

RESOLUTION NO. 993

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: (1) ADOPT 127 GALLONS PER CAPITA PER DAY (GPCD) AS THE CITY'S COMMUNITY WATER USE TARGET FOR 2020; (2) AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION IN A REGIONAL ALLIANCE FOR COMPLYING WITH THE 2020 WATER USE TARGET; AND (3) AUTHORIZE THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TO SIGN AGREEMENTS REGARDING FORMATION AND PARTICIPATION IN THE REGIONAL ALLIANCE.

WHEREAS, the State of California Urban Water Management Planning Act (UWMP Act) requires all urban water purveyors serving over 3,000 connections or over 3,000 acre-feet of water annually to prepare an Urban Water Management Plan every five years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa is an urban supplier of water to approximately 52,000 connections supplying approximately 20,000 acre-feet of potable water annually and is therefore required to comply with the UWMP Act; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill x7-7 the Water Conservation Act (SB x7-7), was signed into law in 2009 and set a goal of achieving a 20% reduction in statewide urban per capita water use by the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, SB x7-7 requires each urban water retailer to determine their base gross gpcd, interim 2015 and final 2020 community water use targets, minimum water use reduction requirement, and 2015 and 2020 compliance year gross gpcd and include this information in the 2010 UWMP; and

WHEREAS, Utilities Department staff has calculated the base gross gpcd, interim 2015 and final 2020 community water use targets, minimum water use reduction requirement, and 2015 and 2020 compliance year gross gpcd and recommends setting the 2020 community water use target at 127 gpcd, using Method 3 in SB x7-7 and incorporating the minimum community water use reduction requirement; and

WHEREAS, SB x7-7 provides that urban water retailers may plan, comply and report on a regional basis, individual basis or both; and

WHEREAS, the water contractors of the Sonoma County Water Agency, which consist of the cities of Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park, Sonoma, Cotati, Petaluma, the Town of Windsor and North Marin and Valley of the Moon Water Districts (Water Contractors), and the Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD) are eligible to form a regional alliance because the Water Contractors and MMWD are recipients of water from a common wholesale water supplier; and

WHEREAS, participating in a regional alliance provides the City with another option for complying with SB x7-7 and does not affect the City should the regional alliance fail to meet the regional target; and

WHEREAS, the Utilities Department staff has analyzed participating in a Regional Alliance consisting of the Water Contractors and MMWD to comply with SB X7-7 and recommends participating; and

WHEREAS, the Water Conservation Subcommittee of the Board of Public Utilities at their meeting on March 15, 2011, reviewed staff's recommended 2020 community water use target and considered staff's recommendation to participate in the Regional Alliance and concurred.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Public Utilities recommends that the City Council: (1) adopt 127 gallons per capita per day (gpcd) as the City's community water use target for 2020; (2) authorize participation in a regional alliance for complying with the 2020 water use target; and (3) authorize the Utilities Department Director to sign agreements regarding formation and

participation in the Regional Alliance, including requiring that the participants in the Regional Alliance to participate in regional water supply planning and that all participants annually report their annual gpcd as well as their progress in obtaining their 2020 gpcd targets and the programs they are implementing to reach their 2020 gpcd targets.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the City of Santa Rosa Board of Public Utilities this 7th day of April, 2011.

AYES: (6) DOWD, GALE, CARNEY, GALVIN, MEECHAN AND SWINTH

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (1) LOWRY

ABSTAIN: (0)

APPROVED: _____

Chairman Richard Dowd

ATTEST: _____

Gina Perez
Recording Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney