

RESOLUTION NO 1077

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CONDITIONALLY APPROVING A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SANTA ROSA PLAIN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND RECOMMENDING THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE SANTA ROSA PLAIN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, in 2003, the Board of Public Utilities passed Resolution No. 776 to pursue water resources to provide reliable water supply through the General Plan building horizon; develop local groundwater, additional recycled water, additional supplies from the Sonoma County Water Agency, and other sources as they become available; and evaluate water sources based on supply reliability, cost, timing, and environmental impact; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, the Board of Public Utilities approved participation in a multi-year study conducted by the United States Geological Survey in conjunction with the Sonoma County Water Agency and seven public and private water purveyors to assess the geohydrology and geochemistry of the Plain groundwater basin. The USGS Study was completed in early 2014; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the Center for Collaborative Policy recommended a Steering Committee be formed to guide preliminary planning and education for groundwater management in the Santa Rosa Plain. The Committee recommended stakeholders develop a collaborative, non-regulatory and voluntary groundwater management plan consistent with Assembly Bill 3030; and

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2011, the Board of Public Utilities approved a cooperative agreement to provide funding and support for development of the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Management Plan (Plan); and

WHEREAS, the Basin Advisory Panel completed the Plan and voted on August 14, 2014 to recommend the Sonoma County Water Agency Board of Directors adopt the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the stated purpose of the Plan is: to locally manage and protect groundwater resources by a balanced group of stakeholders through non-regulatory measures to support all beneficial uses, including human, agriculture, and ecosystems, in an environmentally sound, economical, and equitable manner for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Plan recommends implementation of projects (Program) for the first two years following Plan adoption; and

WHEREAS, the cost to implement the Program is estimated to be approximately \$600,000 over a period of two years; and

WHEREAS, a Cooperative Agreement for Implementation of Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Management Program has been developed and includes a cost allocation plan for the Program; and

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa's share of the Program cost is \$25,000 over the two years of the Program, in the amount of \$12,500 per year; and

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2014 the Contract Review Subcommittee reviewed the proposed Cooperative Agreement and recommended approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Public Utilities conditionally approves the Cooperative Agreement for Implementation of the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Management Program, conditioned upon City Council support of the Plan, and authorizes the Chair to sign the Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Public Utilities recommends that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa adopt a resolution of support for the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Management Plan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the City of Santa Rosa Board of Public Utilities this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 2014.

AYES: (5) KAUN, ARNONE, DOWD, HOLT, STEFFENSEN


NOES:

ABSENT: (1) GALVIN

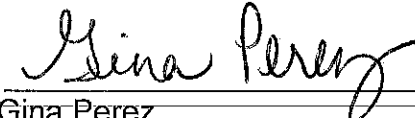
ABSTAIN:

VACANT: (1)

APPROVED:

  
for Dan Galvin  
Dan Galvin  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Gina Perez  
Recording Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
City Attorney