

RESOLUTION NO. 983

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ADOPTING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, APPROVING THE PROJECT, ADOPTING A MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM, AUTHORIZING THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE SOUTH COUNTY BIOSOLIDS REUSE PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS

WHEREAS, when biosolids production exceeds the capacity of the land application and composting methods, disposal at a landfill is used; and

WHEREAS, landfill disposal is costly and reduces landfill capacity; and

WHEREAS, the acreage available for land application of biosolids at the three City-owned farms has been reduced by approximately 640 acres due to potential California tiger salamander habitat, and another 125 acres will be lost in 2011 along Lakeville Highway because one of the two privately-owned application sites is being converted to a U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service preserve; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Rosa Biosolids Beneficial use Project was first evaluated for potential environmental impacts in a 1991 Program EIR; and

WHEREAS, the 1993 Management Plan for the Beneficial Reuse of Biosolids by Land Application found that the City required up to 2,620 acres for land application of biosolids; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, the Management Plan for the Beneficial Reuse of Biosolids by Land Application was found to be within the scope of the 1991 Program EIR in 1993; and

WHEREAS, an Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for three new sites, two of which were included in the Management Plan for the Beneficial Reuse of Biosolids by Land Application; and

WHEREAS, the Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration was circulated to agencies and the public for 30 days starting on April 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, notices for the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration were published in the Press Democrat on April 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, written comments were received prior to the completion of the public review period on June 1, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Public Utilities:

1. Finds that the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the Board.
2. That based upon the findings, records, and files, and the findings herein, determines that the South County Biosolids Reuse Project will not have a significant effect on the environment if the mitigation measures listed and identified in the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration are enacted.
3. Adopts the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the South County Biosolids Reuse Project dated April 2010.
4. Approves the South County Biosolids Reuse Project.
5. Adopts the Mitigation Monitoring Program for the South County Biosolids Reuse Project dated April 2010.
6. Authorizes the Utilities Department to implement the Project and authorizes the Director of the Utilities Department to execute agreements with landowners and users to implement the Project.
7. Specifies that the City of Santa Rosa Utilities Department located at 69 Stony Circle, Santa Rosa, CA, will be the custodian of the documents and other materials which constitute the record of the Board of Public Utilities proceedings regarding the South County Biosolids Reuse Project and which record will be kept at the Utilities Department office.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the City of Santa Rosa Board of Public Utilities this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2010.

AYES: (5) DOWD, HOLT, LOWE, MEECHAN, AND SWINTH

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (2) GALE AND GALVIN

ABSTAIN: (0)