
Meeting Date: May 17, 2023

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TITLE: R-23-13- Amending Water Service Policies for the South Valley Drinking Water Project

ACTION: Introduction May 17, 2023; Recommend Approval June 28, 2023

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this resolution is to amend the water service policies for the South Valley Drinking Water Project (SVDWP) to include Phase 8 & 9 of this project to the SVDWP service area. The original resolution was adopted in May 2008 (R-08-12) which defined Phases 1 through 4. The SVDWP policies resolution was amended in June 2010 (R-10-8) which included Phases 5 and 6 of the project. The SVDWP policies resolution was amended in September 2013 (R-13-14) which included Phase 7 of the project. The project phases define the service area and applicable service policies. Phase 8 and 9 of the SVDWP are being evaluated in a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) that is currently in draft form. This PER will be used to identify subphases to be constructed with County provided ARPA funds. The initial subphases are anticipated to be bid for construction in early 2024. As a component of the Valley Utilities Project (VUP), the purpose of the SVDWP is to provide safe and reliable drinking water to residents and businesses.

This resolution states that extension of water service will only be allowed in the SVDWP service area (see Exhibit A of resolution). In addition, this resolution will function as a development agreement for water service for all properties within the SVDWP service area. Connections for water service will comply with the Water Authority's Water and Sewer Rate Ordinance and the Water and Sewer System Expansion Ordinance. Residents connecting to the system will be required to pay the Utility Expansion Charge (UEC) that is imposed at the time of a service connection.

Property owners in the SVDWP service area will not have to pay the Water Resources Charge (WRC) if they have a permitted structure within the SVDWP service area prior to the adoption of R-08-12 which is May 21, 2008. Newly developed properties inside the SVDWP area but outside the Water Authority's water service area will have to pay the WRC. Newly developed properties inside both the SVDWP service area and the Water Authority's water service area will not have to pay the WRC.

Consistent with the System Expansion Ordinance, connection for water service will require concurrent sewer service connection to the Water Authority's wastewater system. The System Expansion Ordinance also requires connection to the existing

water system for newly developed properties within 200 feet of an existing water distribution line.

There are 859 existing water connections in the SVDWP service area for Phases 1 through 7. There are 591 water connections anticipated in Phases 8 and 9.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None. Capital cost to establish the system is covered by County ARPA funding.

1 WHEREAS, the Water Authority amended the water service policies for the
2 SVDWP in June 2010 (R-10-8) which included Phases 5 and 6 of the project; and

3 WHEREAS, the Water Authority amended the water service policies for the
4 SVDWP in September 2013 (R-13-14) which included Phase 7 of the project; and

5 WHEREAS, Phases 8 and 9 of the SVDWP are being evaluated in a Preliminary
6 Engineering Report (PER) that is currently in draft form. This PER will be used to
7 identify subphases to be constructed with County provided ARPA funds. The initial
8 subphases are anticipated to be bid for construction in early 2024; and

9 WHEREAS, the Water Authority's System Expansion Ordinance requires
10 connection to the existing system for newly developed properties within 200 feet of an
11 existing water distribution or non-potable water line or sewer collection line.

12 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WATER AUTHORITY:**

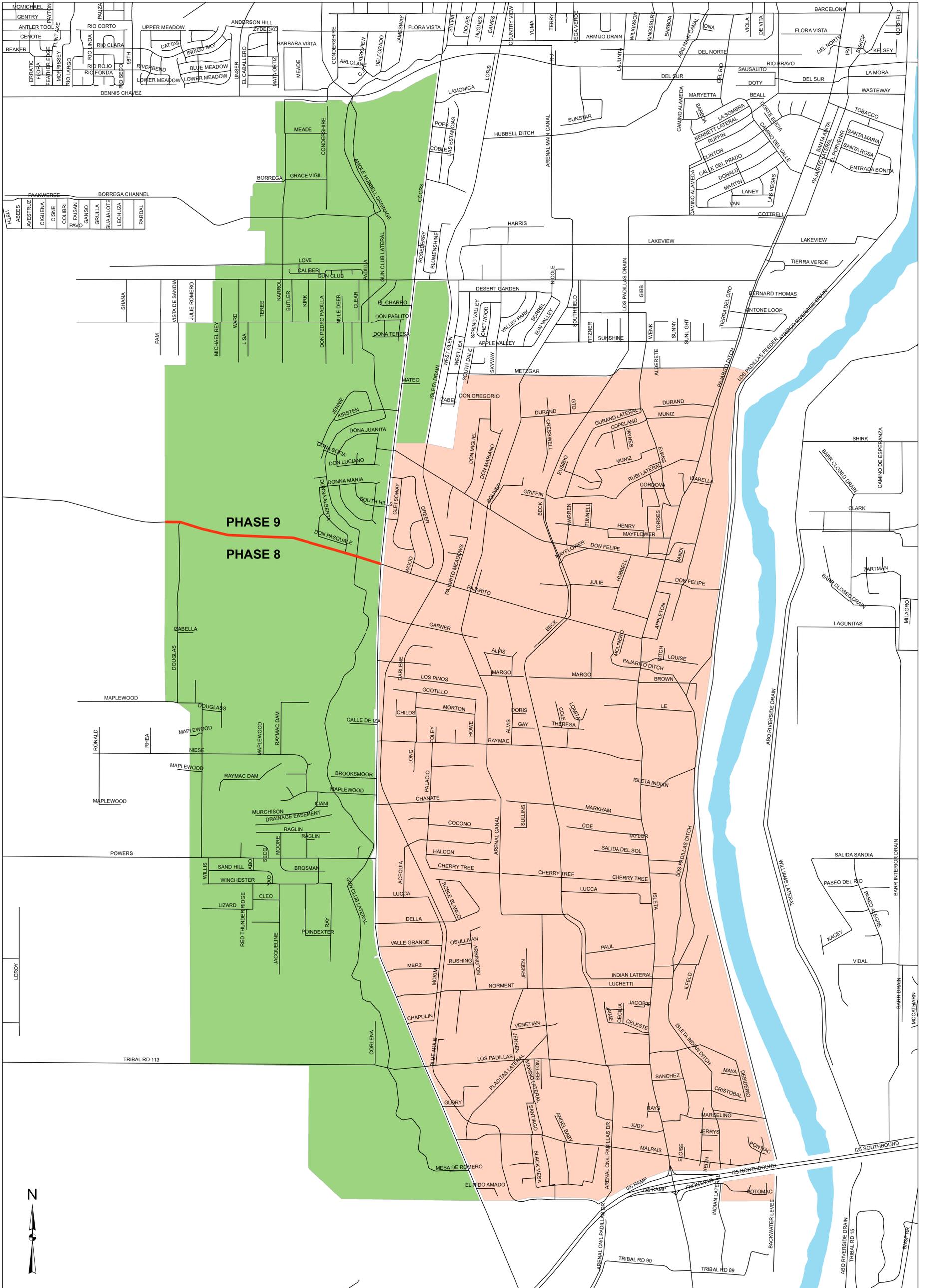
13 Section 1. Water service connections made available through the South Valley
14 Drinking Water Project (SVDWP) shall be defined as the area shown in Exhibit A,
15 SVDWP service area. This resolution shall act as a development agreement for water
16 service for all properties within the SVDWP service area. The SVDWP shall not expand
17 the Water Authority's Established Service Area boundary.

18 Section 2. Connections for water service shall comply with the Water Authority's
19 Water and Sewer Rate Ordinance and the Water and Sewer System Expansion
20 Ordinance, as amended from time to time. Individual customers within the SVDWP
21 service area shall pay the Utility Expansion Charge (UEC) that is imposed at the time of
22 a service connection. Consistent with the Water Authority's Guiding Principles for
23 Urban Planning and Development (R-07-6) and for the purposes of public health and
24 welfare, the Water Resources Charge (WRC) shall be waived for existing developed
25 properties that have permitted structures within the SVDWP service area before the
26 effective date of R-08-12 which is May 21, 2008. Newly developed properties inside the
27 SVDWP area but outside the Water Authority's Established Service Area shall pay the
28 WRC. Newly developed properties inside both the SVDWP service area and the Water
29 Authority's Established Service Area shall not pay the WRC as shown in Exhibit A.

30 Section 3. Connection for water service shall require concurrent sewer service
31 connection to the Water Authority's wastewater system.

- 1 Section 4. The Water Authority shall provide water service to customers in
- 2 Phase 8 and 9 as construction funds become available.

South Valley Drinking Water Project Serviceability Map



Legend

- New Phase 8 and 9 Boundary
- Roads
- Rio Grande
- SVDWP Phase 1-7 Boundary (Complete)
- SVDWP Phase 8 and 9 Boundary

