

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-515

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY TO (1)
ADOPT THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (SCH#2025100035) BASED
UPON AND INCORPORATING AN INITIAL STUDY, AND ADOPT A MITIGATION
MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM, (2) AUTHORIZE A PURCHASE
ORDER TO CAROLLO ENGINEERS CONSULTANTS FOR FINAL DESIGN
SERVICES FOR THE WELLS W9 AND W10 PFAS GROUNDWATER TREATMENT
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, AND (3) AUTHORIZE A PURCHASE ORDER TO
WOOD RODGERS CONSULTANTS FOR FINAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE
WELLS W9 AND W10 PIPELINE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (Agency) determined that Wells W9 and W10 PFAS Groundwater Treatment Improvements Project (Treatment Project) and Wells W9 and W10 Pipeline Improvements Project (Pipeline Project) are important components of the Agency's water supply; and

WHEREAS, the Wells W9 and W10 Groundwater Treatment Improvements Project and the Wells W9 and W10 Pipeline Improvements Project are collectively analyzed as a single project (Project) for the purposes of CEQA; 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 less-than-significant level with 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. 2025100035) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program were prepared in accordance with CEQA, which finds that any potentially significant environmental effects of the proposed project would be sufficiently mitigated to a less-than-significant level with implementation of mitigation measures for biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, tribal cultural resources, and wildfire; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15072(b), on October 03, 2025 the Agency mailed a Notice of Intent (NOI) to Adopt the Draft MND to all responsible and reviewing agencies, the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation, 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 Notice of Intent to Adopt the Draft MND was concurrently posted by the Clerk of the Board of Directors for the County of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines section 15073, the Draft MND was publicly circulated for at least 30 days, from October 03, 2025, to November 03, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Agency received two written comments from state reviewing agencies during the comment review period and responses have been prepared and included in the IS-MND; and

WHEREAS, all the requirements of CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines have been satisfied in connection with the preparation of the 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; and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2025, and July 3, 2025, two Final Design Services RFPs were issued for the Pipeline and Treatment Projects respectively on PlanetBids; and

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2025, three (3) proposals were electronically received on the Agency's website page on PlanetBids pursuant to the Agency's Final Design Services Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Pipeline Project; and

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2025, three (3) proposals were electronically received on the Agency's website page on PlanetBids pursuant to the Agency's Final Design Services Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Treatment Project; and

WHEREAS, it is in the Agency's best interest that the Board of Directors, on behalf of SCV Water, authorize its General Manager or Chief Engineer to authorize a purchase order in the amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 to Carollo Engineers for final design services for the Treatment Project; and

WHEREAS, it is in the Agency's best interest that the Board of Directors, on behalf of SCV Water, authorize its General Manager or Chief Engineer to authorize a purchase order in the amount not to exceed \$350,000 to Wood Rodgers for final design services for the 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 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 Board of Directors has reviewed and considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration, together with the Initial Study and all comments received, and all other documents contained in the administrative record for the Project. The Board of Directors has exercised its independent judgement and analysis in reviewing these materials. Based on the whole of the record, the Board of Directors finds that the MND and administrative record contain a complete and accurate reporting of the environmental impacts associated with the Project, and that the MND has been prepared in compliance with CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines, including CEQA Guidelines sections 15070, 15071, and 15073.

SECTION 3. FINDINGS ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. Based on the whole record before it, including the IS-MND, the administrative record, and all other written and oral evidence presented to the Board of Directors, the 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 IS-MND and the MMRP. The 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 IS-MND and any changes to the IS-MND in response to comments or otherwise do not constitute substantial revisions requiring recirculation under CEQA Guidelines. The Board of Directors further finds that to the extent any mitigation measures were revised after the public review period had concluded, these revised mitigation measures are equivalent or more effective in mitigating environmental impacts already identified in the Draft MND and that the change or addition does not itself cause any potentially significant impact.

SECTION 4. ADOPTION OF THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION. The Board of Directors hereby approves and adopts the MND for the Project, based upon and incorporating the Initial Study and the entire administrative record, and finds that the MND reflects the independent judgement of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency as the Lead Agency.


SECTION 5. ADOPTION OF THE MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM. In accordance with Public Resources Code section 21081.6, the Board of Directors hereby adopts the MMRP. In the event of any inconsistencies between the Mitigation Measures as set forth in the IS-MND and the MMRP, the MMRP shall control.

SECTION 6. APPROVAL OF FINAL DESIGN SERVICES. Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's 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 Carollo Engineers for the Final Design of the Treatment Project, for an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.

SECTION 7. APPROVAL OF FINAL DESIGN SERVICES. Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's 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 Wood Rodgers for the Final Design of the Pipeline Project, for an amount not to exceed \$350,000.

SECTION 8. LOCATION AND CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS. The documents and materials associated with the Project and the 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.

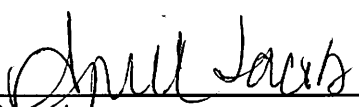
SECTION 9. NOTICE OF DETERMINATION. The Board of Directors hereby directs staff to prepare, execute, and file a Notice of Determination with the Los Angeles County Clerk's office and the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation within five (5) working days of adoption of this Resolution.



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 March 3, 2026 the foregoing Resolution No. SCV-515 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: March 3, 2026



Secretary

