

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-198

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPTING THE SUPPLEMENTAL MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FOR THE RECYCLED WATER VISTA CANYON EXTENSION (PHASE 2B) PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, the proposed Recycled Water Vista Canyon Extension (Phase 2B) Project is a component of the 2016 Recycled Water Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2017, the Castaic Lake Water Agency's Board of Directors adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) for the Vista Canyon Recycled Water (Phase 2B) project by Resolution 3211; and

WHEREAS, in November 2020, a supplemental MND and MMRP was prepared to analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with project modifications to the original Recycled Water Vista Canyon Extension (Phase 2B) project due to the relocation of the proposed recycled water tanks to an alternate site location.

WHEREAS, in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines Section 15072(b), on November 19, 2020, SCV Water mailed a Notice of Intent to Adopt the Draft Supplemental MND to all responsible and reviewing agencies, the Office of Planning and Research, and members of the public that have requested notice; the Agency also published the Notice of Intent to Adopt the Draft Supplemental MND in the *Santa Clarita Valley Signal*, a newspaper of general circulation; and

WHEREAS, as required by State CEQA Guidelines section 15072(d), the Notice of Intent to Adopt the Draft Supplemental MND was concurrently posted by the Clerk of the Board for the County of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines section 15073, the Draft Supplemental MND was circulated for at least 30 days, from November 19, 2020 through December 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the SCV Water received no written public comments from the public or reviewing agencies during the comment review period; and

WHEREAS, the Final Supplemental MND and the MMRP are attached as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, a notice of public meeting relating to the Supplemental MND was duly given and posted in the manner and for the time frame prescribed by law, and the Engineering and Operations Committee held a public on-line meeting on February 4, 2021, at 5:30 P.M., as part of its decision process concerning the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Engineering and Operations Committee recommended that the SCV Water Board of Directors (“Board”) approve a resolution adopting the Final Supplemental MND and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (“MMRP”); and

WHEREAS, a notice of public meeting relating to the Supplemental MND was duly given and posted in the manner and for the time frame prescribed by law, and the SCV Water Board held a public on-line meeting on the Project on March 2, 2021, at 6:30 P.M., as part of its decision process concerning the Project, at which time all persons wishing to comment in connection the Supplemental MND were heard; and

WHEREAS, no comments made during the public review period, and no additional information submitted to SCV Water have produced substantial new information requiring recirculation of the Supplemental MND or additional environmental review of the Project under State CEQA Guidelines section 15073.5; and

WHEREAS, all the requirements of the Public Resources Code and the State CEQA Guidelines have been satisfied in connection with the preparation of the Supplemental MND, which is sufficiently detailed so that all of the potentially significant environmental effects of the Project, as well as feasible mitigation measures, have been adequately evaluated; and

WHEREAS, the SCV Water Board reviewed the Supplemental MND and MMRP; and

WHEREAS, the SCV Water Board, acting as a Lead Agency, will need to adopt the Supplemental IS/MND; and

WHEREAS, the SCV Water Board has determined that the proposed Project can be approved because there is no substantial evidence in light of the whole record that the Project may have a significant effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the SCV Water and its Board have considered all of the information presented to it as set forth above and this Resolution and action taken hereby is a result of the Board’s independent judgment and analysis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the SCV Water Board does hereby find and determine as follows:

SECTION 1. RECITALS. The SCV Water finds that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein as substantive findings of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT. As a decision-making body for the Project, the SCV Water has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Supplemental MND, comments received, and other documents contained in the administrative record for the Project. Based on the Agency’s independent review and analysis, the SCV Water finds that the Supplemental MND and administrative record contain a complete and accurate reporting of the environmental impacts associated with the Project, and that the Supplemental MND has been completed in compliance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

SECTION 3. FINDINGS ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. Based on the whole record before it, including the Supplemental MND, the administrative record, and all other written and oral evidence presented to the SCV Water, the SCV Water finds that all environmental impacts of the Project are either less than significant or can be mitigated to a level of less than significant under the mitigation measures outlined in the Supplemental MND and the MMRP. The SCV Water finds that substantial evidence fully supports the conclusion that no significant and unavoidable impacts will occur and that, alternatively, there is no substantial evidence in the administrative record supporting a fair argument that the Project may result in any significant environmental impacts. The SCV Water finds that the Supplemental MND contains a complete, objective, and accurate reporting of the environmental impacts associated with the Project and reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the SCV Water.

SECTION 4. ADOPTION OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION. The SCV Water hereby approves and adopts the Supplemental MND as the Lead Agency.

SECTION 5. ADOPTION OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM. In accordance with Public Resources Code section 21081.6, the SCV Water hereby adopts the Supplemental MMRP, attached hereto as Exhibit "A". In the event of any inconsistencies between the Mitigation Measures as set forth in the Supplemental MND and the MMRP, the MMRP shall control.

SECTION 6. LOCATION AND CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS. The documents and materials associated with the Project and the Supplemental MND that constitute the record of proceedings on which these findings are based are located at the offices of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, 26521 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. The Custodian of Record is Mr. Courtney Mael.

SECTION 7. NOTICE OF DETERMINATION. The SCV Water hereby directs staff to prepare, execute, and file a Notice of Determination with the Los Angeles County Clerk's office and the Office of Planning and Research within five (5) working days of adoption of this Resolution.



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 March 2, 2021, the foregoing Resolution No. SCV-198 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: March 2, 2021





Secretary