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SCV Water Allocated \$2.1 Million for S Wells PFAS Treatment and Disinfection Facilities Project

Congressman Mike Garcia Secures Funding in FY2023 Interior-EPA Bill

SANTA CLARITA – As part of the federal government’s Fiscal Year 2024 budget process, Congressman Mike Garcia has secured \$2.1 million in funding to SCV Water for the Agency’s S Wells PFAS Treatment and Disinfection Facilities project. Congressman Garcia represents California’s 27th congressional district, which includes the Santa Clarita Valley, as well as portions of the San Fernando and Antelope Valleys.

“This is a major win for the Santa Clarita Valley and its residents,” said Congressman Garcia. “These communities deserve reliable access to high-quality, affordable water, but multiple groundwater wells are currently offline because of contamination. The funding I was able to secure will help restore the local groundwater supply by treating that contamination. There is nothing more important than ensuring the health and safety of our people and communities, and I’m proud to have secured funding for a critical project that will do exactly that.”

“SCV Water is grateful for Congressman Garcia’s effort in securing funding for this important project that will restore three groundwater wells to service,” said SCV Water General Manager Matt Stone. “This funding will help the Agency deliver on its mission to provide responsible water stewardship to ensure the Santa Clarita Valley has reliable supplies of high-quality water at a reasonable cost.”

The S Wells PFAS Treatment and Disinfection Facilities project will construct a centralized Ion Exchange Treatment Facility to restore to service three groundwater wells that are currently offline due to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination. The project will allow the Agency to restore local groundwater supply and lessen its reliance on costly imported water.

On March 9, 2024, President Joe Biden signed an array of bills passed by Congress to avoid a government shutdown. One such bill, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2024, includes \$2.1 million to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the S Wells project.

During the process to craft the Interior-EPA Appropriations Act, which began in February 2023, SCV Water advocates in Washington, D.C., worked with Congressman Garcia to include the S Wells project as a congressionally directed spending item. In the signed Act, the funds are distributed to the EPA, which will then allocate the amount to SCV Water.

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About SCV Water:

The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) is a full-service regional water agency located in the Santa Clarita Valley. SCV Water provides water service to nearly 300,000 customers through approximately 75,000 business and residential connections. It was formed on January 1, 2018, when local water suppliers combined into one integrated, regional water provider. More information can be found at yourSCVwater.com.

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