

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-446

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY AWARDDING, PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, A PURCHASE ORDER TO BLACK & VEATCH CORPORATION FOR THE DESIGN OF THE NEWHALL AVENUE RAILROAD PIPELINE CROSSING AND EXTENSION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (Agency) proposes to construct a new water pipeline on Newhall Avenue between 4th Street and Needham Ranch Parkway in the City of Santa Clarita, California; and

WHEREAS, the Newhall Avenue Railroad Pipeline Crossing and Extension Project (Project) will create water distribution redundancy in the Agency's Newhall Zone 2 pressure zone (formally known as Newhall Zone 1) by constructing approximately 600 feet of 24-inch pipeline under the existing Newhall railroad crossing using jack and bore method and approximately 1,100 feet of new 24-inch pipeline on Newhall Avenue between 2nd Street and Needham Ranch Parkway; and

WHEREAS, the Project, aka the whole of the action, qualifies for an exemption under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15303 Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures because it involves the installation of a limited amount of new, small facilities (approximately 1,700 feet of 24-inch pipeline) to create water distribution redundancy in Newhall Zone 2 and would not increase the capacity of the Agency's existing system to serve additional development; and

WHEREAS, none of the exceptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to the action; 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 authorize a purchase order in the amount not-to-exceed \$528,475 to Black & Veatch Corporation for final design services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors finds the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 and that none of the exceptions in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 have application as to the exemption of the Project from CEQA.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors does authorize its General Manager to issue a purchase order to Black & Veatch Corporation for the final design of the Newhall Avenue Railroad Pipeline Crossing and Extension Project, for an amount not-to-exceed \$528,475.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Agency's General Manager or Chief Engineer are thereafter authorized to execute and forward to Black & Veatch Corporation an appropriate Notice to Proceed.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Agency hereby directs staff to prepare, execute, and file a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk's office and the Office of Planning and Research within five (5) working days of adoption of this Resolution.

Frank Martin

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 October 1, 2024 the foregoing Resolution No. SCV- 446 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: October 1, 2024

April Jacobs

Secretary

