

RESOLUTION NO 1072

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES RECOMMENDING THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ADOPT STAGE 1 – MANDATORY OF THE CITY’S URBAN WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN REQUESTING CUSTOMERS TO REDUCE COMMUNITY-WIDE WATER USE BY 20% AND AUTHORIZE UTILIZATION OF THE UTILITY’S CATASTROPHIC RESERVE

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa is a City empowered to provide 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, Santa Rosa customers have reduced water use by approximately 16% during the months of March through June 2014 in comparison to the same time in 2013; 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 to a level that imposes mandatory restrictions on outdoor irrigation with potable water; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa’s has the authority and responsibility to adopt and had adopted water conservation measures within its area of service; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa has the authority to employ the Catastrophic Reserve during implementation of the City’s Urban Water Shortage Contingency Plan; and

WHEREAS, in order to comply with the State Water Resources Control Board Emergency Regulations, the Utilities Department is recommending implementation of Stage 1 – Mandatory of the City’s Urban Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Public Utilities recommends that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa by resolution adopt Stage 1 – Mandatory of the City’s Urban Water Shortage Contingency Plan and direct staff to implement the water conservation program as defined by Stage 1 – Mandatory to realize community-wide water use reduction of 20%.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Public Utilities recommends that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa authorize staff to utilize the Utility's Catastrophic Reserve if necessary.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the City of Santa Rosa Board of Public Utilities this 24th day of July, 2014.

AYES: (6) Galvin, Arnone, Dowd, Holt, Kaun and Steffensen

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

VACANT: (1)

APPROVED:



Dan Galvin
Chair

ATTEST:



Gina Perez
Recording Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney