

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-241

**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 WATERSMART DROUGHT RESPONSE PROGRAM FOR
THE ROSEDALE PHASE 2 WELLS PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (the "Agency") (as successor to the Castaic Lake Water Agency) and the Rosedale Rio- Bravo Water Storage District (Rosedale) have entered into a November 15, 2005 Agreement for a Water Banking and Exchange Program (Program); and

WHEREAS, water pumped from the Program is delivered to the California Aqueduct and then to the Agency for treatment and distribution to Agency customers; and

WHEREAS, the Agency may store up to 200,000 AF in the Program and may construct up to seven wells to extract up to 20,000 AF per year from the Program for use during droughts; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Agency and Rosedale completed construction of three of the seven wells and these wells, along with other facilities, provide for the return of 10,000 AF during drought years; and

WHEREAS, Rosedale, on behalf of the Agency, has completed a siting study for the four remaining wells; and

WHEREAS, the Agency, on June 16, 2021, adopted an update to its Urban Water Management Plan that calls for construction of the four remaining wells for use during drought periods; and

WHEREAS, a second phase of well construction, the Rosedale Phase 2 Wells Project (Project), is desired to make available an additional 5,000 AF of drought supplies to the Agency, which would be accomplished by construction of two additional wells and the accompanying transmission facilities; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Interior offers financial assistance in the form of grant funding through its Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART (Sustain and Manage America's Resources for Tomorrow) Drought Response Program (DRP): Drought Resiliency Projects Program for this type of project. The program provides two levels of funding and up to a maximum of \$2,000,000 in grant funding for longer term projects and \$500,000 for other projects, but not to exceed 50% of the total project cost; and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to fund part of the cost of the Rosedale Phase 2 Wells Project with grant funding from the WaterSMART DRP Program.

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

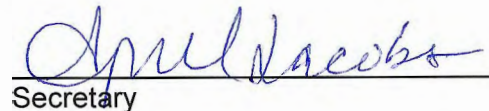
1. The Board hereby supports a grant application to the WaterSMART DRP Program for the Project.

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 from the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART DRP Program for the Project up to the amount of \$1,458,987.
3. The General Manager, or his or her designee, is 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 designated to represent the Agency in carrying out the Agency's responsibilities under the grant 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 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 Project, to providing a minimum of 100% in matching funds (\$1,458,987) for the Project, and up to the balance of funds needed to complete the construction of 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 meeting of the Board of Directors of said Agency held on November 2, 2021, the foregoing Resolution No. SCV-241 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: November 2, 2021


Secretary

