

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-202

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
AWARDING A CONTRACT TO GSE CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR THE
VALLEY CENTER WELL PFAS GROUNDWATER TREATMENT
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (Agency) determined that Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a threat to the Agency's groundwater resources; and

WHEREAS, the Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment Improvements Project is an important component to treat PFAS; and

WHEREAS, SCV Water, as a CEQA Responsible Agency, filed a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk's Office and the State Clearinghouse on August 10, 2020 and there are no substantial changes to the project; and

WHEREAS, the project, aka the whole of the action, qualifies for an exemption under CEQA guidelines section 15301 Class 1 Minor Alterations to 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 extraction of water, beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination; and

WHEREAS, the project, aka the whole of the action, also qualifies for an exemption under CEQA guidelines section 15303 Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures because the project construction is limited to construction within SCV Water's existing facility property; and

WHEREAS, none of the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines would apply to the action. In particular, a biological resources survey was conducted, and no special status species were observed. Based on discharge rate and duration, the well discharge will not create flowing water in the river sufficient to reach the closest unarmored three spine stickleback occupied habitat downstream. This finding is supported by the biological resources assessment prepared for the project; and

WHEREAS, no further CEQA documentation is necessary for the Board to act with regards to the proposed actions; and

WHEREAS, all bid proposals submitted to the Agency pursuant to the Agency's specifications (Project No. 200602F) for the construction of the Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment Improvements Project, as amended by Addenda, were publicly opened electronically on the Agency's bid website page on PlanetBids on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 2:00 p.m., in full accordance with the law and the Agency's customary procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors finds, after considering the opinion of staff, that the total bid of GSE Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$2,996,800 is the lowest

responsible bid of eight (8) 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 Agency, authorize its General Manager to accept the \$2,996,800 bid from GSE Construction Co., Inc.; and

WHEREAS, it is in the Agency's best interest that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Agency, authorize its General Manager to authorize a Purchase Order in the amount of \$300,000 to Kennedy Jenks for Engineering Services During Construction; and

WHEREAS, it is in the Agency's best interest that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Agency, authorize its General Manager to authorize a Purchase Order in the amount of \$450,000 to MNS Engineers for Construction Management and Inspection Services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Agency's Board of Directors does authorize its General Manager to accept said low bid and does therefore authorize the Agency's General Manager or its Chief Engineer to issue a Notice of Award to GSE Construction Co., Inc., hereby found to be the "lowest responsible bidder" for the Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment Improvements Project for the total sum of \$2,996,800.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Agency's Board of Directors does authorize its General Manager to authorize a Purchase Order in the amount of \$300,000 to Kennedy Jenks for Engineering Services During Construction.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Agency's Board of Directors does authorize its General Manager to authorize a Purchase Order in the amounts of \$450,000 to MNS Engineers for Construction Management and Inspection Services.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Agency'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 GSE Construction Co., Inc., all of which must be approved by General Counsel, to execute the said Contract Agreement on behalf of the Agency.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Agency's General Manager or Chief Engineer are thereafter authorized to execute and forward to GSE Construction Co., Inc. an appropriate Notice to Proceed.



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 16, 2021, the foregoing Resolution No. SCV-202 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 16, 2021


Secretary

