

RESOLUTION NO. 827

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES ADOPTING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM AND APPROVAL OF A PROJECT TO INCREASE PRODUCTION AT THE FARMERS LANE WELLS W4-1 AND W4-2 FOR ADDITIONAL WATER SUPPLY

WHEREAS, in December 2003, the Board gave direction to staff to investigate the development of additional water supplies in accordance with the current General Plan; and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2004, the Board reviewed the report, Evaluation of Potential Impacts Associated with Increased Groundwater Production from W4-1 and W4-2, which concludes that increased pumpage of the wells will have minimal impact, if any, on private wells and local groundwater levels; and

WHEREAS, the Board requested that staff proceed with environmental review of the conversion of these wells from standby to production; and

WHEREAS, an Initial Study was prepared under the California Environmental Quality Act on this project; and

WHEREAS, on August 23, 2004 a Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration was noticed and circulated for 30 days; and

WHEREAS, the Initial Study and Response to Comments received from noticing did not identify any significant environmental impacts of the project after implementation of mitigation measures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Public Utilities finds that the Board has read, reviewed and considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration and that the Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the Board's independent judgment and analysis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Public Utilities finds no substantial evidence in the record before the Board of Public Utilities that the Farmers Lane Wells Conversion Project, after mitigation, will have a significant effect on the environment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that based upon the records and the findings made above, the Board of Public Utilities determines that the Farmers Lane Wells Conversion Project will not have a significant effect on the environment with implementation of the mitigation measures listed and identified in the Mitigated Negative Declaration as revised in the Responses to Comments document dated October 29, 2004; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Public Utilities specifies that the Deputy Director Water Resources of the City of Santa Rosa Utilities Department will be the custodian of the documents and other materials which constitute the record of the Board of Public Utilities proceedings regarding the Farmers Lane Wells Conversion Project and which record will be kept at the Utilities Department offices; Munciple Services Center South - 69 Stony Circle, Santa Rosa, CA 95401; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Public Utilities adopts the Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Mitigation Monitoring Program and approves the Farmers Lane Wells Conversion Project.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the City of Santa Rosa Board of Public Utilities this 4th day of November, 2004.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney