

RESOLUTION NO. 1038**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT CERTIFYING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE STERLING NATURAL RESOURCES CENTER PROJECT (SCH #2015101058)**

WHEREAS the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (Valley District) is the lead agency, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code §§ 21000 et seq.) and CEQA Guidelines (14 California Code of Regulations §§ 15000 et seq.), for the proposed Sterling Natural Resources Center (SNRC) Project; and

WHEREAS, the SNRC Project involves the construction of a wastewater treatment facility and associated facilities that will provide tertiary treatment of wastewater generated within the East Valley Water District service area and make the treated water available for beneficial uses within the Upper Santa Ana River watershed; and

WHEREAS, the SNRC Project includes five project components: construction of the SNRC Treatment Facility in the City of Highland, construction of a treated water conveyance system that will convey treated water to one of three groundwater recharge locations, modifications to wastewater collection facilities, rehabilitation and reuse of the existing Santa Ana River pipeline, and refurbishment of existing groundwater wells to potentially supply supplemental water to the Rialto Channel when needed for environmental benefits; and

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2015, Valley District issued a Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the SNRC Project, which commenced a 30-day scoping period during which Valley District held public scoping meetings on October 29, 2015 and November 5, 2015; and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2015, Valley District posted a Notice of Availability of the Draft EIR for the SNRC Project with the County Clerk of San Bernardino County, and made the Draft EIR available at three physical locations in San Bernardino County and at the SNRC Project website; and

WHEREAS, during the public comment period for the Draft EIR, which ran from December 17, 2015 through February 1, 2016, Valley District received comments from approximately 23 organizations, individuals, and public agencies; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2016, Valley District released the Final EIR for the Project (SCH #2015101058) which consists of the Draft EIR, the comments on the Draft EIR and the identity of the commenters, the responses to comments on the Draft EIR, and corrections and revisions to the Draft EIR; and

WHEREAS, the Final EIR identifies the significant adverse impacts of the SNRC Project, feasible mitigation measures to reduce most SNRC Project impacts to less-than-significant levels; and the SNRC Project impacts that cannot be mitigated to a less-than-significant level (including construction-related noise, construction-related air emissions,

cumulative air emissions, biological resources, and removal of an obstacle to growth) and therefore remain significant and unavoidable; and

WHEREAS, the Final EIR identifies no new significant information or new significant impacts requiring recirculation; and

WHEREAS, Valley District's Board of Directors has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final EIR, including without limitation the Draft EIR and all supporting documents in the possession or under the control of Valley District. All references to the EIR and FEIR hereafter shall include all documents referred to above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND CERTIFIED by the Board of Directors of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District as follows:

1. The EIR was presented to the Valley District Board of Directors on March 4, 2016 and considered by the Board of Directors during a workshop on March 10, 2016, and has been independently reviewed and considered by the members of the Board of Directors and the full Board of Directors during the March 10, 2016 workshop prior to the Board of Directors taking any action to approve or disapprove the SNRC Project.
2. The EIR's evaluation of the SNRC Project reflects the Board of Directors' independent judgment and analysis based on the Board of Directors' review of the entirety of the administrative record, which record provides the information upon which this resolution is based.
3. The EIR for the SNRC Project is hereby certified as having been completed in compliance with the requirements of CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines.


ADOPTED, this 15th day of March 2016.



Mark Bulot
President

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 1038 adopted by the Board of Directors of San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District at its Regular Meeting held March 15, 2016.

March 15, 2016



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Secretary



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I, Lillian Hernandez, Recording Secretary of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District and of the Board of Directors thereof, hereby certify that the attached copy of Resolution No. 1038 was adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on the 15th day of March, 2016.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District this 23rd day of February, 2018

Lillian Hernandez

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