

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-513

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
(1) AWARDING A CONTRACT AGREEMENT TO PACIFIC HYDROTECH
CORPORATION, (2) AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO MWH
CONSTRUCTORS, INC FOR INSPECTION AND MATERIALS TESTING SERVICES,
AND (3) AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO MICHAEL BAKER
INTERNATIONAL, INC FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES DURING CONSTRUCTION
FOR THE BACKCOUNTRY RESERVOIR PROJECT PURSUANT TO THE ADOPTED
ADDENDUM TO THE MISSION VILLAGE EIR FOR THE BACKCOUNTRY
RESERVOIR PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (Agency) intends to construct a new potable water reinforced concrete reservoir facility and develop the Backcountry Reservoir Project (Project); and

WHEREAS, the Project meets the Agency's Strategic Plan Objective B.2.: "Design and construct facilities to meet demand including storage capacity and interconnections between wholesale and retail water systems"; and

WHEREAS, an Addendum to the Mission Village EIR and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan was prepared for the Backcountry Reservoir Project, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which found that any potentially significant environmental effects of the proposed Project would be sufficiently mitigated to a level of insignificance with implementation of mitigation measures specified therein; and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2024, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors adopted the Addendum to the Mission Village EIR and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan for the Backcountry Reservoir Project by Resolution No. SCV-448; and

WHEREAS, a Notice of Determination was filed with the State Clearinghouse on October 2, 2024, and officially received by the Los Angeles County Clerk on October 4, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors approved the award of the Project's final design services to Michael Baker International, Inc. at a regular Board of Directors meeting on March 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Agency now proposes to approve (1) the award of a contract for construction of the Project, (2) the authorization of a purchase order for inspection and materials testing services relating to construction of the Project and (3) the authorization of a purchase order for engineering services during construction of the Project; and

WHEREAS, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, as the lead agency, has evaluated the proposed subsequent Project approvals pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15162 to determine if, when taking subsequent discretionary actions in furtherance of a project for which a mitigated negative declaration has been adopted, the Agency is required to under Public Resources Code Section 21166 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 to conduct additional environmental review; and

WHEREAS, the evaluation concluded that there are no substantial changes proposed in the Project, nor substantial changes in the circumstances under which the subsequent Project approvals would be undertaken, which would require major revisions to the Addendum due to new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects such that subsequent environmental review would be required; 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 \$1,350,000 to Michael Baker International, Inc. for engineering services during construction of 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 \$1,250,000 to MWH Constructors, Inc. for inspection and material testing services for the Project; and

WHEREAS, all contractor bid proposals submitted to Agency pursuant to Agency's specifications for procurement of the Project (Project No. CIP26-1006-9) were publicly opened electronically on the Agency's bid website page on PlanetBids on Wednesday, November 5, 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 that the total bid from Pacific Hydrotech Corporation in the amount of \$46,463,700 is the lowest responsible bid of four (4) bids submitted based upon the Agency staff's review, and that said bid substantially meets the requirements of said materials purchase contract documents as amended; 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 \$49,463,700 bid from Pacific Hydrotech Corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors does hereby find and determine as follows that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein as substantive findings of this Resolution.

RESOLVED FURTHER that based on the whole record before it, including the adopted Addendum to the Mission Village EIR for the Backcountry Reservoir Project ("Addendum"), the administrative record, and all other written and oral evidence presented to the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors, the Board of Directors finds that all environmental impacts of the subsequent Project approvals are either less than significant or can be mitigated to a level of less than significant under the mitigation measures outlined in the Addendum and the previously adopted Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (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 subsequent Project approvals may have a significant effect on the environment.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors authorize its General Manager to accept Pacific Hydrotech Corporation's bid and does therefore authorize the Agency's General Manager or its Chief Engineer to issue a Notice of Award to Pacific Hydrotech Corporation, hereby found to be the "lowest responsive responsible bidder" for the Backcountry Reservoir Project for the total sum of \$49,463,700.

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 Pacific Hydrotech Corporation, 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 to Pacific Hydrotech Corporation an appropriate Notice to Proceed.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors authorize its General Manager to issue a purchase order to MWH Constructors, Inc. for inspection and materials testing services for the Backcountry Reservoir Project for an amount not to exceed \$1,250,000.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors authorize its General Manager to issue a purchase order to Michael Baker International, Inc. for engineering services during the construction of the Backcountry Reservoir Project for an amount not to exceed \$1,350,000.

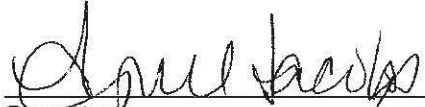
RESOLVED FURTHER that the documents and materials associated with the Project and the Addendum that constitute the record of proceedings on which these findings are based can be requested from the Custodian of Record located at Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. The Custodian of Record is the Board Secretary April Jacobs.



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-513 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

