

**SANTA ROSA BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2014
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER, 100 SANTA ROSA AVENUE
REGULAR MEETING**

1:34 p.m. City Council Chamber

ROLL CALL

Present (5) Vice Chair Kaun, Board Members Arnone, Dowd, Holt and Steffensen

Absent (1) Chairman Galvin

Vacant (1)

STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION BY BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Holt stated that he would not be abstaining from item 7.1 however he disclosed that he had participated as a member of the Groundwater Plan Review as a representative of the Sierra Club. He further stated that he left the review panel and only attended as a member of the public since joining the Board.

STUDY SESSION - NONE

MINUTES APPROVAL

The approval of the minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

5.1 CREEK WEEK AND FAMILY FUN DAY

BACKGROUND: The Storm Water & Creeks section of Utilities five years ago launched an annual event called "Creek Week" as a way to celebrate and clean up our local waterways, and educate the public on ways to prevent creek pollution. A Proclamation is scheduled for City Council approval on September 9th, 2014, proclaiming September 20-28, 2014 as "Creek Week". This year's weeklong event begins Saturday, September 20, which coincides with Coastal Cleanup Day, and includes several creek cleanups and neighborhood creek walks that will occur throughout the following week, and will culminate with our new event - Family Fun Day. Family Fun Day is planned for Saturday, September 27, from 10-2 with hands-on activities and tours along Prince Memorial Greenway and educational booths from the City of Santa Rosa, Regional Water Quality

Board, Sonoma County and other natural resource related agencies placed at either end of the Greenway at Prince Gateway Park and Olive Park. The Board may discuss this item and give direction to staff.

PRESENTER: Jenifer Piccinini, Research and Program Coordinator

Duane Dewitt, spoke about the Roseland Action group he organized that provides creek cleanup and stewardship on Roseland Creek. He requested additional outreach from the City for future Creek Week and clean up events.

6. CONSENT ITEMS - NONE

7. REPORT ITEMS

7.1 REPORT – CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SANTA ROSA PLAIN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND RECOMMENDATION THAT COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE SANTA ROSA PLAIN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

BACKGROUND: In 2003 the Board of Public Utilities passed Resolution No. 776 to pursue water resources to provide reliable water supply through the General Plan including development of local groundwater. On October 6, 2011, the Board of Public Utilities approved a cooperative agreement to provide funding and support for development of the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Management Plan (Plan).

In December 2011, the Basin Advisory Panel (Panel) commenced preparation of the Plan. The Panel is comprised of almost 30 technical experts, residential well users, businesses, agricultural groups, environmental organizations, governmental agencies, tribal groups, natural resource managers, and members of the general public. The Panel and associated Technical Advisory Committee has worked diligently to prepare the Plan, and on August 14, 2014, the Panel voted (26-yes, 1-no, 1-absent) to recommend that the Board of Supervisor's adopt the Plan.

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The County of Sonoma, Cities of Cotati, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, and Sebastopol, the Town of Windsor, California-American Water Company, Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District, United Winegrowers and Sonoma County Water Agency have an interest in groundwater pumped from the Plain groundwater basin. The proposed Cooperative Agreement would provide funding from each of these entities for implementation of the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Management Program.

RECOMMENDATION: It is the recommendation of the Contract Review Subcommittee and the Utilities Department staff that the Board of Public Utilities, by resolution, conditionally approve the Cooperative Agreement for Implementation of Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Management Program, conditioned upon City Council support of the Plan, with Santa Rosa's contribution in the amount of \$25,000, authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement, and recommend the City Council adopt a resolution of support for the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Management Plan.

PRESENTER(S): Rocky Vogler, Sr. Water Resources Planner and Marcus Trotta, Sonoma County Water Agency

Duane Dewitt, expressed concern about continued development in the Southwest area over groundwater recharge areas. He also expressed concern that well users are not aware of the impacts of their overuse is causing the groundwater basin. He asked if additional outreach could be done to educate this user group.

7.2 REPORT - WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

BACKGROUND: Staff will update the Board on water supply issues. The Board may discuss this item and give direction to staff.

PRESENTER: Jennifer Burke, Deputy Director Water and Engineering Resources

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Duane Dewitt suggested staff look for ways to profit more from the sale of water.

9. REFERRALS - NONE

10. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION (AND POSSIBLE BOARD DISCUSSION/ ACTION)

10.1 Memo from David Guhin, Director of Utilities re: Minor Contract Award – Santa Rosa Utilities On-Call Repair and Installation – Phase 14; included in packet

11. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Board Member Holt reported that the Contract Review Subcommittee met on August 26 to review three contracts.

12. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Board Member Dowd requested an update on the emergency water supply issue at a future meeting.

13. DIRECTORS REPORT

David Guhin, Director of Utilities reported that the Council approved the Board's recommendation for the demand fees. In addition, the Council approved the purchase of the emergency hose reel for emergency water supply. He further reported that the City System did not experience any substantial issues during the recent earthquake. Lastly he announced that Duane Anderson and Paul Doroff retired this week taking 57 years of experience with them.

14. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

At 3:16 p.m. the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities will be held on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at approximately 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa.

Dan Galvin

Gina Perez