

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-429

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING BY THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION'S FY 2024 WATERSMART PLANNING AND PROJECT DESIGN GRANTS FOR THE PINETREE GROUNDWATER RECHARGE FACILITY PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (Agency) provides potable water for the businesses and residents in its service area; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has completed the Pinetree Wellfield Site Characterization and Recharge Feasibility Study Technical Memorandum in order to establish a groundwater recharge program; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is in the planning stages of the Pinetree Groundwater Recharge Facility Project (Design Project) to construct a local groundwater recharge facility with the capability of recharging approximately 10,000 acre-feet per year with excess wet and normal year surface water supplies to increase the Agency's resilience to future drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Interior offers grant funding through its Bureau of Reclamation's FY 2024 WaterSMART (Sustain and Manage America's Resources for Tomorrow) Planning and Project Design Grant Program (Grant Program) for planning projects which can be completed within 3 years and result in 60% design plans and specifications. The Grant Program provides funding up to a maximum of \$400,000 for eligible costs, but not to exceed 50% of the total project cost; and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to fund part of the cost of the Design Project with grant funding from the FY 2024 WaterSMART Planning and Project Design Grant program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency hereby finds, determines, declares and resolves as follows:

1. The Board hereby supports a grant application to the FY 2024 WaterSMART Planning and Project Design for the Pinetree Groundwater Recharge Facility Project.
2. The Board hereby authorizes and directs the General Manager, or his or her designee, to complete, review, sign and submit, for and on behalf of the Agency, a grant application to the Bureau of Reclamation's FY 2024 WaterSMART Planning and Project Design for the Pinetree Groundwater Recharge Facility Project.
3. The General Manager, or his or her designee, is authorized and designated to provide the assurances, certifications, and commitments required for the grant application, including executing a financial assistance or similar agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation within established deadlines and any amendments or changes thereto.


4. The General Manager, or his or her designee, is authorized and designated to represent the Agency in carrying out the Agency's responsibilities under any grant future agreement, including certifying disbursement requests on behalf of the Agency and compliance with applicable state and federal laws.
5. If a grant award is made to the Agency by the Bureau of Reclamation, the Agency commits, pending Board compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and approval of the Pinetree Groundwater Recharge Facility Project, to providing a minimum of 50% in matching funds for the Project, and up to the balance of funds needed to complete the Project.
6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.



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 scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of said Agency held on June 4, 2024 the foregoing Resolution No. SCV-429 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: June 4, 2024



Secretary

