

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-493

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY AUTHORIZING, PURSUANT TO THE CERTIFIED MISSION VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND AFFIRMING THE PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM, AN ADDITIONAL CHANGE ORDER AUTHORITY TO THE GENERAL MANAGER FOR THE BACKCOUNTRY PUMP STATION PIPELINE PROJECT

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2024, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors approved a Resolution for a construction contract with CEM Construction Corporation in the amount of \$2,952,855 for the Backcountry Pump Station Pipeline Project (Project), as it continues to work towards meeting the Agency's Strategic Plan B.2: "Design and construct facilities to meet demand including storage capacity and interconnections between wholesale and retail water systems;" and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2024, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (Agency) filed a Notice of Determination for Addendum 2 to the Mission Village Environment Impact Report (EIR) for the Project with the Los Angeles County Clerk's Office and the State Clearinghouse; and

WHEREAS, during construction, potholing efforts identified several unforeseen utility interferences, encasements, and poor soil conditions requiring changes to the design and construction methods, resulting in additional potholing, a relocated tie-in, new DDW crossings, deeper excavations, additional trench shoring, new piping and fittings, and the relocation of a fire service lateral; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to CEQA, when taking subsequent discretionary actions on a project for which an EIR has been certified, 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, the Agency evaluated the proposed change order in light of the standards for subsequent environmental review outlined in Public Resources Code Section 21166, State CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 and concluded that change order 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 certified EIR and Addendum and therefore, no subsequent EIR or MND is required; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Agency's Purchasing Policy, the General Manager's change order authority is equal to five percent (5%) of the original contract amount, and two (2) change orders have been made under the General Manager's authority; and

WHEREAS, it is in the Agency's best interest that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager to execute additional change orders in an amount not to exceed \$650,000 over the current five percent (5%) change order authority for the Backcountry Pump Station Pipeline Project.

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 change order, Board has reviewed and considered the EIR 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 change order. The Board finds that the EIR and Addendum contains a complete and accurate reporting of all the environmental impacts associated with the change order.

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 EIR, the Addendum, and all related information presented to the Board, the Board finds that pursuant to CEQA Sections 15162 and 15164, preparation of a subsequent or supplemental MND or EIR is not required for the proposed change order because it:

- A. Will not result in substantial changes that would require major revisions of the EIR 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 change order is developed that would require major revisions of the EIR 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 EIR documents were certified showing any of the following:
 - (i) The change order would have one or more significant effects not discussed in the EIR;
 - (ii) That significant effects previously examined would be substantially more severe than shown in the EIR;
 - (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.

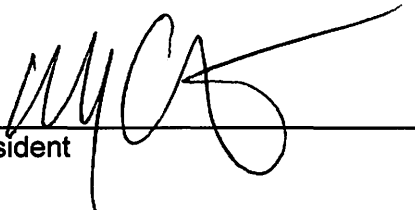
SECTION 4. FINDINGS ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. Having considered the administrative record, the EIR and Addendum, and all written and oral evidence presented to the Board, the Board finds that all environmental impacts of the change order have been addressed within the EIR and the Addendum. The Board finds that no new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required. The Board further finds that there is no substantial evidence in the administrative record supporting a fair argument that the change order may result in any significant environmental impacts beyond those analyzed in the EIR and Addendum. The Board finds that the EIR and Addendum contain a complete, objective, and accurate reporting of the environmental impacts associated with the change order and reflects the independent judgement and analysis of the Board.

SECTION 5. ADOPTION OF THE MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM. In accordance with Public Resources Code Section 21081.6, the Board of Directors hereby affirms the previously adopted MMRP.

SECTION 6. That the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to execute additional change orders in an amount not to exceed \$650,000 over the current five percent (5%) change order authority for the Backcountry Pump Station Pipeline Project.

SECTION 7. LOCATION AND CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS. The documents and materials associated with the change order, EIR and 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.

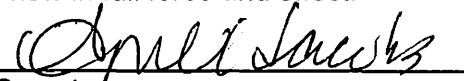
SECTION 8. NOTICE OF DETERMINATION. The Board of Directors hereby directs staff to prepare, execute, and file a Notice of Determination with the Los Angeles County Clerk's Office and the Office of Planning and Research within five (5) working days of adoption of this Resolution.



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 August 19, 2025 the foregoing Resolution No. SCV-493 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: August 19, 2025



Secretary

