

RESOLUTION NO. 929

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL, TO ACCEPT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, SOLAR AMERICA CITIES 2008 GRANT & APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Utilities and the City is committed to a full range of efforts to lower greenhouse gases and develop renewable energy sources; and

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2005 the Council adopted Resolution 26341 to establish greenhouse gas reduction targets; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa, in partnership with neighboring cities, Sonoma County, and interested stakeholders, has a goal to form an organization called Solar Sonoma County; and

WHEREAS, Solar Sonoma County will develop and launch a countywide Solar Implementation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Solar Implementation Plan will significantly and sustainably reduce the financial, regulatory, and educational market barriers to the installation of solar photovoltaic and/or solar thermal energy systems in Sonoma County; and

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa and its partners in Solar Sonoma County aim to increase the amount of municipal, residential, and commercial/industrial solar installations in the County by 25 megawatts over the next three years; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that this target will reduce the County's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 8,500 tons annually; and

WHEREAS, the U.S Department of Energy has funding available in the form of grants for Cities committed to transforming the Solar Market; and

WHEREAS, the Utilities Department has successfully applied for \$200,000 in grant funding to develop and launch a countywide Solar Implementation Plan in partnership with Solar Sonoma County; and

WHEREAS, the \$200,000 grant is a 50/50 matching grant with \$75,000 of the matching funds provided separately by the City of Sebastopol from a Bay Area Air Quality Management District grant, and \$125,000 of the matching funds provided by the City of Santa Rosa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Public Utilities recommends that City Council accept the Department of Energy, Solar America Cities (SAI) 2008 grant in the amount of \$200,000 and recommends the Council increase the appropriation of funds to account 7261 "Solar Sonoma County Grant" in the amount of \$325,000; \$200,000 from the SAI grant and \$125,000 matching funds as follows, \$50,000 from 1350-01, \$60,000 from 8357 and \$15,000 from 4334.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the City of Santa Rosa Board of Public Utilities this 26th day of June, 2008

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman Richard Dowd

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gina Perez  
Recording Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney