

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-511

**RESOLUTION OF THE
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPTING AN ADDENDUM TO THE
FINAL INITIAL STUDY-MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (SCH # 2023090505)
FOR THE HONBY TANK PIPELINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (Agency), as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), adopted the Final Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) for the Honby Tank Pipeline Improvement Project (Original Project) (State Clearinghouse [SCH #2023090505]) and the accompanying Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) were adopted on January 16, 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 and minor modification; and

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

WHEREAS, additional work has been identified that must be performed, which requires supplemental funding; 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 Section 15164(b) of the CEQA Guidelines, an Addendum to an adopted negative declaration may be prepared by the Lead Agency that prepared the original negative declaration if only minor technical changes or additions are necessary or none of the conditions described in Section 15162 have occurred that require preparation of a Subsequent EIR or negative declaration; and

WHEREAS, An Addendum must include a brief explanation of the Agency's decision not to prepare a Subsequent EIR and be supported by substantial evidence in the record as a whole (Section 15164[e]). The Addendum to an adopted negative declaration need not be circulated for public review but it may be included in or attached to the adopted negative declaration (Section 15164[c]); and

WHEREAS, An Addendum to the adopted Final IS-MND for the Original Project is appropriate to address the proposed Modified Project because the proposed modifications to the approved Original Project do not meet the conditions of Section 15162(a) for preparation of a Subsequent EIR or negative declaration; and

WHEREAS, The proposed Modified Project would not result in new or more severe impacts related to: 1) substantial changes to the Original Project which require major revisions to the adopted Final IS-MND; 2) substantial changes to the circumstances under which the Original Project are being undertaken which will require major revisions to the adopted Final IS-MND; or

3) new information of substantial importance showing significant effects not previously Examined; 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, on October 31, 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, the Draft IS-MND Addendum was circulated for at least 30 days, from October 31, 2025 to December 5, 2025; 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 both the Original Project and the Modified 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, Addendum to the Final IS-MND 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 Guidelines Section 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 is not required for the proposed Modified Project because none of the conditions pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 have been met. These conditions include:

- A. New information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was certified as complete or the Negative Declaration was adopted, shows any of the following:
- (i) The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR or negative declaration.
 - (ii) Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous EIR.
 - (iii) Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible, and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative; or
 - (iv) Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.

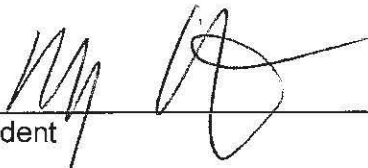
SECTION 4. FINDINGS ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. Having considered the Addendum, the administrative record, the IS-MND and all written and oral evidence presented to the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors finds that all environmental 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. 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. 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.

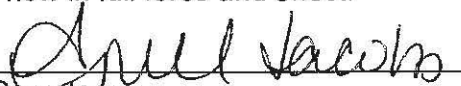
SECTION 8. NOTICE OF DETERMINATION. The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors hereby directs staff to prepare, execute, and file a Notice of Determination with the Los Angeles County Clerk's office and the Office of Planning and Research within five (5) working days of adoption of this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



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 January 6, 2026 the foregoing Resolution No. SCV-511 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: January 6, 2026



Secretary

