

RESOLUTION NO 1086

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES RECOMMENDING THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AMEND STAGE 1 – MANDATORY OF THE CITY'S URBAN WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN REQUIRING CUSTOMERS TO LIMIT OUTDOOR IRRIGATION TO SPECIFIC DAYS PER WEEK AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE BOARD EMERGENCY REGULATIONS; AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF SANTA ROSA WATER TO IMPLEMENT ACTIONS MANDATED BY STATE BOARD EMERGENCY REGULATIONS AND GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS RELATED TO DROUGHT; AND AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE IN FUND 1611 – "WATER OPERATIONS" TO IFAS KEY – 55562 "DROUGHT RESPONSE."

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa provides water service within certain boundaries; and

WHEREAS, California is continuing to experience extremely dry conditions and the Governor of the State of California, on January 17, 2014, declared a state-wide drought emergency and requested Californians to voluntarily reduce water use by 20%; and

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2014, the Council of the City of Santa Rosa adopted Resolution No. 28427 requesting Santa Rosa customers reduce water use by 20% community-wide through voluntary conservation; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2014, the Governor of the State of California issued an Executive Order directing local water suppliers to redouble efforts to implement water conservation activities; and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2014 the State Water Resources Control Board adopted Drought Emergency Water Conservation Regulations (Emergency Regulations) prohibiting certain water using activities and requiring urban water suppliers to implement their Urban Water Shortage Contingency Plans (Shortage Plans) to a level that imposes mandatory restrictions on outdoor irrigation with potable water; and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2014, the Council of the City of Santa Rosa adopted Resolution No. 28536 implementing State 1 – Mandatory of the City's Shortage Plan requiring customers to reduce community-wide water use by 20% and restricting outdoor irrigation with potable water; and

WHEREAS, additional State Board Emergency Regulations (Additional Regulations) went into effect on March 27, 2015, continuing previous water use restrictions and adding additional restrictions; and

WHEREAS, to comply with the State's Additional Regulations the City needs to amend Stage 1 – Mandatory of the City's Shortage Plan to include limits on the number of days that outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf is allowed with potable water; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2015, the Governor issued an Executive Order directing the State Water Board to develop additional regulations to impose restrictions to achieve an aggregate statewide 25% reduction in urban water use through February 28, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Order also directs the State Water Board to consider the relative per capita water usage of each water suppliers' service area, and those areas with high per capita use must achieve proportionally greater reductions than those with low use; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2015, the State Water Board released a proposed regulatory framework for carrying out the Executive Order which acknowledges per capita water use and proposes different conservation requirements for those areas with high per capita water use versus areas with low per capita water use; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Santa Rosa have demonstrated a commitment to conserving water and in recognition of our community's proactive conservation implementation, our conservation standard from the proposed regulatory framework is 20%; and

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa customers have reduced water use by approximately 18% during the period of March 2014 through March 2015 in comparison to the 2013 calendar year; and

WHEREAS, in order to comply with Additional Regulations, the City must amend its Shortage Plan to include limits on the number of days that outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf is allowed with potable; and

WHEREAS, in order to comply with subsequent State Water Resources Control Board Emergency Regulations and Governor's Executive Orders, it is recommended that the Director of Santa Rosa Water be authorized to implement actions mandated by State Board Emergency Regulations and Governor's Executive Orders related to drought; and

WHEREAS, to continue to fund and track drought outreach expenditures, additional funds are needed in IFAS Key 55562 – "Drought Response."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Public Utilities recommends that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa, by resolution, amend Stage 1 – Mandatory of the City's Urban Water Shortage Contingency Plan requiring customers to limit outdoor irrigation to specific days per week as required by the State Board Emergency Regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Public Utilities recommends that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa authorize the Director of Santa Rosa Water the authority to implement actions mandated by subsequent State Board Emergency Regulations and Governor's Executive Orders related to drought for the duration of the Emergency Regulations or the Governors Executive Orders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Public Utilities recommends that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa authorize the Chief Financial Officer to

appropriate funding in the amount of \$100,000 from unappropriated balance in fund 1611 – “Water Operations” to IFAS Key 55562 – “Drought Response.”

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the City of Santa Rosa Board of Public Utilities this 16th day of April, 2015.

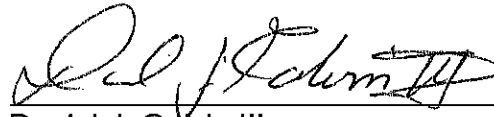
AYES: (7) Galvin, Kaun, Arnone, Dowd, Holt, Steffensen, Tibbetts

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

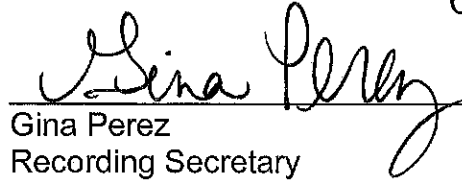
ABSTAIN: (0)

APPROVED:



Daniel J. Galvin III
Chair

ATTEST:



Gina Perez
Recording Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney