

RESOLUTION NO. 444

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR THE APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE FINAL UPPER SANTA ANA RIVER WASH LAND MANAGEMENT AND HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN (WASH PLAN)

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District, at its regularly scheduled Board meeting of November 12, 2008, certified the Final Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 2004051023) for the Upper Santa Ana River Wash Land Management and Habitat Conservation Plan, made certain findings and determinations relating thereto, adopted mitigation measures, adopted a statement of overriding considerations, and adopted a mitigation monitoring and reporting program; and

WHEREAS, the Project being considered was the Upper Santa Ana River Wash Land Management and Habitat Conservation Plan, consisting of a series of actions by the District and others to 1) provide for the continued use of existing water conservation facilities and expansion of new facilities along with the continuation of water supply production and maintenance activities by public water purveyors; 2) complete a land exchange with the United States Bureau of Land Management; 3) plan for the expansion of existing sand and gravel mining operations from lands presently leased, to other lands, immediately proximate to existing mining disturbances, to consolidate mining uses and minimize the attendant impacts on surrounding land uses; 4) dedicate existing undeveloped lands to conservation areas, under a Habitat Enhancement Plan, and eventual management under a Habitat Conservation Plan; and 5) provide for designation of expanded roadway rights of way areas, and recreational trails, to enhance traffic circulation and recreational amenities for the Upper Santa Ana Wash region areas; and

WHEREAS, the Board reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final EIR and found that the Final EIR considered all potentially significant environmental impacts of the proposed Project and is complete and adequate, and fully complies with all requirements of the CEQA and of the state and local CEQA guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the District determined that the Project is necessary to serve the existing and future needs of the constituencies benefited by the District.

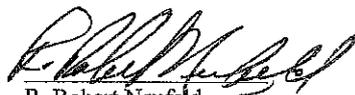
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District approves and adopts the Final Upper Santa Ana River Wash Land Management and Habitat Conservation Plan (Wash Plan).

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors this 12th day of November 2008.



Manuel Aranda, Vice President
Board of Directors

ATTEST:



R. Robert Neufeld
General Manager/Secretary