

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-485

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY**

(1) FINDING THAT THE PROJECT IS NOT SUBJECT TO CEQA, AND, ALTERNATIVELY IS EXEMPT FROM CEQA UNDER CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15303, (2) AWARDED A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO YELLOW JACKET DRILLING SERVICES, INC., (3) AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO KENNEDY JENKS CONSULTANTS, INC., FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES AND (4) AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO TODD GROUNDWATER, GSI WATER SOLUTIONS, INC. AND RICHARD C. SLADE AND ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES DURING CONSTRUCTION FOR THE EXPANDED MONITORING IN THE UPPER SANTA CLARA RIVER BASIN PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (Agency) is planning to construct up to seventeen (17) new monitoring wells at up to ten (10) locations in order to conduct data collection and resource evaluation activities related to assessing groundwater flow and water quality conditions in key unmonitored portions of the Upper Santa Clara River Basin (Expanded Monitoring the Upper Santa Clara River Basin or Project); and

WHEREAS, the Project as a whole, qualifies for an exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, concerning the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure because each of the monitoring wells would have a permanent footprint of only likely under three feet by three feet, with above-ground features including minor items such as a flush-mounted traffic-rated monitoring well cap, four-inch bollards for protection and enhanced visibility, and repairs to any existing infrastructure that is damaged during construction; and

WHEREAS, none of the exceptions to the use of exemptions CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 that are found in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 have application to the Project; and

WHEREAS, Todd Groundwater, GSI Water Solutions, Inc. and Richard C. Slade and Associates, LLC are design engineers and provided a proposal for engineering services during construction; and

WHEREAS, it is in the Agency's best interest that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors, on behalf of the Agency, authorize its General Manager to authorize a purchase order in the amount not to exceed \$540,000 Todd Groundwater, GSI Water Solutions, Inc. and Richard C. Slade and Associates, LLC for engineering services during construction for the Project; and

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2025, two (2) proposals were electronically received on the Agency's website page on PlanetBids pursuant to the Agency's construction management and inspection services Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Project; and

WHEREAS, it is in the Agency's best interest that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors, on behalf of the Agency, authorize its General Manager to authorize a purchase order in the amount not to exceed \$360,000 to Kennedy Jenks

Consultants, Inc. for construction management and inspection services for the Project; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2025, the Agency posted the Project for construction bids on Planet Bids; and

WHEREAS, all bid proposals submitted to the Agency pursuant to the Agency's specifications (Project No. 2503009) for procurement of the Expanded Monitoring in the Upper Santa Clara River Basin, as amended by Addendums No. 1 through No. 3, were publicly opened electronically on the Agency's bid website page on PlanetBids on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., in full accordance with the law and the Agency's customary procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors finds, after considering the opinion of the staff, that the Base Bid plus Additive Bid Item 1 of Yellow Jacket Drilling Services, Inc. in the amount of \$3,281,200 is the lowest responsible bid of five (5) bids submitted, and that said bid substantially meets the requirements of said materials purchase contract documents as amended by Addenda; and

WHEREAS, it is in the Agency's best interest that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors, on behalf of the Agency, authorize its General Manager to accept the \$3,281,200 Base Bid plus Additive Bid Item 1 bid from Yellow Jacket Drilling Services, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors finds, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(1) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(1), the approval of the construction contract with Yellow Jacket Drilling Services, Inc., is ministerial act not subject to review under CEQA, and, alternatively, that the contract is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303, and further finds that none of the exceptions to the use of exemption found in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 have application, and directs the General Manager to file a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk's Office, and the State Clearinghouse.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors finds, that the approval of a purchase order to Kennedy Jenks Consultants, Inc. for construction management and inspection services and a purchase order with Todd Groundwater, GSI Water Solutions, Inc. and Richard C. Slade and Associates, LLC for engineering services during construction is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303, and further finds that none of the exceptions to the use of exemption found in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 have application, and directs the General Manager to file a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk's Office, and the State Clearinghouse.


RESOLVED FURTHER that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors authorize its General Manager to accept Yellow Jacket Drilling Services, Inc.'s bid and does therefore authorize the Agency's General Manager or its Chief Engineer to issue a Notice of Award to Yellow Jacket Drilling Services, Inc., hereby found to be the "lowest responsive responsible bidder" for the Expanded Monitoring in the Upper Santa Clara River Basin for the total sum of \$3,281,200.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Agency's General Manager or its President and Secretary are thereupon authorized, upon receipt of appropriate payment and performance bonds, appropriate certificates of insurance, and an executed Contract Agreement from Yellow Jacket Drilling Services, Inc., all of which must be approved by General Counsel, to execute the said Contract Agreement on behalf of the Agency.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Agency's General Manager or Chief Engineer are thereafter authorized to execute and forward an appropriate Notice to Proceed to Yellow Jacket Drilling Services, Inc.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors authorize its General Manager to issue a purchase order to Kennedy Jenks Consultants, Inc. for construction management and inspection services for the Expanded Monitoring in the Upper Santa Clara River Basin for an amount not to exceed \$360,000.


RESOLVED FURTHER that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors authorize its General Manager to issue a purchase order to Todd Groundwater, GSI Water Solutions, Inc. and Richard C. Slade and Associates for engineering services during construction for the Expanded Monitoring in the Upper Santa Clara River Basin for an amount not to exceed \$540,000.



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-485 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



Secretary

