

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-

**AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
TO FILE AN APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT
AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
FOR FUNDING FROM THE WATERSMART DROUGHT RESPONSE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) WaterSMART: Drought Response Program for fiscal year 2020 is accepting grant applications funded by the congressionally authorized Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991 – Title II Drought Program (Public Law 102-250), as amended (43 United States Code [U.S.C.] Section 2222, et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara Valley Water District's (Valley Water) Drought Response Plan is eligible for the USBR's grant funding pursuant to the WaterSMART: Drought Response Program guidelines and published eligibility guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Board seeks to authorize such application to the USBR WaterSMART Drought Response Program for fiscal years 2020 and 2021; and

WHEREAS, the USBR requires grant applicants to provide a resolution adopted by the applicant's governing body designating an authorized representative to submit the funding application and execute an agreement with the USBR for a grant; and

WHEREAS, the Board seeks to authorize the Chief Executive Officer on behalf of Valley Water to enter into an Agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation; and

WHEREAS, the Board seeks to authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to sign the USBR WaterSMART Grant Agreement and any amendments thereto.

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

1. Authorize the submittal of a maximum \$200,000 award grant application to the United States Bureau of Reclamation for funding from the WaterSMART Drought Response Program: Drought Contingency Planning Grants for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021 for the Valley Water Drought Response Plan on behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, to the USBR.
2. Authorize and empower the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, file such application, and, upon which grant is awarded, conduct all negotiations, and execute in the name of Santa Clara Valley Water District all necessary grant-related documents, including, but not limited to, agreements, amendments, payment requests, and so on, which may be necessary for the funding of Drought Response Plan, provided that the Santa Clara Valley Water District can satisfy the grant terms, conditions, and requirements, and comply with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations including the California Environmental Quality Act.

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3. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to work with the USBR to meet established deadlines for entering into a USBR WaterSMART grant cooperative agreement.
4. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to apply the monies received to the appropriate Santa Clara Valley Water District fund, if the said grant is awarded.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District by the following vote on February 25, 2020:

AYES: Directors

NOES: Directors

ABSENT: Directors

ABSTAIN: Directors

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Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST: MICHELE L. KING, CMC

Clerk, Board of Directors