

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-51

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FORMING THE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (SCV-GSA) AND TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SCV WATER TO PROVIDE MANAGEMENT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES TO THE SCV-GSA

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2017, the SCV-GSA was formed via a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) describing member agency coordination, responsibilities, funding, consideration of interests of beneficial uses and users of groundwater, and other terms; and

WHEREAS, the MOU reflects six member agencies: Castaic Lake Water Agency, City of Santa Clarita, County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36, Newhall County Water District, and the Santa Clarita Water Division; and

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2018, Castaic Lake Water Agency, Santa Clarita Water Division, and Newhall County Water District became SCV Water, the successor agency to Castaic Lake Water Agency as defined by Senate Bill 634; and

WHEREAS, recognizing a Joint Powers Authority may be a more efficient governance structure for the SCV-GSA, the MOU indicates that member agencies would explore creating a Joint Powers Authority; and

WHEREAS, member agencies have explored and negotiated a Joint Powers Agreement to form the Joint Powers Authority; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Joint Powers Agreement identifies necessary details for membership, voting, and funding, for the SCV-GSA and the development of the required Groundwater Sustainability Plan; and

WHEREAS, member agency staff agree that SCV Water is best suited to provide necessary administrative, management, and technical services to ensure compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, including the development of the required Groundwater Sustainability Plan; and

WHEREAS, member agency staff recommend the SCV-GSA enter into an Administrative Services Agreement with the SCV Water to provide necessary administrative and management services; and

WHEREAS, the Administrative Services Agreement defines the SCV Water's responsibility to provide staffing and arrange for consultant services, identifies budget terms, and identifies conditions where SCV Water's expenses are subject to reimbursement by the SCV-GSA; and

WHEREAS, SCV Water finds that execution of the Joint Powers Agreement and Administrative Services Agreement is consistent with the SCV Water's mission to provide responsible water stewardship to ensure the Santa Clarita Valley has reliable supplies of high quality water at a reasonable cost; and

WHEREAS, all other legal prerequisites to the adoption of this Resolution have occurred.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency does hereby resolve as follows:

1. The Board hereby finds and determines that the approval of the agreement forming the Joint Powers Authority for the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SCV-GSA) and execution of the Contract for SCV Water to Provide Management and Technical Services to SCV-GSA is not a project as defined by CEQA and therefore is not subject to environmental review. Specifically, the Board finds that, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378(b)(5), the approval actions do not constitute a project because they are "organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment." In the alternative, and assuming the approval of the subject agreement and contract constitutes a project under CEQA, the Board finds that these actions, individually and in the aggregate, are exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines sections 15307 and 15308, each of which exempts actions, as authorized by state law, taken by regulatory agencies that are designed to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment or a natural resource where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. In addition, the Board finds that these actions are exempt from further review under CEQA because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that these actions may have a significant effect on the environment pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3).

2. The Board hereby authorizes the General Manager to execute the "Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement" and its attached "Administrative Services Agreement."

3. The Chairperson of the Board shall sign and the Secretary of the Board shall certify that this Resolution was duly and properly adopted by the Board.

4. The documents and materials that constitute the record of proceedings on which these findings have been based are located at Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's office located at 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. The custodian for these records is the Board Secretary.


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 August 7, 2018, the foregoing Resolution No. SCV-51 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: August 7, 2018




Secretary