

**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-297**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO  
HAZEN & SAWYER FOR THE  
MASTER PLAN PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) is planning to prepare a Master Plan to meet its Strategic Plan Objective 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 project is found to be exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15262, Statutory Exemptions for Feasibility and Planning Studies, as the planning services will analyze and make recommendations regarding potential infrastructure improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the project is also found to be exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the “common sense exemption,” which provides that CEQA applies to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the SCV Water finds the project exempt from CEQA as it “it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question” as it consists of planning services that do not have a construction component to them, and so will have no “significant effect on the environment;” and

**WHEREAS**, a Notice of Exemption (NOE) will be submitted to the State Clearinghouse and both Los Angeles County and Ventura County within five (5) days of the execution of this Resolution;

**WHEREAS**, on March 1, 2022, SCV Water issued a planning services Request for Proposal (RFP) to several of its on-call consultants on PlanetBids for the Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 27, 2022, proposals from five consultants were electronically received on the Agency’s website page on PlanetBids pursuant to the Agency’s RFP for the Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the SCV Water’s best interest that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the SCV Water, authorize its General Manager to award a purchase order to Hazen & Sawyer for planning services in the amount of \$1,525,000; and


**NOW, THEREFORE, 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 finding of exemption from CEQA reflects the Board's independent judgment.

**SECTION 2.** LOCATION AND CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS. The documents and materials associated with the project and the NOE that constitute the record of proceedings on which these findings are based are located at the offices of the Santa Clarita Valley Water

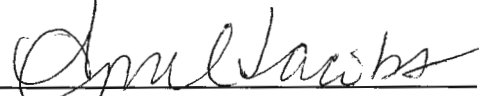
Agency, 27234 Bouquet Canyon Rd, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. The Custodian of Record is April Jacobs.

**RESOLVED FURTHER** that the Agency's Board of Directors authorize its General Manager to issue a Purchase Order to Hazen & Sawyer for planning services for the Master Plan project for the total sum of \$1,525,000.

  
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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 2, 2022 the foregoing Resolution No. SCV-297 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 2, 2022

  
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Secretary

