

RESOLUTION NO. 947

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES RECOMMENDING THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ADOPT A RESOLUTION DECLARING A WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY, IMPLEMENTING STAGE 1 OF THE CITY'S URBAN WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN REQUESTING CUSTOMERS TO VOLUNTARILY REDUCE WATER USE BY 15%, AND AUTHORIZING UTILIZATION OF THE CATASTROPHIC RESERVE

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa is empowered to provide 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, the Agency has not yet declared a water shortage nor reduced water allocations to the City of Santa Rosa and other municipal customers of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has announced it anticipates requiring 30% mandatory rationing from its municipal customers within the coming weeks; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa has the authority and responsibility to adopt water demand reduction measures within its area of service; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa has the authority to employ the Catastrophic Reserve during a Water Shortage Emergency; and

WHEREAS, in preparation for the anticipated water shortage declaration from the Agency, Utilities Department staff is recommending implementation of Stage 1 of the City's Urban Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

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 a water shortage emergency and directing staff to implement a program of demand management as defined by Stage 1 of the City's Urban Water Shortage Contingency Plan to realize City-wide water reduction of 15%.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board recommends that the Council authorizes staff to utilize the Catastrophic Reserve to compensate for loss of revenue due to reduced water sales.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the City of Santa Rosa Board of Public Utilities this 19th day of February, 2009.

AYES: (7) ~~DOWD~~, SWINTH, GALE, GALVEN, HOLT, LOWE, MEECHAN

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

APPROVED: _____

Chairman Richard Dowd

ATTEST: _____

Gina Perez
Recording Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney