

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-68

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
ADOPTING A RATE-SETTING PROCESS THAT INCLUDES A
RATEPAYER ADVOCATE**

WHEREAS, Section 14(3)(b) of Senate Bill 634 (Chapter No. 833, 2017), the bill creating the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (the "Agency"), requires that on or before January 1, 2109, the Agency develop a rate-setting process that includes an independent ratepayer advocate; and

WHEREAS, the ratepayer advocate is to advise the Board of Directors and provide information to the public before the adoption of new wholesale and retail water service rates and charges; and

WHEREAS, the ratepayer advocate shall be selected by and report directly to the Board of Directors and shall be independent from Agency staff and advocate on behalf of customers within the Agency's boundaries to the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the ratepayer advocate shall have access to all pertinent Agency documents and information to independently advise the Board of Directors and inform the public;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors shall develop and adopt any necessary rules and procedures to further define the role of the ratepayer advocate; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors may not eliminate the ratepayer advocate role before January 1, 2023 and may only do so after that time by a four-fifths vote of Directors.

NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Rate-setting Process that Includes a Ratepayer Advocate attached as "Exhibit A" is hereby adopted as the Rate-setting Process that Includes a Ratepayer Advocate of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency in compliance with SB 634. The Board of Directors may act to amend the approved Rate-setting Process that Includes a Ratepayer Advocate at any time by motion. A subsequent resolution is not required.


SECTION 2. The Board Secretary shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.


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 meeting of the Board of Directors of said Agency held on November 6, 2018, the foregoing Resolution No. SCV-68 was duly and regularly adopted by said Board, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended since the date of its adoption, and that it is now in full force and effect.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: November 6, 2018


Secretary

