

RESOLUTION NO. 00964

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES RECOMMENDING THAT THAT COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ADOPT A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE END OF THE WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY AND RESCINDING STAGE 1 OF THE CITY'S URBAN WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN.

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa provides water service within certain boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Sonoma County Water Agency (Agency) is the wholesaler of water to the City of Santa Rosa; and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2009, the Agency held a press conference projecting that water storage may hit new historically low levels unless water rationing is ordered and significant rainfall occurs; and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2009, the Santa Rosa City Council adopted Resolution No. 27308, declaring a water shortage emergency and implementing Stage 1 of the City of Santa Rosa Urban Water Shortage Contingency Plan; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2009, the Agency submitted a Temporary Urgency Change Petition requesting a temporary change in the instream flow requirements in the Russian River to help preserve water supply in Lake Mendocino for the fall run of the endangered fish species; and

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2009 the State Water Resources Control Board issued an Order approving the temporary changes in the instream flow requirements and also requiring the Agency to reduce diversions from the Russian River by 25% from June 15 – October 2, 2009 compared to the same time period in 2004 and to submit a plan to achieve 25% conservation in Sonoma County and 50% conservation in Mendocino County from April 6 – October 2, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Agency declared a temporary impairment of their Transmission System and allocated water to the City of Santa Rosa and all prime contractors of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the City has met its water allocation in June, July and August of 2009; and

WHEREAS, the City has been successful in implementing Stage 1 of the Urban Water Shortage Contingency Plan and Santa Rosa customers have reduced their water use community wide by over 15%; and

WHEREAS, the Agency, through the assistance of the water contractors, has been successful in preserving water supply in Lake Mendocino; and

WHEREAS, the water contractors have been successful in meeting the terms of the State Board Order; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the State Board Order end on October 2, 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Public Utilities recommends that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa adopt a resolution declaring an end to the water shortage emergency and rescinding Stage 1 of the City's Urban Water Shortage Contingency Plan effective October 3, 2009.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the City of Santa Rosa Board of Public Utilities this 17th day of September, 2009.

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

NOES: (1) HOLT

ABSENT: (1) DOWD

ABSTAIN: (0)

APPROVED: _____
Chairman Richard Dowd

ATTEST: _____
Gina Perez
Recording Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney