

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-243

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
DIRECTING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT
STAGE 1 OF THE WATER SHORTAGE
CONTINGENCY PLAN AND DECLARE A STAGE 1 WATER SHORTAGE CONDITION
PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 2**

WHEREAS, the State of California is experiencing unprecedented drought conditions with a significant portion of the state classified as Category D4 Exceptional Drought; and

WHEREAS, the State Water Project, of which SCV Water receives approximately half of its annual water supply, is critically low; and

WHEREAS, during the 2020/2021 water year, the Santa Clarita Valley recorded its lowest historical level of local precipitation; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Valley is currently experiencing hydrological drought conditions with approximately half of the valley currently classified as Category D3 - Extreme Drought and half classified as D4 - Exceptional Drought; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2021, Governor Newsom issued a Drought Emergency Declaration which was extended on both May 10, 2021 and July 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on July 8, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-10-21, which urged all Californians to voluntarily reduce water use by 15% compared to 2020 water consumption levels; and

WHEREAS, beginning in September 2021, the State Water Resources Control Board initiated monthly reporting to assess conservation performance statewide, hydrologic region, and urban water supplier; and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2021, Governor Newsom extended the Drought Emergency Declaration to include Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, and Ventura Counties, proclaiming that a drought state of emergency is now in effect statewide, and directed water suppliers to implement their water shortage contingency plans at an appropriate level to plan for a possible third consecutive year of drought; and

WHEREAS, in June 2021, the SCV Water Board of Directors adopted the SCV Water's Water Shortage Contingency Plan and the Water Conservation and Water Supply Shortage Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2) to provide the Agency with the tools necessary to mitigate water shortage conditions and to influence demand reductions; and

WHEREAS, SCV Water customers have a standing history of successful water conservation performance; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has developed a diverse water supply portfolio to achieve water supply and demand balances for both single and consecutive dry year periods; and

WHEREAS, the State Water Project allocation was 5% for calendar year 2021 requiring the Agency to utilize its critical and dry year banked storage supplies to offset the low allocation; and

WHEREAS, the initial State Water Project allocation for 2022 is likely to be set at a historic low; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has determined that water supplies are sufficient to meet current unconstrained demands for the 2022 operating year, but recognizes that conserving water would make cost effective supplies available in 2023 should that year also be dry; and

WHEREAS, the Water Shortage Contingency Plan and Water Conservation Ordinance is intended to encourage responsible water use, conserve our water resources and protect the Agency's customers, especially during times of drought and water shortages, the Agency is focused on outreach, communication and education first; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has initiated drought conservation messaging and community engagement to communicate and encourage the need and benefits of voluntary water conservation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. The General Manager is directed to implement Stage 1 of the Agency's Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

Section 3. A Stage 1 Water Shortage Condition pursuant to the Agency's Water Conservation and Water Supply Shortage Ordinance (Resolution No. 2) is hereby declared.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution is effective upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency this 16th day of November 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Armitage, Atkins, Braunstein, Colley, Cooper, Ford, Gladbach, Kelly, Martin, Mortensen, Orzechowski and Plambeck

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Joseph Martin
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 16, 2021, the foregoing Resolution No. SCV-243 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 16, 2021

April Jacobs
Secretary

