

RESOLUTION NO. 970

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the California Constitution specifies that the right to use water is limited to the amount reasonably required for the beneficial use to be served and the right does not and shall not extend to waste or unreasonable method of use; and

WHEREAS, the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance is consistent with and would further the goals of the General Plan by providing regulations that establish standards to ensure that landscapes are designed, installed, and maintained in a water efficient and water conserving manner; and

WHEREAS, a Water Efficient Landscape Policy was initially adopted by Resolution No. 21142 of the Santa Rosa City Council on December 22, 1992; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the Water Efficient Landscape Policy as adopted by Resolution No. 21142 and as amended by Resolution No. 26846, continue to apply to all Commercial; Industrial and Institutional development, Park and Greenbelt development, and common areas of Single and Multi-Family development projects that have a completed application for a Building or Grading Permit, Plan Check, Design Review or Utilities Certificate on file prior to January 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the Single Family Landscape Policy as adopted by Resolution No. 26690, continue to apply to all single family development projects that have a completed application for Building or Grading Permit, Plan Check, Design Review or Utilities Certificate on file prior to January 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends the adoption of a Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance be effective January 1, 2010 and apply to all new and rehabilitated Commercial, industrial and institutional landscaping, park and greenbelt landscaping, multiple-family residential and single-family residential landscaping projects that require a Building or Grading Permit, Plan Check, Design Review or Utilities Certificate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Public Utilities recommends that the City Council limit the application of the Water Efficient Landscape Policy Resolution No. 21142 and as amended by City Council Resolution No. 26846 and the Single Family Landscape Policy as adopted by City Council Resolution No. 26690 to development projects that have a completed application for Building or Grading Permit, Plan Check, Design Review or Utilities Certificate on file prior to January 1, 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board recommends that the City Council adopt an Ordinance adding Chapter 14-30 (Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance) to the Santa Rosa City Code.

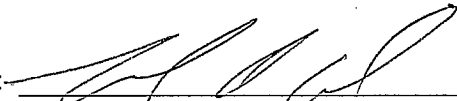
DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the City of Santa Rosa Board of Public Utilities this 5th day of November, 2009.

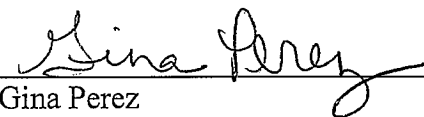
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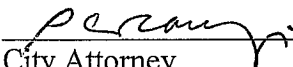
ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

APPROVED: 
Chairman Richard Dowd

ATTEST: 
Gina Perez
Recording Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney