

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-162

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF COUNTY SERVICE AREA 64 – SPRING VALLEY LAKE, MAKING RESPONSIBLE AGENCY FINDINGS PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT.

On Wednesday, June 18, 2025, on motion of Supervisor Hagman, duly seconded by Supervisor Baca, Jr., and carried, the following resolution is adopted by the Board of Supervisors (Board), acting as the governing body of County Service Area 64 – Spring Valley Lake.

WHEREAS, the Town of Apple Valley (Town), in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), is working to widen, rehabilitate, and seismically retrofit the Bear Valley Road Bridge over the Mojave River and improve approach roadways from Mojave Fish Hatchery Road to Jess Ranch Parkway (Project); and

WHEREAS, the Town is the lead agency delivering the Project, which includes acquiring all necessary property rights; and

WHEREAS, a portion of CSA's existing water pipeline that runs parallel to Bear Valley Road needs to be relocated due to the Project; and

WHEREAS, the affected portion of the pipeline will be relocated, at the Town's expense, in part to San Bernardino County Flood Control District (FCD)-owned property (portion of Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 0444-121-18) and in part to Victor Valley Community College District (VVC)-owned property, comprising approximately 6,993 square feet, located east of Bear Valley Road and North of the Mojave River in the City of Victorville (portion of Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 0482-022-06); and

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2023 (Item No. 103), the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors (Board), acting as the governing body for CSA 64 and FCD, respectively, authorized the conveyance of a utility easement to CSA 64 over a portion of FCD-owned property (portion of APN 0444-121-18), for pipeline purposes; and

WHEREAS, CSA 64 now requires a non-exclusive water pipeline easement from VVC for the installation, construction, surveying, reconstruction, removal and replacement, operation, maintenance, repair, and improvement of a twelve (12) inch underground pipeline for public water supply and distribution purposes; and

WHEREAS, CSA 64, as Responsible Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), must make certain findings pursuant to Section 15096(h) of the CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Town, serving as the Lead Agency for the Project, adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) (State Clearinghouse No. 2016111018) on March 2, 2017, and the MND reflects the independent judgment of the Town as the Lead Agency; and

WHEREAS, CSA 64 has a more limited approval and implementing authority under CEQA related to the acquisition of the easement from VVC for the Project; and

WHEREAS, CSA 64 reviewed and considered the Town's MND as a Responsible Agency and determined that adequate mitigation has been provided to avoid direct and/or indirect environmental effects due to the acquisition of a non-exclusive water pipeline easement; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the staff report presented at its meeting of June 17, 2025 for the acquisition of the water pipeline easement; and

WHEREAS, upon adoption of the Resolution making findings of fact as a Responsible Agency pursuant to CEQA, a Notice of Determination be filed by RESD.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, acting as the governing body of CSA 64, hereby finds, declares and resolves as follows:

1. The above recitals constitute the findings of the Board and are incorporated herein.

2. CSA 64 hereby certifies that, acting as a Responsible Agency pursuant to Section 15096 of the CEQA Guidelines, it has reviewed the Town’s MND for the Project and independently finds that it adequately addresses the Project and determined that adequate mitigation has been provided to avoid direct and/or indirect environmental effects due to the acquisition of a non-exclusive water pipeline easement from VVC.

3. CSA 64, in its capacity as Responsible Agency, considered the MND prepared for the Project, and independently finds that it is adequate for use by CSA 64 to take action on the acquisition of the water pipeline easement.

4. The Board authorizes and directs RESD to file a Notice of Determination with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors following adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors, acting as the governing body of CSA 64, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Jesse Armendarez, Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

NOES: SUPERVISORS: None

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS: None

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO) ss.

I, **LYNNA MONELL**, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, acting as the governing body of CSA 64, hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of the record of the action taken by the Board of Supervisors, by vote of the members present, as the same appears in the Official Minutes of said Board at its meeting of June 18, 2025. #110 MBA

LYNNA MONELL
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy