

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-463

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY (1) FINDING THAT THE PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM CEQA UNDER CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15282, AND ALTERNATIVELY, SECTION 15302, (2) AWARDED A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO BIG BEN ENGINEERING, INC., AND (3) AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO MWH CONSTRUCTORS, INC. FOR INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE VALENCIA MARKETPLACE PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (Agency) identified the Valencia Marketplace Pipeline to be replaced as part of its Pipeline Replacement Program; and

WHEREAS, the Agency, as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency, will be filing a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk's Office, the Ventura County Clerk's Office, and the State Clearinghouse; and

WHEREAS, the project, aka the whole of the action, qualifies for an exemption under CEQA guidelines Section 15282, Section (k), the maintenance of existing pipeline as set forth in Section 21080.21 of the Public Resources Code, as long as the project does not exceed one mile in length; and

WHEREAS, the project, aka the whole of the action, also qualifies for an exemption under CEQA guidelines section 15302 Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity; and

WHEREAS, all bid proposals submitted to the Agency pursuant to the Agency's specifications (Project No. 2501029) for procurement of the Valencia Marketplace Pipeline Replacement, as amended by Addenda 1-5, were publicly opened electronically on the Agency's bid website page on PlanetBids on Thursday, December 5, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., in full accordance with the law and the Agency's customary procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors finds, after considering the opinion of the staff, that the total bid of Big Ben Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$5,997,769.00 is the lowest responsible bid of six (6) 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 Board of Directors, on behalf of the Agency, authorize its General Manager to accept the \$5,997,769.00 bid from Big Ben Engineering, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2022, proposals from three (3) consultants were electronically received on the Agency's website page on PlanetBids pursuant to the Agency's construction management and inspection services Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Valencia Marketplace Pipeline Replacement 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 authorize a purchase order in the amount

not to exceed \$600,000 to MWH Constructors, Inc. for inspection services for Valencia Marketplace Pipeline Replacement Project.

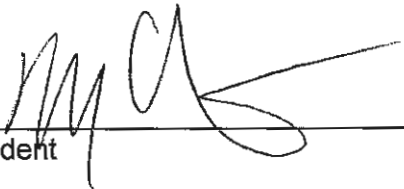
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors authorize its General Manager to accept Big Ben Engineering, Inc.'s bid and does therefore authorize the Agency's General Manager or its Chief Engineer to issue a Notice of Award to Big Ben Engineering, Inc., hereby found to be the "lowest responsive responsible bidder" for the Valencia Marketplace Pipeline Replacement Project for the total sum of \$5,997,769.00.

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 Big Ben Engineering, 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 Agency's General Manager or Chief Engineer are thereafter authorized to execute and forward an appropriate Notice to Proceed to Big Ben Engineering, Inc.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Agency's Board of Directors authorize its General Manager to issue a purchase order to MWH Constructors, Inc. for inspection services for the Valencia Marketplace Pipeline Replacement Project for an amount not to exceed \$600,000.


RESOLVED FURTHER that the Agency's Board of Directors finds the contract agreement exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15282 and, alternatively, exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Section 15302.



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 January 21, 2025 the foregoing Resolution No. SCV-463 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: January 21, 2025



Secretary

