

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
AUTHORIZING VIRTUAL BOARD AND COMMITTEE  
MEETINGS PURSUANT TO AB 361**

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (“Agency”) is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, all meetings of the Agency’s legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend and participate in the Agency’s meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, starting in March 2020, in response to the spread of COVID-19 in the State of California, the Governor issued a number of executive orders aimed at containing the COVID-19 virus; and

**WHEREAS**, among other things, these orders waived certain requirements of the Brown Act to allow legislative bodies to meet virtually; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Governor’s executive orders, the Agency has been holding virtual meetings during the pandemic in the interest of protecting the health and safety of the public, Agency staff and Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor’s executive order related to the suspension of certain provisions of the Brown Act expires on September 30, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 16, 2021 the Governor signed AB 361 (in effect as of October 1, 2021 – Government Code Section 54953(e)), which allows legislative bodies to meet virtually provided there is a state of emergency, and either (1) state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; or (2) the legislative body determines by majority vote that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

**WHEREAS**, such conditions now exist in the Agency, specifically, a state of emergency has been proclaimed related to COVID-19, Los Angeles County officials are imposing and recommending measures to promote social distancing, and because of the ongoing threat of COVID-19, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees.

**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. Remote Teleconference Meetings. Consistent with the provisions of Government Code Section 54953(e), the Board of Directors finds and determines that (1) a state of emergency related to COVID-19 is currently in effect; (2) local officials in Los Angeles County have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing in connection with

COVID-19; and (3) due to the COVID-19 emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees. Based on such facts, findings and determinations, the Board authorizes staff to conduct remote teleconference meetings of the Board of Directors, including Committee meetings, under the provisions of Government Code Section 54953(e).

Section 3. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect October 1, 2021, and shall be effective for 30 days or until this Resolution is extended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors in accordance with Section 4 of this Resolution.

Section 4. Extension by Motion. The Board of Directors may extend the application of this Resolution by motion and majority vote by up to 30 days at a time, provided that it makes all necessary findings consistent with and pursuant to the requirements of Section 54953(e)(3).

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: