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SCV Sanitation District Acts to Protect Ratepayers

Santa Clarita, CA – Yesterday, the Board of Directors for the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County (SCV Sanitation District) approved a resolution to discontinue environmental studies related to using more recycled water and discharging less water to the Santa Clara River. The agency has determined that pursuit of these studies will not yield a timely or cost-effective project for its ratepayers due to ongoing litigation, permitting uncertainty, and overlap with other regional watershed planning efforts.

SCV Sanitation District actions were challenged in court by the Affordable Clean Water Alliance, which delayed compliance with the state-mandated chloride limit two years and cost ratepayers an additional \$5 million in legal costs. In addition, these legal challenges stalled implementation of recycled water projects.

With the resolution, the SCV Sanitation District has formally ceased its own efforts to reduce discharges to the river in favor of recycling water. “This resolution protects Sanitation District ratepayers and helps clear the way for regional evaluation of all water resources, which will lead to better solutions,” said Grace Robinson Hyde, the Chief Engineer and General Manager of the SCV Sanitation District.

The Sanitation District serves the wastewater management needs of the Santa Clarita Valley. The agency protects public health and the environment by constructing, operating and maintaining a regional system that collects, treats and recycles wastewater from homes and businesses.

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