

RESOLUTION NO. 119-24

WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENT PLAN FOR THE
PROPOSED VALLEY CLEAN INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN**

WHEREAS, Westlands Water District (hereinafter referred to as "the District") recognizes the importance of ensuring that local communities benefit from infrastructure projects undertaken within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Valley Clean Infrastructure Plan (VCIP) and its related electrical and transmission projects, if adopted, would offer significant opportunities for economic and social benefits to the County of Fresno and local communities; and

WHEREAS, the District is committed to fostering inclusive and equitable growth by providing opportunities for meaningful input by local communities to define, participate in, and access the potential benefits associated with the proposed VCIP; and

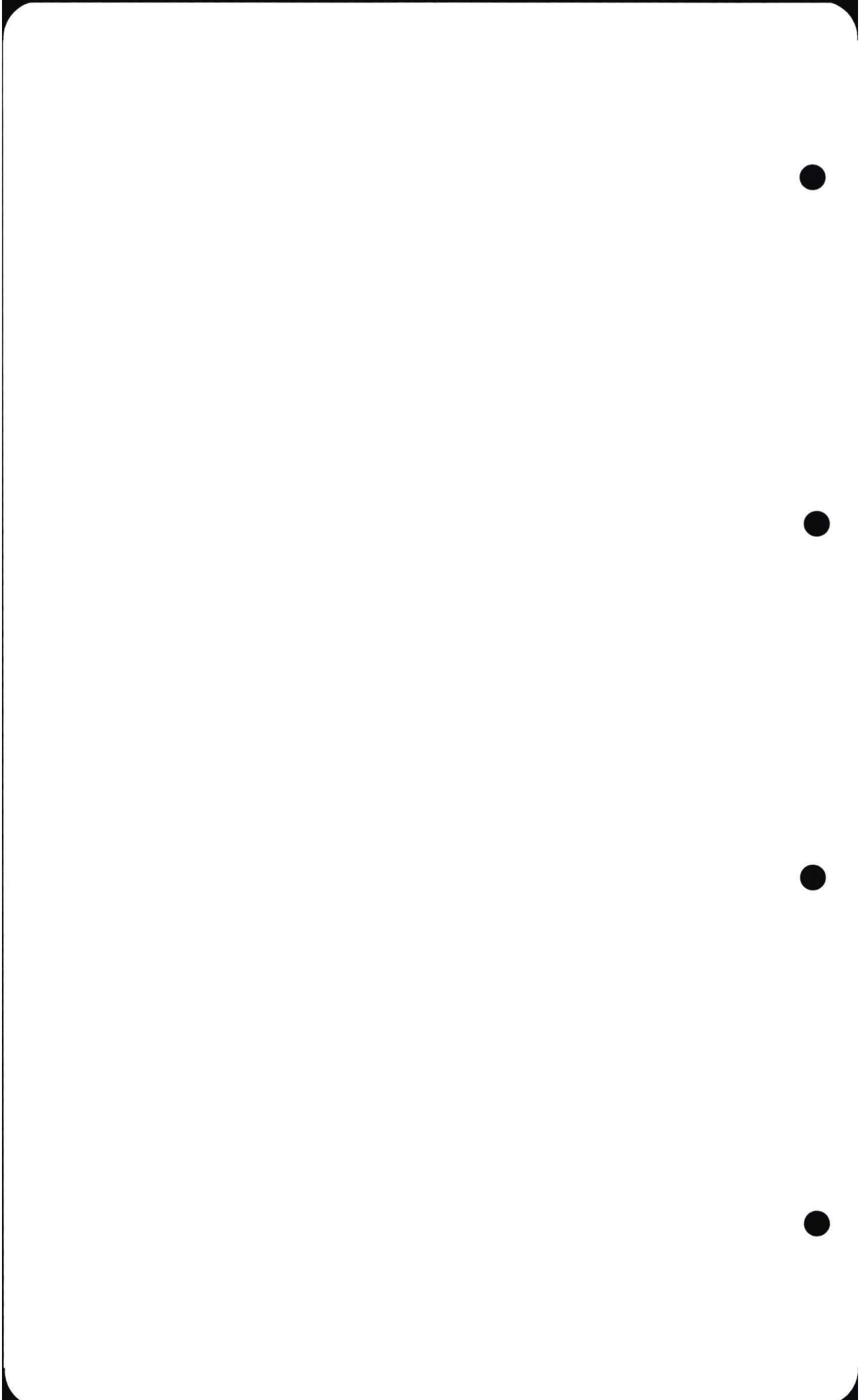
WHEREAS, the participation of the County of Fresno and the communities on the west side of Fresno County is vital to ensuring the success of the proposed VCIP by participating in identifying and implementing priorities for community benefits, including through a Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) Plan, as defined herein, and

WHEREAS, the District intends to ensure that elected officials from these west side communities are actively involved in the development of a CBA Plan in connection with the proposed VCIP and its implementation, if adopted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Establishment of the Community Benefits Agreement Plan

1. The District shall establish a Community Benefits Agreement Plan (hereinafter referred to as the "CBA Plan") in connection with the proposed VCIP and all related electrical and transmission projects resulting from the authority granted under Assembly Bill (AB) 2661 (Soria).
2. The CBA Plan shall be designed as a component of the proposed VCIP to ensure that local communities within and adjacent to the District's jurisdictional boundaries have opportunities to provide meaningful input to the identification of priorities, the participation in, and access to potential benefits associated with implementation of these proposed projects.
3. It is expressly clarified that the CBA Plan will identify sources of funding for community benefits from multiple sources, including from District owned resources such as power generation on lands owned by the District.



4. The participation of the County of Fresno and the communities on the west side of Fresno County is vital to the success of the CBA Plan, and the District will prioritize involving elected officials from these west side communities in the planning, decision-making, and implementation processes of this proposed Plan.

SECTION 2. Definition of Local Communities

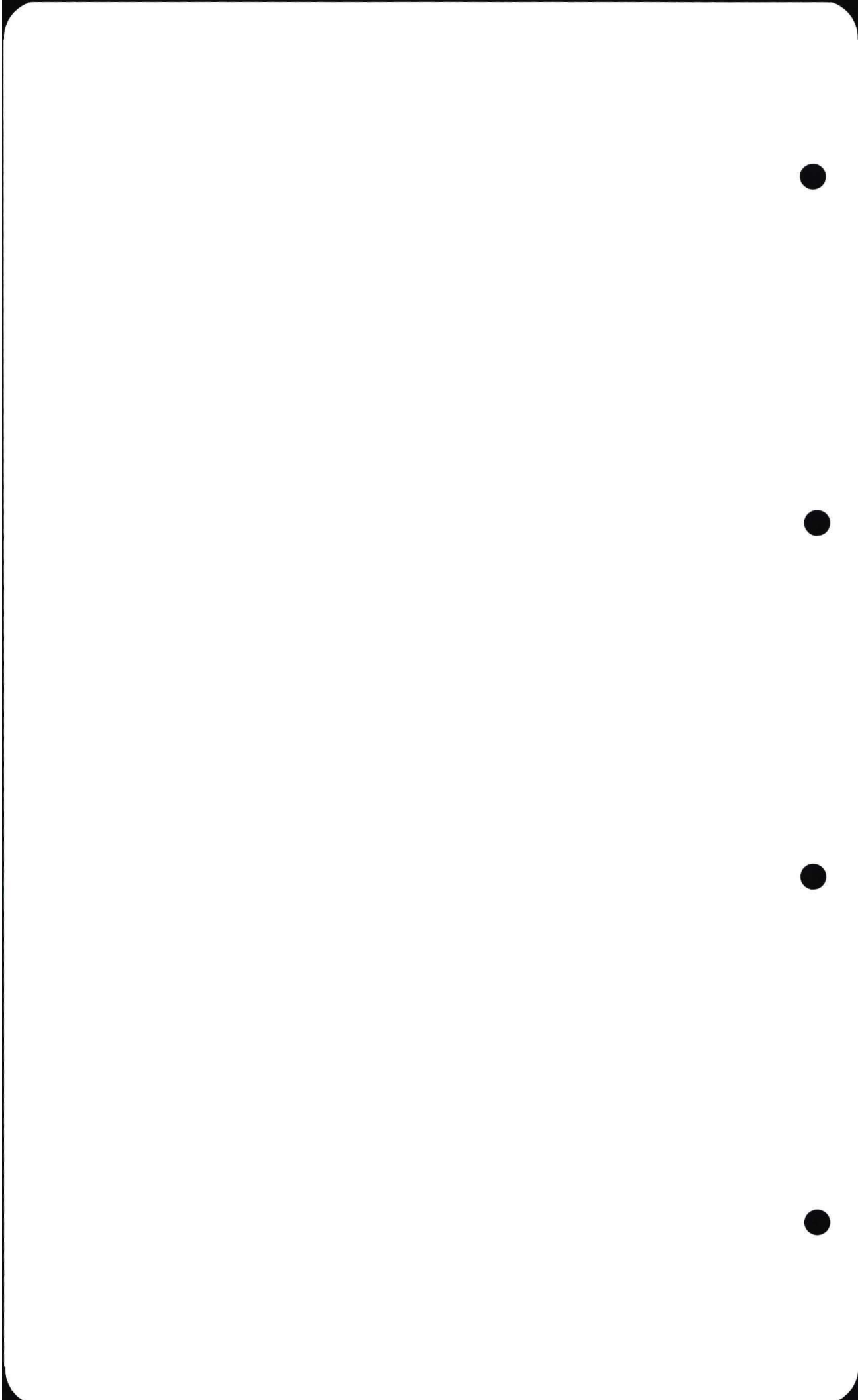
1. For the purposes of this Resolution, "local communities" shall include counties and local governments located within and adjacent to the District's jurisdictional boundaries, specifically including the following:
 - o County of Fresno
 - o City of Kerman
 - o City of San Joaquin
 - o City of Huron
 - o City of Firebaugh
 - o City of Mendota
 - o City of Coalinga
 - o City of Avenal

SECTION 3. Specific Benefits to Local Communities

1. The CBA Plan shall outline specific benefits to be provided to local communities in connection with implementation of the proposed VCIP, if adopted, which may include, but are not limited to:
 - o Job Creation and Training Programs: Support programs aimed at creating job opportunities and providing training for local residents.
 - o Local Hire: Provisions for prioritizing the hiring of local residents for jobs created by the projects.
 - o Use of Local Businesses and Vendors: The commitment to utilizing local businesses and vendors, including trucking companies, manufacturing companies, and trades such as welders.
 - o Financial Contributions: The provision of financial contributions to community development projects and programs that benefit the local population, such as programs or projects for lowering of energy prices, or other locally identified needs and priorities.

SECTION 4. Implementation and Oversight

1. The District shall develop a comprehensive implementation strategy for the CBA Plan as a component of the proposed VCIP, including mechanisms for monitoring and reporting on the progress and outcomes of the CBA Plan.
2. The District shall appoint a CBA Oversight Committee composed of representatives from the District, local governments, and elected officials from the



west side communities to ensure the effective implementation and adherence to the goals of the CBA Plan.

SECTION 5. Effectiveness of CBA Plan

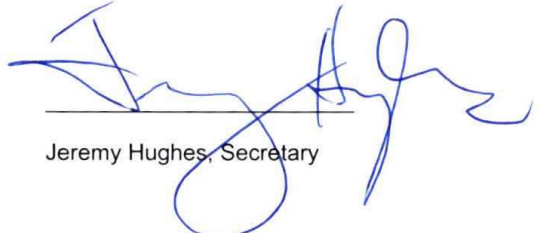
1. The CBA Plan shall be developed and implemented as a component of the proposed VCIP and shall be effective only after compliance with applicable law, including but not limited to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and consideration and adoption by the District Board of Directors at a duly noticed future meeting of the Board of Directors.

Adopted at a special meeting of the Board of Directors of Westlands Water District at Fresno, California this 30th day of August, 2024.

AYES: Directors Anderson, Assemi, Bourdeau, Costamagna, Fortune, Franson, and Hughes

NOES: None

ABSENT: Directors Coelho, and Diener



Jeremy Hughes, Secretary

