

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-512

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

(1) ADOPTING THE FINAL INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (SCH # 2025041248) AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM AND (2) AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER FOR FINAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR LOST CANYON 2A AND SAND CANYON GROUNDWATER TREATMENT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (Agency) intends to construct a new centralized groundwater treatment facility to restore groundwater production from alluvial aquifer wells Lost Canyon 2A and Sand Canyon (Project); and

WHEREAS, it is in the Agency's best interest that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Board of Directors, on behalf of the Agency, authorize its General Manager to execute a purchase order in the amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 to Woodard & Curran, Inc for final design services; and

WHEREAS, the Agency, as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), prepared an Initial Study for the Project to identify potentially significant effects on the environment which would result from the Project, and the Initial Study concluded that these impacts can be avoided or reduced to a level of insignificance with the adoption and implementation of certain mitigation measures therein identified and listed; and

WHEREAS, based on the Initial Study, a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) (State Clearinghouse No. 2025041248) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP) was prepared in accordance with CEQA, which finds that any potentially significant environmental effects of the proposed Project would be less than significant with implementation of mitigation measures for biological resources, cultural resources, and tribal cultural resources; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines Section 15072(b), on April 25, 2025, the Agency mailed a Notice of Intent (NOI) to Adopt the Draft IS/MND to all responsible and reviewing agencies, the Office of Planning and Research, and those members of the public who requested notice. The Agency also published the NOI in *The Signal*, a newspaper of general circulation; and

WHEREAS, as required by State CEQA Guidelines section 15072(d), the NOI was concurrently posted by the County Clerk of County of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines Section 15073, the Draft IS/MND was circulated for at least 30 days, from April 25, 2025, to May 27, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Agency received three (3) written comments from California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and Environment (SCOPE) during the comment review period and responses have been prepared and included in the Final IS/MND; and

WHEREAS, all the requirements of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines have been satisfied in connection with the preparation of the Final IS/MND, 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 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 THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT. As a decision-making body for the Project, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final IS/MND and other documents contained in the administrative record for the Project. Based on the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors' independent review and analysis, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors finds that the IS/MND and administrative record contain a complete and accurate reporting of the environmental impacts associated with the Project, and that the IS/MND has been completed in compliance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines, including State CEQA Guidelines sections 15070, 15071, and 15073.

SECTION 3. FINDINGS ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. Based on the whole record before it, including the Final IS/MND, the administrative record, and all other 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 Project are either less than significant or can be mitigated to a level of less than significant under the mitigation measures outlined in the Final IS/MND and the MMRP. The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors finds that, based on the imposition of mitigation measures, there is no substantial evidence in the administrative record supporting a fair argument that the Project may have a significant effect on the environment. The Board of Directors finds that no new significant environmental impacts have been identified in the Final IS/MND and any changes to the Final IS/MND in response to comments or otherwise do not constitute substantial revisions requiring recirculation under State CEQA Guidelines section 15073.5.

SECTION 4. ADOPTION OF THE FINAL INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION. The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors hereby approves and adopts the Final IS/MND as the Lead Agency.

SECTION 5. 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 adopts the MMRP. In the event of any inconsistencies between the Mitigation Measures as set forth in the Final IS/MND and the MMRP, the MMRP shall control.

SECTION 6. APPROVAL OF FINAL DESIGN SERVICES. Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency 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 Woodard & Curran, Inc for final design services for the Lost Canyon 2A and Sand Canyon Groundwater Treatment Improvements Project, for an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

SECTION 7. LOCATION AND CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS. The documents and materials associated with the Project and the Final IS/MND 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.

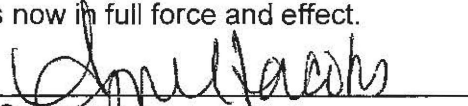
SECTION 8. NOTICE OF DETERMINATION. The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors hereby directs staff to prepare, execute, and file a Notice of Determination with the Los Angeles County Clerk's office and the Office of Planning and Research within five (5) working days of adoption of this 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-512 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

