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RESOLUTION NO. 23-01

**PLEASANT VALLEY COUNTY WATER
DISTRICT**

**ADOPTING THE GROUND WATER SUSTAINABILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (SCH #2022110057)
CWO 16-029 AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM, AND APPROVING THE PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Pleasant Valley County Water District ("District") seeks to install a new Pipeline in the Public Right of Way on Laguna Road connecting existing District pipelines on Las Posas and Wood Road for the purpose of expanded use of Recycled Water and Surface Water Supplies consistent with the District Groundwater Sustainability Improvement Project ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, §21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, §15000 et seq.) (collectively, "CEQA"), an Initial Study analyzing all potential impacts of the Project was prepared for the District's consideration as the lead agency under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15063; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of the Initial Study, which indicated that all potential environmental impacts from the Project would be less than significant with the incorporation of the mitigation measures in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program ("MMRP"), District staff determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration ("MND") should be prepared; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Initial Study-MND (SCH #2022110057) was prepared in accordance with CEQA and circulated for public review and comment between November 4, 2022 and ending December 5, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Directors has reviewed and approved the Preliminary Design Report for the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21081.6 and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15074(d), the MMRP has been prepared and includes mitigation measures for biological resources, cultural resources, paleontological resources, land use and planning, and noise as well as a voluntary measure for transportation, and

WHEREAS, all comments on the Draft Initial Study-MND submitted by members of the public as well as any responsible, trustee, and interested agencies during the public review period for the Draft Initial Study-MND were received, considered and responded to ; and

WHEREAS, the Final Initial Study-MND consists of the responses to comments and the Initial Study-MND; and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Directors conducted a duly noticed public meeting on January 24, 2022, to consider the proposed Project and its potential environmental impacts, the Final Initial Study-MND, MMRP, and all oral and written evidence presented to it during all meetings; and

WHEREAS, all of the findings and conclusions made by the District Board of Directors pursuant to this Resolution are based upon the oral and written evidence before it as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Directors has reviewed the Final Initial Study-MND, the MMRP, and all other relevant information contained in the administrative record regarding the Project, and no comments or additional information submitted to the Board of Directors, and no other circumstances have produced substantial new information requiring substantial revisions that would trigger recirculation of the Draft Initial Study-MND or additional environmental review of the Project under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15073.5; and

WHEREAS, all other legal prerequisites to the adoption of this Resolution have occurred.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Pleasant Valley County Water District do hereby find as follows:

Section 1. The District Board of Directors has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final Initial Study-MND, and administrative record, including all oral and written comments received during the comment period, which is on file with the District and available for review. The Board of Directors finds that the Final Initial Study-MND has been completed in compliance with CEQA.

Section 2. As lead agency pursuant to CEQA, the District Board of Directors finds that the Final Initial Study-MND contains a complete and accurate reporting of the environmental impacts associated with the Project. The Board of Directors finds on the basis of the whole record before it that there is no substantial evidence supporting a fair argument that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment and that the Final Initial Study-MND reflects the District's independent judgement and analysis. The District Board of Directors further determines that the Draft Initial Study-MND has not been substantially revised after public notice of its availability, nor have there been new significant environmental effects identified in the Final Initial Study-MND in response to comments, and thus recirculation is not required under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15073.5. Finally, the Board of Directors finds that the Final Initial Study-MND reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the Pleasant Valley County Water District.

Section 3. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080, subdivision (c)(2), the District Board of Directors approves and adopts the Final Initial Study-MND prepared for the Project.

Section 4. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21081.6, the District Board of Directors approves and adopts the MMRP prepared for the Project and makes the MMRP a condition of Project approval.

Section 5. The District Board of Directors approves the Project as described in the Final Initial Study-MND.

Section 6. The documents or other materials which constitute the record of proceedings upon which this decision is based are located at the District's office at 154 So. Las Posas Road, Camarillo Ca. 93010. The custodian of these documents or other material is the Board Clerk for the Pleasant Valley County Water District.

Section 7. The District Board of Directors directs staff to file a Notice of Determination with the County of County of Ventura and the State Clearinghouse within five (5) working days of approval of the Project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED By the Board of Directors of the Pleasant Valley County Water District this 24th day of January 2023, by the following vote: 5-0

AYES: Directors- Menne, Kaihara, Vujovich, Broome, Hansen

NOES: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

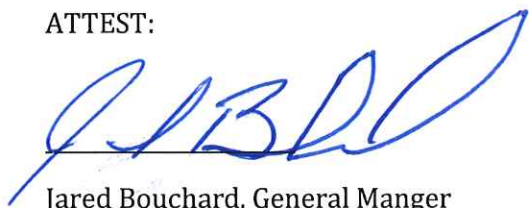
ABSTAIN: -0-

APPROVED:



Thomas Vujovich, President Board of Directors
Pleasant Valley County Water District

ATTEST:



Jared Bouchard, General Manger