

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – August 4, 2020

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A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency was held via teleconference at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, August 4, 2020. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** B. J. Atkins, Ed Colley, Kathy Colley, William Cooper, Robert DiPrimio, Jeff Ford, Jerry Gladbach, Maria Gutzeit, R. J. Kelly, Gary Martin, Dan Mortensen and Lynne Plambeck via teleconference.

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** None.

Also present via teleconference: General Manager Matthew Stone, General Counsel Joe Byrne, Board Secretary April Jacobs, Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Chief Engineer Courtney Mael, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Eric Campbell, Director of Finance and Administration Rochelle Patterson, Director of Operations and Maintenance Mike Alvord, Director of Water Resources Dirk Marks, Director of Tech Services Cris Perez, Principal Engineer Brent Payne, Principal Engineer Jason Yim, Senior Engineer Shadi Bader, Senior Engineer Jim Leserman, Associate Engineer Elizabeth Sobczak, Water Resources Planner Sarah Fleury, Senior Management Analyst Kim Grass, Administrative Analyst Cheryl Fowler, Financial Analyst Darine Conner, Public Information Officer Kathie Martin, Administrative Technician Eunie Kang, Administrative Assistant Terri Bell, IT Technician Rene Ponce and members of the public.

President Martin called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. A quorum was present.

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Mortensen and carried, the Board approved the Agenda by the following roll call votes (Item 4):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director E. Colley	Yes
Director K. Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Yes
Director DiPrimio	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Vice President Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Director Mortensen	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

Upon motion of Director DiPrimio, seconded by Director Ford and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar including Resolution Nos. SCV-164 and SCV-165 by the following roll call votes (Item 5):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director E. Colley	Yes
Director K. Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Yes
Director DiPrimio	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Vice President Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Director Mortensen	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-164**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
APPROVING FUNDING FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO  
LEE & RO FOR THE  
REPLACEMENT (SAUGUS 3 AND 4) WELLS SITE AND  
INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGN PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCVWA) desires to take steps to increase the reliability of its existing water system; and

**WHEREAS**, SCVWA's Capital Improvement Program includes construction of the Agency's future Replacement (Saugus 3 and 4) Wells; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 14, 2005, Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA), as the lead agency under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Groundwater Containment, Treatment, and Restoration Project (MND), and MND which evaluated the Replacement (Saugus 3 and 4) Well Project and adopted findings and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Programs with the adoption of Resolution No. 2429; and

**WHEREAS**, Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA), as a CEQA Lead Agency, filed the Notice of Determination with the Los Angeles County Clerk's Office and the State Clearinghouse on September 19, 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the integration of CLWA into SCVWA, SCVWA is now the lead agency under CEQA for the Replacement (Saugus 3 and 4) Wells Project; and

**WHEREAS**, in its role as lead agency SCVWA has now evaluated the adopted MND pursuant to CEQA Guideline 15162 to determine if, when taking subsequent discretionary actions in furtherance of a project for which an MND has been adopted, SCVWA is required to review any changed circumstances to determine whether any of the circumstances under Public Resources Code section 21166 and CEQA Guidelines section 15162 require additional environmental review; and

**WHEREAS**, based on that evaluation, and given that the proposed design is consistent with the MND, SCVWA staff concluded that the MND fully analyzed and mitigated all potentially significant environmental impacts, if any, that would result from the Project, and therefore, no subsequent EIR or mitigated negative declaration is required; and

**WHEREAS**, all proposals submitted to SCVWA pursuant to the SCVWA's request for proposal documents for the design of the Replacement (Saugus 3 and 4) Wells Site and Infrastructure Project were received by SCVWA on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 by 5:00 p.m., in full accordance with the law and SCVWA customary procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors finds, after considering the opinion of staff, that the total proposal in an amount not to exceed of Lee & Ro in the amount of \$326,000 is the best suited proposal of four proposals submitted, and that said proposal substantially meets the requirements of said request for proposal documents; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the Agency's best interest that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the SCVWA, authorize its General Manager to accept the \$326,000 proposal.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the SCVWA Board of Directors (Board) has reviewed and considered the MND and supporting materials and finds that those documents taken together contain a complete and accurate reporting of all of the environmental impacts associated with the Project.

The Board further finds that the administrative record has been completed in compliance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and that the MND and supporting materials, taken together, reflect the Board's independent judgment.

Further, based on the substantial evidence set forth in the record, including but not limited to the MND and supporting materials the Board finds that, based on the whole record before it, none of the conditions under State CEQA Guidelines section 15162 requiring subsequent environmental review have occurred because the Project:

a) will not result in substantial changes that would require major revisions of the MND due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; and

b) will not result in substantial changes with respect to the circumstances under which the Project is developed that would require major revisions of the MND due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of the previously identified significant effects; and

c) does not present new information of substantial importance that was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the MND was adopted, as applicable, showing any of the following: (i) that the modifications would have one or more significant effects not discussed in the earlier environmental documentation; (ii) that significant effects previously examined would be substantially more severe than shown in the earlier environmental documentation; (iii) that mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects, but the applicant declined to adopt such measures; or (iv) that mitigation measures or alternatives are considerably different from those analyzed previously would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but which the applicant declined to adopt.

Further, based on the substantial evidence set forth in the record, including but not limited to the MND and supporting materials, the Board finds that the applicable mitigation measures identified in the MND have been incorporated into a specific mitigation monitoring program for the Project and would ensure that any potential environmental impacts would be reduced to less than significant levels.

The Board re-adopts those mitigation measures identified in the MND that are relevant to the Project as detailed specifically in the Mitigation Monitoring Program attached as Exhibit A, attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein.

The documents and materials that constitute the record of proceedings on which this Resolution has been based are located at the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Summit Circle Office at 26521 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. The custodian for these records is James Leserman. This information is provided in compliance with Public Resources Code section 21081.6.

A Notice of Determination shall be filed with the County of Los Angeles and the State Clearinghouse within 5 (five) working days of the Board's final Project approval.  
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the SCVWA's Board of Directors does authorize its General Manager to accept said proposal and does therefore authorize the SCVWA's General Manager or its Chief Operating Officer to issue a Purchase Order to Lee & Ro, for the Replacement (Saugus 3 and 4) Wells Site and Infrastructure Design Project for an amount not to exceed of \$326,000.

**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-165**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
AUTHORIZING WATER SUPPLY CONTRACT PAYMENTS  
DURING FISCAL YEAR 2020/21**

**WHEREAS**, the Castaic Lake Water Agency on April 30, 1963 contracted with the State of California through the Department of Water Resources for a water supply pursuant to the California Water Resources Development Bond Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Castaic Lake Water Agency on June 23, 1972 joined in the Devil Canyon-Castaic Contract, which amended payment terms of the State Water Contract to require Agency payment for debt service on bonds issued under the contract and operation and maintenance of certain facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to SB 634, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SVC Water) was created on January 1, 2018 and is the successor entity to the Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA) and the Newhall County Water District (NCWD); and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency is currently entitled under the Water Supply Contract, as amended, to a total Annual Table A amount of 95,200 acre-feet; and

**WHEREAS**, the Water Supply Contract, as amended, requires the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency to make payments to the Department of Water Resources for water service on account of (1) a Delta Water Charge, (2) a Transportation Charge, (3) a Devil Canyon-Castaic Contract Charge, (4) an Off-Aqueduct Power Facilities Charge as an addition to the Transportation Charge, and (5) a Water System Revenue Bond Surcharge; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article 29 of the Water Supply Contract and Articles 17 and 22 of the Devil Canyon-Castaic Contract, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency has received statements of charges embracing and detailing payments due in FY 2020/21; and

**WHEREAS**, a summary of the charges contained in the statements is attached to this resolution and the total of the invoiced FY 2020/21 Water Supply Contract charges is \$19,552,236, plus Variable Operation, Maintenance, Power and Replacement Charges.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency authorizes the General Manager to disburse funds from the State Water Contract Fund, subject to adjustments, in a timely manner to meet the Water Supply Contract and Devil Canyon-Castaic Contract payment obligations due during FY 2020/21.

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Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director DiPrimio and carried, the Board approved Resolution No. SCV-166 approving a construction contract with W.A. Rasic Construction Company, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$475,810 for the Westridge Recycled Water Tank Upgrades Potable Make-up Above Ground Piping Project by the following roll call votes (Item 6.1):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director E. Colley	Yes
Director K. Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Yes
Director DiPrimio	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Vice President Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Not Present	President Martin	Yes
Director Mortensen	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

#### **RESOLUTION NO. SCV-166**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY AWARDING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO W.A. RASIC CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR THE WESTRIDGE RECYCLED WATER TANK UPGRADES POTABLE MAKE-UP ABOVE GROUND PIPING PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCVWA) determined that recycled water is an important component of future water supplies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Westridge Recycled Water Tank Upgrades Potable Make-up Above Ground Piping Project is a component of the Recycled Water System; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed action is authorization of a construction contract for the Westridge Recycled Water Tank Potable Make-Up Above Ground Piping Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project, aka the whole of the action, qualifies for an exemption under Class 1 Existing Facilities because it is a minor alteration of an existing public facility and it concerns proposed new mechanical equipment involving negligible or no expansion of use, i.e. no additional delivery of water, beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination; and

**WHEREAS**, none of the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines would apply to the action; and

**WHEREAS**, all bid proposals submitted to the SCVWA pursuant to the SCVWA's construction contract documents for the construction of the Westridge Recycled Water Tank Upgrades Potable Make-up Above Ground Piping Project, as amended by Addenda, were publicly opened and read electronically on the SCVWA's website page on PlanetBids on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 2:00 p.m., in full accordance with the law and the SCVWA's customary procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors finds, after considering the opinion of staff, that the total bid of W.A. Rasic Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$475,810 is the lowest responsible bid of two bids submitted, and that said bid substantially meets the requirements of said construction contract documents as amended by Addenda; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the Agency's best interest that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the SCVWA, authorize its General Manager to accept the \$475,810 bid.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the SCVWA's Board of Directors does authorize its General Manager to accept said low bid and does therefore authorize the SCVWA's General Manager or its Chief Operating Officer to issue a Notice of Award to W.A. Rasic Construction Company, Inc., hereby found to be the "lowest responsible bidder" for the Westridge Recycled Water Tank Upgrades Potable Make-up Above Ground Piping Project for the total sum of \$475,810.

**RESOLVED FURTHER** that the SCVWA'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 W.A. Rasic Construction Company, Inc., all of which must be approved by General Counsel, to execute the said Contract Agreement on behalf of the SCVWA.

**RESOLVED FURTHER** that the SCVWA's General Manager or Chief Operating Officer are thereafter authorized to execute and forward to W.A. Rasic Construction Company, Inc. an appropriate Notice to Proceed.

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Upon motion of Director Mortensen, seconded by Director Cooper and carried, the Board (1) approved Resolution No. SCV-167 awarding funding in an amount not to exceed \$5,615,052 for construction costs to Best Drilling and Pump, Inc., (2) authorized the General Manager to issue a purchase order for an amount not to exceed \$343,000 for hydrogeological services during construction and inspection services to Richard C. Slade & Associates LLC and (3) issued a purchase order for an amount not to exceed \$592,000 for construction management services to Black & Veatch for the Replacement (Saugus 3 and 4) Wells Construction Project by the following roll call votes (Item 6.2):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director E. Colley	Yes
Director K. Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Yes
Director DiPrimio	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Vice President Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Director Mortensen	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

#### **RESOLUTION NO. SCV-167**

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY APPROVING FUNDING FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO THE BEST DRILLING AND PUMP, INC., FOR THE REPLACEMENT (SAUGUS 3 AND 4) WELLS PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCVWA) desires to take steps to increase the reliability of its existing water system; and

**WHEREAS**, SCVWA's Capital Improvement Program includes construction of the Agency's future Replacement (Saugus 3 and 4) Wells; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 14, 2005, Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA), as the lead agency under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Groundwater Containment, Treatment, and Restoration Project (MND), and MND which evaluated the Replacement (Saugus 3 and 4) Well Project and adopted findings and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Programs with the adoption of Resolution No. 2429; and

**WHEREAS**, Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA), as a CEQA Lead Agency, filed the Notice of Determination with the Los Angeles County Clerk's Office and the State Clearinghouse on September 19, 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the integration of CLWA into SCVWA, SCVWA is now the lead agency under CEQA for the Replacement (Saugus 3 and 4) Wells Project; and

**WHEREAS**, in its role as lead agency SCVWA has now evaluated the adopted MND pursuant to CEQA Guideline 15162 to determine if, when taking subsequent discretionary actions in furtherance of a project for which an MND has been adopted, SCVWA is required to review any changed circumstances to determine whether any of the circumstances under Public Resources Code section 21166 and CEQA Guidelines section 15162 require additional environmental review; and

**WHEREAS**, based on that evaluation, and given that the proposed Project has been only slightly modified, SCVWA staff concluded that the MND fully analyzed and mitigated all potentially significant environmental impacts, if any, that would result from the Project, and therefore, no subsequent EIR or mitigated negative declaration is required; and

**WHEREAS**, all bid proposals submitted to SCWA pursuant to the SCVWA's construction contract documents for the construction of the Replacement (Saugus 3 and 4) Wells Project, as amended by Addenda, were received by SCVWA on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 by 2:00 p.m., in full accordance with the law and SCVWA customary procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors finds, after considering the opinion of staff, that the total bid of Best Drilling and Pump, Inc., in the amount of \$5,615,052 is the lowest responsible bid of three bids submitted, and that said bid substantially meets the requirements of said construction contract documents as amended by Addenda; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the Agency's best interest that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the SCVWA, authorize its General Manager to accept the \$5,615,052 bid.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the SCVWA Board of Directors (Board) has reviewed and considered the MND and supporting materials and finds that those documents taken together contain a complete and accurate reporting of all of the environmental impacts associated with the Project.

The Board further finds that the administrative record has been completed in compliance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and that the MND and supporting materials, taken together, reflect the Board's independent judgment.

Further, based on the substantial evidence set forth in the record, including but not limited to the MND and supporting materials the Board finds that, based on the whole record before it, none

of the conditions under State CEQA Guidelines section 15162 requiring subsequent environmental review have occurred because the Project:

a) will not result in substantial changes that would require major revisions of the MND due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; and

b) will not result in substantial changes with respect to the circumstances under which the Project is developed that would require major revisions of the MND due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of the previously identified significant effects; and

c) does not present new information of substantial importance that was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the MND was adopted, as applicable, showing any of the following: (i) that the modifications would have one or more significant effects not discussed in the earlier environmental documentation; (ii) that significant effects previously examined would be substantially more severe than shown in the earlier environmental documentation; (iii) that mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects, but the applicant declined to adopt such measures; or (iv) that mitigation measures or alternatives are considerably different from those analyzed previously would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but which the applicant declined to adopt.

Further, based on the substantial evidence set forth in the record, including but not limited to the MND and supporting materials, the Board finds that the applicable mitigation measures identified in the MND have been incorporated into a specific mitigation monitoring program for the Project and would ensure that any potential environmental impacts would be reduced to less than significant levels.

The Board re-adopts those mitigation measures identified in the MND that are relevant to the Project as detailed specifically in the Mitigation Monitoring Program attached as Exhibit A, attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein.

The documents and materials that constitute the record of proceedings on which this Resolution has been based are located at the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Summit Circle Office at 26521 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. The custodian for these records is James Leserman. This information is provided in compliance with Public Resources Code section 21081.6.

A Notice of Determination shall be filed with the County of Los Angeles and the State Clearinghouse within 5 (five) working days of the Board's final Project approval.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the SCVWA's Board of Directors does authorize its General Manager to accept said low bid and does therefore authorize the SCVWA's General Manager or its Chief Operating Officer to issue a Notice of Award to Best Drilling and Pump, Inc., hereby found to be the "lowest responsible bidder" for the Replacement (Saugus 3 and 4) Wells Project for the total sum of \$5,615,052.

**RESOLVED FURTHER** that the SCVWA'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 Best Drilling and Pump, Inc., all of which must be approved by General Counsel, to execute the said Contract Agreement on behalf of the SCVWA.

**RESOLVED FURTHER** that the SCVWA's General Manager or Chief Operating Officer are thereafter authorized to execute and forward to Best Drilling and Pump, Inc. an appropriate Notice to Proceed.

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Upon motion of Director Atkins, seconded by Director Cooper and carried, the Board authorized the General Manger to issue a work authorization to Kennedy Jenks for preparation of the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan by the following roll call votes (Item 6.3):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director E. Colley	Yes
Director K. Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Yes
Director DiPrimio	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Vice President Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Director Mortensen	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

Upon motion of Director Plambeck, seconded by Director K. Colley and carried, the Board 1) approved Resolution No. SCV-168 authorizing the General Manager to apply for funding under the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Drought Response Program: Drought Resiliency Projects Program, (2) executed a grant agreement, and (3) committed to providing up to \$1.5 million dollars in matching funds by the following roll call votes (Item 6.4):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director E. Colley	Yes
Director K. Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Yes
Director DiPrimio	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Vice President Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Director Mortensen	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

#### **RESOLUTION NO. SCV-168**

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING BY THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION'S WATERSMART DROUGHT RESPONSE PROGRAM FOR THE SAUGUS WELLS 3 & 4 (REPLACEMENT WELLS) WELL EQUIPMENT AND SITE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency ("Agency") issued a Request for Proposals for design services for well equipment and site improvements (above ground portion) for the Saugus Wells 3 & 4 (Replacement Wells) Well Equipment and Site Improvements Project (the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, the entire Project is part of the Agency's approved Capital Improvement Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Replacement Wells will partially replace water production lost from wells due to perchlorate contamination; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of the Interior offers financial assistance in the form of grant funding through its Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART (Sustain and Manage America's Resources for Tomorrow) Drought Response Program (DRP): Drought Resiliency Projects Program for this type of project. The program provides two levels of funding and up to a maximum of \$1,500,000 in grant funding for longer term projects and \$500,000 for other projects, but not to exceed 50% of the total project cost; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency desires to fund part of the cost of the Project with grant funding from the WaterSMART DRP Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency hereby finds, determines, declares and resolves as follows:

1. The Board hereby supports a grant application to the WaterSMART DRP Program for the Project.
2. The Board hereby authorizes and directs the General Manager, or his or her designee, to complete, review, sign and submit, for and on behalf of the Agency, a grant application to the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART DRP Program for the Project up to the amount of \$1,500,000.
3. The General Manager, or his or her designee, is authorized to provide the assurances, certifications, and commitments required for the grant application, including executing a financial assistance or similar agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation within established deadlines and any amendments or changes thereto.
4. The General Manager, or his or her designee, is authorized to represent the Agency in carrying out the Agency's responsibilities under the grant agreement, including certifying disbursement requests on behalf of the Agency and compliance with applicable state and federal laws.
5. If a grant award is made by the Bureau of Reclamation, the Agency commits to providing a minimum of 100% in matching funds (up to \$1,500,000) for the Project, and up to the balance of funds needed to complete the construction of the Project.
6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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#### **General Manager's Report on Activities, Projects and Programs (Item 7).**

The General Manager gave a brief update on the MSR document that LAFCO has been working on. This document was added as one of the requirements in the conditions for the post-merger of the agencies to create the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency. LAFCO has a consultant they have brought onboard who worked on gathering information from staff as well as other parties and has developed a draft MSR report for public comment. SCV Water staff has been working to provide comments on behalf of the Agency, mostly technical in nature, to verify that all the

information is correct. He believes this item is slated for consideration and adoption at an upcoming LAFCO meeting

Next the General Manager reported that regarding the emergency repairs done on the pavement on Decoro Drive in Valencia, consistent with the authority granted to the General Manager in Section 5.2 of the Purchasing Policy, the General Manager hereby determines that, based on the reasons and detail described below, there was an emergency that required immediate action and it was necessary to dispense with public bidding requirements.

After repairs and paving were completed from the April 2, 2020 mainline break on Decoro Drive, it was identified that an additional area of roadway had settled as a result of the mainline break. Last week, a City of Santa Clarita Inspector and Agency staff met at the location and determined that water associated with the mainline break undermined a section of roadway adjacent to the break. The City Inspector followed up the field visit with an email requesting the roadway be repaired as soon as possible since it had become a potential hazard to the public.

Staff immediately solicited three estimates from local contractors and received two of the three estimates. R.C. Becker provided the lowest estimate at \$94,800. Given the emergency situation and that the City requested the roadway be repaired immediately, staff authorized the work to be completed in accordance with Agency Policy. Given the immediate need to perform the work and his decision to forgo a formal bidding process, he notified the Board of Directors of this emergency action as well as provided the Board a written report consistent with the requirements of the policy.

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**There were no comments on Committee Meeting Recap Reports Item 8 or Written Reports Item 9.**

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**President's Report (Item 10).**

President Martin asked the Board to consider and approve suspending the Board's limitation of single day events through December of 2020 and reassessing in January of 2021 with the understanding that the policy is still one meeting per day for a total of ten meetings per month. President Martin discussed the importance of Board interaction and representation with both the local and water communities and the Boards need to continue to educate themselves on water issues. With COVID-19, such events and opportunities have been limited to webinars which are generally at a lower cost and provide Board interaction and inclusion. President Martin believed it would be in the best interest of the Board to consider approving this suspension. Upon motion of Director Akins, seconded by Director Kelly and carried, the Board approved to temporarily suspend the limitation of single day events through December 2020 and reassess in January 2021 by the following roll call votes (Item 10.1):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director E. Colley	No
Director K. Colley	No	Director Cooper	Yes
Director DiPrimio	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Vice President Gutzeit	Yes

Director Kelly	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Director Mortensen	No	Director Plambeck	Yes

President Martin then updated the Board on upcoming events.

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**AB 1234 Reports (Item 11).**

Written reports were submitted by Vice President Gladbach and were included in the Board packet which is part of record. Additional written reports were submitted by President Martin, Vice President Gladbach and Directors Atkins and Plambeck which were posted on the SCV Water website, OnBoard and are part of the record.

President Martin reported that he attended VIA's First 60 Days of Congressman Mike Garcia on August 4, 2020 via webinar.

Vice President Gladbach and Directors Cooper, DiPrimio and Kelly reported that they attended the ACWA Summer Conference held on July 29-30, 2020 via webinar.

Director Atkins reported that he attended the Sites Town Hall meeting on July 14, 2020 via webinar.

Director Cooper reported that he attended the Sites Town Hall meeting on July 15, 2020 via webinar.

There were no further AB 1234 Reports.

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**Director Reports (Item 12).**

There were no Director reports.

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The Board went into Closed Session at 8:34 PM (Item 13).

The Board was instructed to disconnect from the current call and redial in on a separate teleconference line that was provided to them. President Martin instructed the public members and staff who wanted to stay on the call, to stay on the current teleconference line and once Closed Session has ended, the Board will reconvene for Closed Session announcements and the conclusion of the meeting.

President Martin reconvened the Open Session at 9:39 PM.

Joe Byrne, Esq., reported that there were no actions taken in Closed Session that were reportable under the Ralph M. Brown Act (Item 14).

**Director Requests for Approval for Event Attendance (Item 15).**

There were no Director requests for event attendance.

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**Request for Future Agenda Items (Item 16).**

Director Plambeck asked that staff let the Board know who the new consultants are that will be working on the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan.

There were no requests for future agenda items.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 PM (Item 17).

  
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April Jacobs, Board Secretary

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President of the Board

