

## **RESOLUTION 2023-26**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BEAUMONT-CHERRY VALLEY WATER DISTRICT ADOPTING THE INITIAL STUDY MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION / ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FILING THE NOTICE OF INTENT AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR THE B LINE REPLACEMENT PIPELINE PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District's Master Plan has identified the need for replacement of the transmission water main in the District's distribution system; and

**WHEREAS**, the District determined that the B Line Replacement Pipeline Project (Project) may be subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and prepared an Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration / Environmental Assessment evaluating the potential environmental effects of the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration concluded that potentially significant environmental effects could occur from Project implementation in the areas of Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology/Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology/Water Quality, Tribal Cultural Resources and Wildfires; however, mitigation measures were identified that would reduce these potential impacts to a less than significant level; and

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Assessment identified no significant adverse impacts in the areas of biological resources, cultural resources, geology/soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology/water quality, and tribal cultural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, mitigation measures that avoid the effects, or mitigate the effects to a point where clearly no significant effects would occur, have been identified through the Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration / Environmental Assessment; and

**WHEREAS**, the District determined that the mitigation proposed in the Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration / Environmental Assessment would reduce the impacts to a less than significant level; and

**WHEREAS**, the District prepared a Public Notice for the B Line Replacement Pipeline Project on July 14, 2023, which started a 30-day public review period, ending August 14, 2023. The Public Notice and Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration / Environmental Assessment was published in the Record Gazette for two (2) consecutive weeks, and was posted to the District's webpage for the 30-day comment period, during which no written comments were received; and

**WHEREAS**, the District Board of Directors conducted a Public Hearing on September 13, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District, located at 560 Magnolia Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223, is the custodian of documents and other materials that constitute the record of proceedings upon which the decision to adopt the Notice of Intent and Finding of No Significant Impact is based.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District as follows:

**A. Findings regarding the Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration / Environmental Assessment**

1. The Board of Directors finds that the Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration / Environmental Assessment, the Notice of Intent (NOI) and the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the B Line Replacement Pipeline Project has been prepared and completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and National Environmental Policy Act.
2. The Board of Directors finds that on the basis of the NOI and FONSI and the whole record that there is no substantial evidence that the Project will have a significant adverse impact individually or cumulatively on the environment.

**B. Adoption of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program**

1. The Board of Directors hereby adopts the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, as set forth in the Project staff report.
2. The Board of Directors hereby finds that the proposed mitigation measures described in the Mitigated Negative Declaration are feasible and therefore will become binding upon the District and its construction contractors.

**C. Adoption of the Environmental Assessment**

1. The Board of Directors hereby adopts the Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration / Environmental Assessment and the Notice of Intent (NOI) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the B Line Replacement Pipeline Project.
2. The General Manager is hereby authorized and directed to cause the NOI and FONSI to be posted with the California State Clearinghouse.

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*Signatures on following page*

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**ADOPTED** this 13th day of September, 2023, by the following vote:

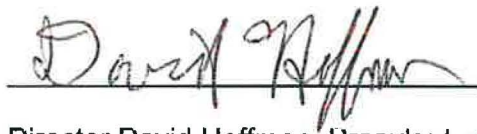
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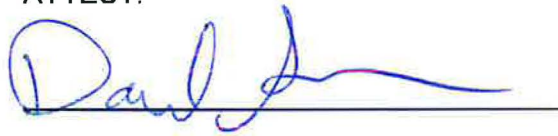
ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

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Director David Hoffman, President of the  
Board of Directors of the  
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District

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Director Daniel Slawson, Secretary to the  
Board of Directors of the  
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District