

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-20**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT CONTINUING  
EMERGENCY DECLARATION AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus (named "COVID-19") was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, in December 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) considers the virus to be a very serious public health threat with outcomes ranging from mild sickness to severe illness and death; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the first case of COVID-19 was confirmed in the County of Santa Clara; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2020, the County of Santa Clara declared a local health emergency and proclaimed a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, in March 2020, the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) activated its Emergency Operations Center in response to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, due to widespread transmission of COVID-19 in Santa Clara County, on March 10, 2020, the Center for Disease Control issued recommendations for community interventions in Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Valley Water issued its Pandemic and Infectious Disease Plan to address planning for and response to a pandemic or infectious disease outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20 proclaiming a state of emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Valley Water CEO Norma Camacho formally declared an emergency for Valley Water as a result of the threat to public services posed by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the County of Santa Clara issued a Shelter Order to all county residents; and

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WHEREAS, at its regular meeting of March 18, 2020, Valley Water's Board of Directors voted to ratify this declaration of emergency and continue the emergency declared by the CEO; and

WHEREAS, since the Board's March 18, 2020, ratification, the threat created by the COVID-19 pandemic has become even more severe; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order 33-20 ordering all residents to stay home or at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of federal critical infrastructure sectors; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020, the County of Santa Clara issued an updated Shelter Order issuing additional social distancing requirements and extending its prior shelter in place obligations through May 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as of April 16, 2020, there have been approximately 632,548 total reported COVID-19 cases in all 50 states of the United States, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and approximately 31,071 reported deaths from the virus; and

WHEREAS, continuing to perform critical functions and provide critical services is vital to Valley Water's ability to provide water supply and flood protection for the residents of Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 in the County of Santa Clara give rise to conditions of extreme peril to the safety and health of persons within the county; and

WHEREAS, the above-referenced conditions are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, and facilities of Valley Water; and

WHEREAS, the efforts required to prepare for, respond to, mitigate, and recover from the increasing spread of COVID-19 have and will continue to impose extraordinary requirements and expenses on Valley Water, requiring potential diversion of resources from day-to-day operations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District does hereby determine that substantial evidence supports a finding that the above-described circumstances constitute the need to continue to declare a state of emergency for Valley Water's service area, and, accordingly, the Board hereby declares a state of emergency through May 3, 2020, or until such time as the County of Santa Clara lifts or terminates its existing Shelter Order.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District by  
the following vote on April 28, 2020:

AYES: Directors R. Santos, B. Keegan, T. Estremera, N. Hsueh  
G. Kremen, L. LeZotte, J. Varela  
NOES: Directors None  
ABSENT: Directors None  
ABSTAIN: Directors None

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Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST: MICHELE L. KING, CMC

  
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Clerk, Board of Directors