

RESOLUTION NO. 1004

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RE-ADOPT COUNCIL POLICY NO. 200-20, "PROVISION OF PRIORITY WATER SERVICE TO RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS" AND COUNCIL POLICY NO. 200-21, "PROVISION OF PRIORITY SEWER SERVICE TO RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS" AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, the California legislature has declared the lack of affordable housing is a matter of vital statewide importance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa is committed to the fair and equitable provision of water and sewer services to persons and entities within its service area, in conformance with state law and City policies; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 65589.7 enhances the priority granted to lower-income housing by requiring that public agencies that provide water or sewer services shall adopt written policies and procedures with specific objective standards for providing priority service to residential developments with lower income housing; and

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2006, the City Council adopted Council Policy No. 200-20 "Provision of Priority Water Service to Residential Developments with Affordable Housing Units" and Council Policy No. 200-21 "Provision of Priority Sewer Service to Residential Developments with Affordable Housing Units" to comply with Government Code Section 65589.7; and

WHEREAS, the policies require the Board of Public Utilities to review and adopt or re-adopt the policies at least once every 5 years after July 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, re-adoption of these policies regarding provision of priority water and sewer service to residential developments with affordable housing will allow the City of Santa Rosa to remain in compliance with Government Code 65589.7; and

WHEREAS, the Utilities Department and Community Development Department staff have reviewed these policies and recommend re-adoption with small text changes to be consistent with the terminology used in the City's 2035 General Plan, to refer to the most recent adopted version of the City's Urban Water Management Plan, and to change from the Board of Public Utilities to the City Council as the policy body responsible for the review and re-adoption of the policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Public Utilities recommends that the City Council re-adopt as amended Council Policy No. 200-20, "Provision of Water Service to Residential Developments with Affordable Housing Units" attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and Council Policy No. 200-21 "Provision of Sewer Service to Residential Developments with Affordable Housing Units" attached hereto as Exhibit "B."

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the City of Santa Rosa Board of Public Utilities this 4th day of August, 2011.

AYES: (5) GALE, CARNEY, GALVIN, MEECHAN AND SWINTH

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (1) LOWRY

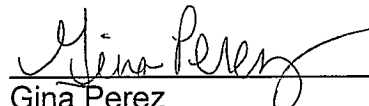
ABSTAIN: (1) DOWD

APPROVED:



VICE - Chairman Richard Dowd - Stephen Gale

ATTEST:


Gina Perez
Recording Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney