

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-433

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
PURSUANT TO A PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
AND ADDENDUM, (1) AWARDED A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH GSE
CONSTRUCTION CO., INC., AND PURCHASE ORDERS TO KENNEDY JENKS FOR
ENGINEERING SERVICES DURING CONSTRUCTION AND TO MWH
CONSTRUCTORS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION
SERVICES AND (2) DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE A NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
FOR THE WELL 205 PERCHLORATE GROUNDWATER TREATMENT
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (Agency) determined that Perchlorate and Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) are a threat to the Agency's groundwater resources; and

WHEREAS, the Agency determined that Well 205 will need Perchlorate and VOCs Treatment; and

WHEREAS, the Well 205 Perchlorate Groundwater Treatment Improvements Project (Project) is an important component to treat Perchlorate and VOCs; and

WHEREAS, the Project will include installation of a new perchlorate ion exchange treatment system, VOC treatment train, backwash system, and various appurtenances; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Agency prepared an Initial Study for the Project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which identified potentially significant effects on the environment which would result from the Project, and concluded that these impacts could be avoided or reduced to a level of insignificance with adoption and implementation of certain mitigation measures therein identified and listed; and

WHEREAS, based on the Initial Study, a Mitigated Negative Declaration (Project MND) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan was prepared in accordance with CEQA, which found that any potentially significant environmental effects of the proposed project would be sufficiently mitigated to a level of insignificance with implementation of mitigation measures specified in the Project MND; and

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2022, having met all the requirements of the Public Resources Code and the State CEQA Guidelines in connection with the preparation of the Project MND, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors, acting as a Lead Agency, adopted the Project MND; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, a Lead Agency shall consider whether additional CEQA review is required when considering a subsequent discretionary approval for a project for which an MND was adopted; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has determined that, with regard to the contract for construction of a Perchlorate and VOCs treatment facility at Well 205, engineering services during construction, and construction management and inspection services, none of the

circumstances identified in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 have arisen and thus no subsequent environmental review is required; and

WHEREAS, all bid proposals submitted to the Agency pursuant to the Agency's specifications (Project No. 2400417) for procurement of the Well 205 Perchlorate Groundwater Treatment Improvements, as amended by Addenda, were publicly opened electronically on the Agency's bid website page on PlanetBids on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 2:00 p.m., in full accordance with the law and the Agency's customary procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors finds, after considering the opinion of staff, that the total bid of GSE Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$22,196,000 is the lowest responsible bid of five (5) bids submitted, and that said bid substantially meets the requirements of said materials purchase contract documents as amended by Addenda; and

WHEREAS, it is in the Agency's best interest that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors, on behalf of the Agency, authorize its General Manager to accept the \$22,196,000 bid from GSE Construction Co., Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors has reviewed and considered the information contained in the adopted MND and all supporting documentation, copies of which are on file at the Agency's office and are incorporated by reference as though set forth fully herein. Based on this review, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors finds that any comments received regarding Project have been examined and determined to not modify the significant conclusions of the MND. The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors further finds that no additional feasible mitigation measures within the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors authority are necessary to reduce the environmental impacts of the Project, because all impacts of the Project are either less than significant, will be mitigated to a level of less than significant through compliance with the existing mitigation, or remain significant and unavoidable even with the imposition all of feasible mitigation. Finally, based on the substantial evidence set forth in the record, including but not limited to the adopted MND, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors finds that none of the conditions triggering the need for subsequent environmental review have occurred. Specifically, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors finds that no subsequent environmental review is required pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 because:

- a. No substantial changes are proposed by the Project which will require major revisions of the MND due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; and
- b. No substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the Project is being undertaken which will require major revisions of the MND due to the involvement of new significant, environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; and
- c. No new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the MND

was adopted, shows that: (i) either the Project will have one or more new significant effects; (ii) significant effects of modifications to the Project examined in the MND will be substantially more severe; (iii) mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the Project, but the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors declined to adopt the measure or alternative; or (iv) mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the MND would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment of the Project, but the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors declines to adopt the measure or alternative.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors authorize its General Manager to accept GSE Construction Co., Inc.'s 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 responsive responsible bidder" for the Well 205 Perchlorate Groundwater Treatment Improvements Project for the total sum of \$22,196,00.

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 Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors authorize its General Manager to issue a purchase order to Kennedy Jenks for engineering services during construction for Well 205 Perchlorate Groundwater Treatment Improvements Project for an amount not-to-exceed \$985,000.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors authorize its General Manager to issue a purchase order to MWH Constructors for construction management and inspection services for Well 205 Perchlorate Groundwater Treatment Improvements Project for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,250,000.

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.

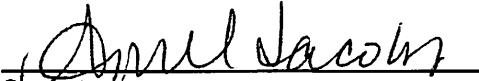
RESOLVED FURTHER that Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors directs staff to file a Notice of Determination with the County within five (5) working days of adoption of this Resolution.



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 18, 2024 the foregoing Resolution No. SCV-433 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 18, 2024


Secretary

