required for the proposed Modified Project because it:

A. Will not result in substantial changes that would require major revisions of the IS-MND due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; and

B. Will not result in substantial changes with respect to the circumstances under which the Modified Project are developed that would require major revisions of the IS-MND due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of the previously identified significant effects; and

C. Does not present new information of substantial importance that was not known and could not have known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the IS-MND documents were certified showing any of the following:

(i) The Modified Project would have one or more significant effects not discussed in the IS-MND;

(ii) That significant effects previously examined would be substantially more severe than shown in the IS-MND;

(iii) That mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects, but the lead agency declined to adopt such measures; and

(iv) That mitigation measures or alternatives considerably difference from those analyzed would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but which the lead agency declined to adopt.

**SECTION 4. FINDINGS ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS.** Having considered the Addendum, the administrative record, the IS-MND and all written and oral evidence presented to the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors finds that all environmental impacts of the Modified Project have been addressed within the IS-MND and the Addendum. The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors finds that no new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required. The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors further finds that there is no substantial evidence in the administrative record supporting a fair argument that the Modified Project may result in any significant environmental impacts beyond those analyzed in the IS-MND and Addendum. The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors finds that the Addendum contains a complete, objective, and accurate reporting of the environmental impacts associated with the Modified Project and reflects the independent judgement and analysis of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors.

**SECTION 5. ADOPTION OF THE ADDENDUM TO THE FINAL MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION.** The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors hereby approves and adopts the Addendum to the Final MND.

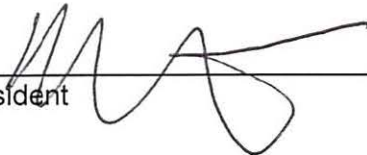
**SECTION 6. ADOPTION OF THE MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM.** In accordance with Public Resources Code section 21081.6, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors hereby affirms the previously adopted MMRP.

**SECTION 7. APPROVAL OF PURCHASE MITIGATION CREDITS.** Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors does authorize its General Manager to accept said proposal and does therefore authorize the Agency's General Manager to issue a purchase order to Petersen Ranch Mitigation Bank for purchasing Mitigation Credits for the Sand Canyon Sewer Relocation Project, for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,269,000.

**SECTION 8. APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL FINAL DESIGN SERVICES.** Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors does authorize its General Manager to accept said proposal and does therefore authorize the Agency's General Manager to issue a purchase order to Alliance Land Planning & Engineering for the additional final design of the Sand Canyon Sewer Relocation Project, for an amount not-to-exceed \$75,000.

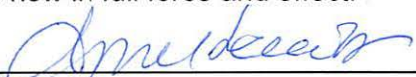
**SECTION 9. LOCATION AND CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS.** The documents and materials associated with the Project and the Final IS-MND Addendum that constitute the record of proceedings on which these findings are based can be requested from the Custodian of Record located at Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. The Custodian of Record is the Board Secretary April Jacobs.

**SECTION 10. NOTICE OF DETERMINATION.** The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors hereby directs staff to prepare, execute, and file a Notice of Determination with the Los Angeles County Clerk's office and the Office of Planning and Research within five (5) working days of adoption of this Resolution.

  
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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 July 1, 2025 the foregoing Resolution No. SCV-484 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: July 1, 2025

  
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Secretary

