BOARD OF DIRECTORS SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 20-

RECOGNIZING JUNE AS LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH

WHEREAS, the month of June is nationally recognized as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month (LGBTQ Pride Month) to commemorate the Stonewall riots in Manhattan, which occurred at the end of June 1969; and

WHEREAS, a year after the Stonewall Riots, members of the LGBTQ community began to celebrate the anniversary of that significant event, which brought widespread attention to discriminatory laws and policies and gave birth to the LGBTQ civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, during the month of June, pride events throughout the community and around the world, like parades, marches, and large festivals, were replaced this year by more somber virtual events due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ Americans, regardless of their race, still face discrimination simply for being who they are; and

WHEREAS, the current administration in Washington, D.C., has rescinded protections for transgender Americans and additional protections for LGBTQ people are threatened; and

WHEREAS, the journey towards full equality continues and all people are encouraged to join the LGBTQ rights movement to continue to promote equal rights for all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity; and

WHEREAS, the Governance Policies of the Board GP 7.7 states that the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) is committed to creating an inclusive work environment, which reflects and supports the diversity of our community and enriches our perspectives; and

WHEREAS, Valley Water's PRIDE Employee Resource Group aims to create a welcoming and supportive work environment regardless of race, sexual orientation, or gender identity to maximize professional abilities of all employees in support of Policy GP 7.7.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District hereby recognizes June as LGBTQ Pride Month and will acknowledge the month through a variety of activities.

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Clerk, Board of Directors

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District by the following vote on June 23, 2020:		
AYES:	Directors	
NOES:	Directors	
ABSENT:	Directors	
ABSTAIN:	Directors	
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		Chair, Board of Directors
ATTEST: MICHELE L. KING, CMC		

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