## **RESOLUTION NO. SCV-325**

## RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO LEE & RO, INC. FOR PLANNING SERVICES FOR CATALA PUMP STATION AND PIPELINES PROJECT, AND FINDING THAT THE AUTHORIZATION IS NOT A PROJECT SUBJECT TO CEQA

WHEREAS, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) wishes to conduct feasibility and planning studies with regard to a potential future Catala Pump Station and Pipelines, as it continues to work towards meeting its Strategic Plan Objectives B.1: "plan, design, and build facilities to meet demand including storage capacity and interconnections between regional and retail water systems" and B.2: "plan and budget for long-term replacements and improvements"; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the resolution for a purchase order to Lee & Ro, Inc. (Lee & Ro) for Planning Services for the Catala Pump Station and Pipelines project authorizes the preparation of feasibility and planning studies, and does not constitute an approval for the construction of the Catala Pump Station or associated pipelines and so is exempt from further review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines section 15262; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution does not commit the Agency to any current or future projects, and does not entail any construction or other activity that could result in a potential physical change to the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 24, 2022, the Agency issued the Request for Proposal (RFP) to several of its on-call consultants on PlanetBids for planning services for the Catala Pump Station and Pipelines project; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 21, 2022, proposals from three (3) consultants were electronically received on the Agency's website page on PlanetBids pursuant to the Agency's RFP for the Catala Pump Station and Pipelines project; 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 award a purchase order to Lee & Ro for planning services in the amount not to exceed \$330,000.

**NOW, THREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the SCV Water Board does hereby find and determine as follows:

**SECTION 1**. RECITALS. The Board finds that the administrative record has been completed in compliance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and that the CEQA findings reflect the Board's independent judgment.

SECTION 2. LOCATION AND CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS. The documents and materials associated with the project that constitute the record of proceedings on which these findings are based are located at the offices of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, 27234 Bouquet Canyon Rd, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. The Custodian of Record is April Jacobs.

**RESOLVED FURTHER** that the Agency's Board of Directors authorize its General Manager to issue a purchase order to Lee & Ro, Inc. for planning services for the Catala Pump Station and Pipelines project for an amount not to exceed \$330,000.

President

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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 December 20, 2022 the foregoing Resolution No. SCV-325 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: December 20, 2022

Secretary

