

RESOLUTION NO 1118

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES RECOMMENDING THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ADOPT A RESOLUTION RESCINDING STAGE 1 OF THE CITY'S URBAN WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN

WHEREAS, February 11, 2014, the Council of the City of Santa Rosa adopted Resolution No. 28427 requesting Santa Rosa customers reduce water use by 20% community-wide through voluntary conservation; and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2014 the State Water Resources Control Board adopted Drought Emergency Water Conservation Regulations prohibiting certain water using activities and requiring urban water suppliers to implement their Urban Water Shortage Contingency Plans (Shortage Plans) to a level that imposes mandatory restrictions on outdoor irrigation with potable water; and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2014, the Council of the City of Santa Rosa adopted Resolution No. 28536 implementing State 1 – Mandatory of the City's Shortage Plan requiring customers to reduce community-wide water use by 20% and restricting outdoor irrigation with potable water; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2015, the Governor issued an Executive Order directing the State Water Board to develop additional regulations to impose restrictions to achieve an aggregate statewide 25% reduction in urban water use, taking into account per capita water usage, through February 28, 2016; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2015 the State Water Board adopted an Emergency Conservation Regulation (May 2015 Regulation) in accordance with the Governor's April 1, 2015 Executive Order and due to our community's conservation efforts, the City of Santa Rosa was assigned a conservation standard of 16%; and

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2015, the Governor issued an Executive Order directing the State Water Board to extend the May 2015 Regulation through October 2016 should drought conditions persist through January 2016; and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2016, the State Water Board adopted a revised Emergency Conservation Regulation that took into account the variability in climate and population growth and provided credit for drought-proof supplies; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2016, the Governor issued an Executive Order directing the State Water Board to update the Emergency Drought Regulation considering local water supply reliability; and

WHEREAS, On May 18, 2016, the State Water Board adopted a revised Emergency Conservation Regulation (May 2016 Regulation) that takes into account local water supply reliability, replacing the existing mandatory conservation standard and allowing local water agencies to analyze their supply and demand for the next three years to determine if any conservation standard is required based on a shortfall of supply; and

WHEREAS, based on the May 2016 Regulation self-certification analysis, the City no longer has a conservation standard; and

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa customers have had a long-standing commitment to conservation and reduced their water use by 25% for the months of June 2015 through April 2016 compared to 2013; and

WHEREAS, per the May 2016 Regulation, water waste prohibitions will remain in place state-wide through January 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Water Department will continue to offer and promote our numerous water use efficiency programs, and water saving tips, tools and support to help our community eliminate water waste and improve water use efficiency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Public Utilities recommends that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa, by resolution, rescind Stage 1 – Mandatory of the City's Urban Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the City of Santa Rosa Board of Public Utilities this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2016.

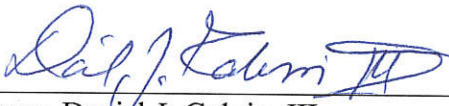
AYES: (4) Galvin, Kaun, Arnone, and Tibbetts

NOES: (0)

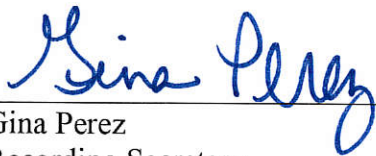
ABSENT: (3) Dowd, Holt, and Watts

ABSTAIN: (0)


APPROVED:

  
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Chairman Daniel J. Galvin, III

ATTEST:

  
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Gina Perez  
Recording Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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City Attorney