

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-

ADOPTING THE GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION PLAN

WHEREAS, climate change, including warmer temperatures, changing precipitation and runoff patterns, reduced snowpack, and rising sea level, presents risks to water supply reliability, flood protection, natural ecosystems, and the communities Valley Water serves; and

WHEREAS, reducing greenhouse gas emissions supports Valley Water's mission and its role as an environmental steward; and

WHEREAS, Valley Water has prepared the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan to update Valley Water's greenhouse gas emissions inventory, forecast future emissions, establish greenhouse gas reduction targets, identify greenhouse gas reduction measures, and provide implementation, monitoring, reporting procedures, and consistency review procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan contains all of the elements for a plan under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guideline section 15183.5, subdivision (b)(1), including quantifying greenhouse gas emissions from Valley Water's activities, both existing and projected, establishing a level below which greenhouse gas emissions from activities in the plan would not be cumulatively considerable, identifying and analyzing greenhouse gas emissions resulting from specific actions within Santa Clara County and through the procurement of imported water, specifying a group of measures supported by substantial evidence that will collectively achieve the specified emissions level, establishing a mechanism to monitor the plan's progress toward achieving the specified emissions level, and the plan has been adopted in a public process following environmental review; and

WHEREAS, the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan establishes a target for Valley Water to achieve carbon neutrality by 2045, consistent with the State of California's carbon neutrality goal under Assembly Bill 1279; and associated greenhouse gas reduction measures; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has considered the environmental effects of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan as analyzed in the Final Initial Study/Negative Declaration prepared for the Plan; and

WHEREAS, by separate action in a public process, the Board of Directors has adopted the Final Initial Study/Negative Declaration for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors desires to adopt the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan, establish the 2045 carbon neutrality target, and adopt the greenhouse gas reduction measures identified in the Plan, while preserving Valley Water's discretion to implement the Plan in a manner consistent with available funding and operational and technical feasibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District does hereby:

1. Adopt the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan as Valley Water's CEQA-qualified greenhouse gas reduction plan under CEQA Guidelines section 15183.5.

2. Establish a target for Valley Water to achieve carbon neutrality by 2045.
3. Direct staff to use the greenhouse gas reduction measures included in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan to guide future emissions reduction efforts, implementation planning, monitoring, reporting, and consistency review for future Valley Water projects. Nothing in this Resolution shall limit Valley Water's ability to modify or update greenhouse gas reduction measures, provided that such actions remain consistent with the overall purpose of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan, Valley Water's carbon neutrality goal, and applicable CEQA requirements.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District by the following vote on August 11, 2026:

AYES: Directors

NOES: Directors

ABSENT: Directors

ABSTAIN: Directors

SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST

CANDICE KWOK-SMITH
Clerk, Board of Directors