

RESOLUTION NO. 948

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES RECOMMENDING THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ADD WATER SHORTAGE RATES TO THE CITY CODE TO BE ENACTED IN THE CASE OF A WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa's water rate structure is designed to encourage efficient water use, through a low fixed service charge and a relatively high user charge applicable to each unit of water use; and

WHEREAS, this conservation-oriented rate structure introduces some financial risk in that some fixed costs are recovered through the user charge, based on total water usage; and

WHEREAS, a reduction in water usage results in revenues not covering all fixed costs; and

WHEREAS, The Sonoma County Water Agency may impose monetary penalties on the contractors for exceeding water allocations equal to 50% of the O&M charge, including all subcharges during a declared Water Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Water Shortage Contingency Plan includes water shortage charges in Stages 2-4 to compensate for loss of revenue due to reduced water sales; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Water Shortage Contingency Plan includes Excess Use Charges to be applied to water uses of 101% to 150% over allocation and to 151% and over allocation in Stages 3 and 4; and

WHEREAS, changes to the water rate structure during each Stage of rationing are designed to encourage customers to reduce water use commensurate with water allocations and reduction goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that that the Board of Public Utilities recommend that the City Council adopt an ordinance adding the water shortage rate structure outlined in the City's adopted "City of Santa Rosa Urban Water Shortage Contingency Plan" to Title 14 of the City Code and authorize the implementation of such rates during a declared Water Emergency.

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, GALVIN, HOLT, LOWE AND MEECHAN

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman Richard Dowd

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Gina Perez

Recording Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney