

**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-255**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
APPROVING, PURSUANT TO THE I-5 HOV/TRUCK LANES PROJECT EIR,  
FUNDING FOR A CONSTRUCTION COST OF PITCHESS PIPELINE  
MODIFICATIONS DURING THE I-5 NORTH CAPACITY ENHANCEMENTS PROJECT  
TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**WHEREAS**, The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) acting by and through the Department of Transportation is in process of constructing the Capacity Enhancements on the Interstate 5 Freeway in North County, from the State Route 14 Interchange in Santa Clarita to south of Parker Road in Castaic; and

**WHEREAS**, The I-5 North Capacity Enhancement Project is expected to construct improvements that will impact the Santa Clarita Valley Agency's (SCV Water) Pitchess Pipeline resulting in a need for pipeline modifications work; and

**WHEREAS**, Metro will be constructing the Pitchess Pipeline modifications as a part of its I-5 North Capacity Enhancement Project; and

**WHEREAS**, SCV Water has determined that it is in the public interest and for public benefits that the Pitchess Pipeline modifications will be constructed as a part of the I-5 North Capacity Enhancement Project; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 29, 2019, SCV Water executed a Utility Agreement with Metro for reimbursement of its share of the actual cost of the Pitchess Pipeline modifications work; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 15, 2021, Metro awarded the construction contract to OHL USA, Inc. dba Group OHL North Marica (OHL) in an amount of \$379,957,231.73 and the bid item for the Pitchess Pipeline Modifications work is \$139,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency has reviewed and evaluated the Staff Report and related agenda materials, and staff has verified that any utility modifications are within the scope of work of the I-5 HOV/Truck Lane Project EIR, and has provided opportunities for and received public comment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pitchess Pipeline Modification (Project) proposes to extend the existing pipeline casing currently ending near the existing edge of the freeway when the freeway is widened as part of the I-5 Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation, District 7 (Caltrans) served as lead agency for the environmental review, analysis, and approval of the I-15 HOV/Truck Lanes Project (SCH #2007051028), including the Pitchess Pipeline Modification Project pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs., § 15000 et seq.) (CEQA); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has limited approval and implementing authority over the Project and, thus, is a “responsible agency” for the Project pursuant to the requirements of CEQA Guidelines Section 15096; and

**WHEREAS**, all the procedures of CEQA have been met, and the EIR, prepared in connection with the I-5 HOV/Truck Lanes Project, is sufficiently detailed so that all of the potential effects of the Pitchess Pipeline Modification Project on the environment and measures necessary to avoid or substantially lessen such effects have been evaluated in accordance with CEQA; and

**WHEREAS**, the environmental documents including the original EIR are posted and available for review on the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency website “Document Library” at <https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/2332E-Signed-Revalidation-03.16.2019.pdf> and <https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Final-EIR-I-5-HOV-Truck-Lanes-Project-Sept-2009.pdf>; and

**WHEREAS**, in acting upon this matter, the Board has exercised its independent judgment based on substantial evidence in the record and adopts and relies upon the facts, data, analysis, and findings set forth in the Staff Report, and in related agenda materials and in testimony received.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** As a responsible agency under CEQA, the Board has reviewed and considered the information contained in the EIR, and all supporting documentation. Based on this review, the Board finds that, as to those potential environmental impacts within the Board’s powers and authorities as responsible agency, that the EIR, and supporting environmental documentation contain a complete, objective, and accurate reporting of those potential impacts, and that these findings reflect the independent judgment and analysis of the Board.

**Section 2.** That the Board does authorize its General Manager or its Chief Engineer to approve the funding to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority costs in an amount not to exceed \$159,000 for construction costs of the Pitchess Pipeline Modifications.

**Section 3.** The Board directs staff to file a Notice of Determination if the Project is approved.

**Section 4.** This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Board.

  
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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 March 1, 2022 the foregoing Resolution No. SCV-255 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: March 1, 2022

  
Secretary

