# ADOPTION AGREEMENT FOR THE POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TRUST

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PFM ASSET MANAGEMENT LLC, Trust Administrator



PRINCIPAL BANK, As Successor Trustee

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#### INTRODUCTION

By executing this Adoption Agreement, the Employer named in Article 2 of this Adoption Agreement hereby adopts and agrees to be bound by the terms of the Post-Employment Benefits Trust Agreement (the "Trust Agreement"), a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A. To the extent there is a conflict between this Adoption Agreement and the Trust Agreement, the Trust Agreement will control. Unless otherwise specified below, initially capitalized terms used in this Adoption Agreement are defined in the Trust Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 1**

#### **EMPLOYER INFORMATION**

- 1.1 Employer's Name, Address, and Telephone Number
  - (a) Name: <u>City of Santa Rosa</u>
  - (b) Address: <u>90 Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404</u>
  - (c) Telephone: <u>707-543-3140</u>
- 1.2 Employer's Taxpayer Identification Number: <u>94-6000-428</u>

#### **ARTICLE 2**

#### **PLAN INFORMATION**

2.1 Plan Names:

OPEB Plan(s): Santa Rosa City PEMHCA OPEB

Pension Plan(s): Santa Rosa City General Fund Pension; Santa Rosa Water Pension Fund

(Each a "Plan" and collectively, the "Plans")

- 2.2 Employer-designated: Plan Administrator's Name, Title, Address, and Telephone Number:
  - (a) Name: Alan Alton
  - (b) Title: Chief Financial Officer
  - (c) Address: <u>90 Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404</u>
  - (d) Telephone: <u>707-543-3093</u>

#### **ARTICLE 3**

#### **TRUST ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

As a condition of the Employer's participation in the Trust, the Employer and the Trust Administrator have executed the Trust Administrative Services Agreement attached as Exhibit B.

#### **ARTICLE 4**

#### **INVESTMENTS**

The Employer hereby directs the Trust Administrator to direct the Trustee to invest the assets in the Employer's Account in accordance with the investment strategy mutually agreed to by the Employer and the Trust Administrator as set forth in the Investment Policy Statement attached as Exhibit C.

#### **ARTICLE 5**

#### TRUST FEES AND EXPENSES

- 5.1 <u>Method of Payment</u>. Unless the Employer otherwise elects below, the Trust Administration Fees (as defined in Section 9.2 of the Trust Agreement), Trustee Fees (as defined in Section 9.3 of the Trust Agreement), and any other reasonable fees and expenses of administering the Employer's Account will be paid from the Employer's Account. In lieu of payments from its Account, the Employer hereby elects to pay the following amounts:
  - □ Trust Administration Fees
  - □ Trustee Fees
  - □ All expenses of the Employer's Account other than fees
  - □ Other (please insert description):

Please refer to Section 4 of the Trust Administrative Services Agreement for further information about payment of fees and expenses.

#### **ARTICLE 6**

#### **REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES**

- 6.1 The Employer hereby represents and warrants that each of the following statements is true and correct to the best of its knowledge:
  - (a) The Employer is a state, a political subdivision of a state or another public agency whose income is excludable from gross income under section 115 of the Code that is established and maintained under the laws of the State of California.
  - (b) The Employer has established and maintains one or more Plans the exclusive purpose of each is to provide OPEB or retirement benefits to its former employees.
  - (c) The exclusive purpose of the Employer's participation in the Trust is to fund the Pension Obligation or OPEB Obligation, or both, under the Employer's Plans.

- (d) The Employer's participation in the Trust for the purpose of funding, as applicable, the Pension Obligation or OPEB Obligation, or both, under the Employer's Plans is authorized under the laws of the State of California.
- (e) The Employer's Plans do not permit participants to direct or otherwise exercise in any manner, whether direct or indirect, control over the investment of their accounts or benefits accrued under the Plans.
- (f) The Employer has received copies, and has read and understands the terms, of the Trust Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 7**

#### STANDARD OF CARE AND INDEMNIFICATION

- 7.1 <u>Standard of Care</u>. The Trustee and the Trust Administrator must discharge their duties with respect to the investment and management of Trust assets in accordance with the standard of care set forth in Section 11.2 of the Trust Agreement, and in accordance with applicable California law.
- 7.2 <u>Employer Indemnification of Trustee</u>. The Employer, from its own funds and not from any assets of the Trust, agrees to indemnify the Trustee and each of its affiliates against, and will hold them harmless from, any and all loss, claims, liability, and expense, including cost of defense and reasonable attorneys' fees, imposed upon or incurred at any time by any of them by reason of or in connection with the performance of the Trustee's services under this Agreement, except to the extent such damages resulted from the Trustee's or affiliate's performance (or non-performance) of its duties under the Trust Agreement in a manner that constitutes negligence, willful misconduct or a material breach of the standard of care articulated in Section 11.2 of the Trust Agreement.
- 7.3 Employer Indemnification of Trust Administrator. Employer, from its own funds and not from any assets of the Trust, agrees to indemnify the Trust Administrator and each of its affiliates against, and will hold them harmless from, any and all damages imposed upon or incurred by any of them by reason of, or in connection with its services under the Trust Agreement or the Trust Administrative Services Agreement, except to the extent that such damages resulted from the Trust Administrator's or affiliate's performance (or non-performance) of its duties under the Trust Agreement or the Trust Administrative Services Agreement in a manner that constitutes negligence, willful misconduct or a material breach of the standard of care articulated in Section 11.2 of the Trust Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 8**

#### AMENDMENT

The Employer understands and agrees that the Trust Agreement may be amended from time to time by the Trustee and the Trust Administrator with the approval of two-thirds of the Employers then participating in the Trust.

#### **ARTICLE 9**

#### NO GUARANTEE OF INVESTMENT RESULTS

The Employer understands and acknowledges that investments in the Trust involve risk and that there is no guarantee of investment performance or other performance of the Trust, including but not limited to custodians, depositories, or counterparties to investment strategies of the Trust.

#### ADOPTION OF TRUST AGREEMENT

By executing this Adoption Agreement, the Employer hereby adopts and agrees to be bound by the terms of the Trust Agreement and hereby approves, ratifies and confirms the appointment of Principal Bank, as the successor Trustee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., and PFM Asset Management LLC as the Trust Administrator as of the effective date of this Adoption Agreement. This Adoption Agreement and the Trust Agreement are effective on the 10th day of May, 2022.

#### EMPLOYER

City of Santa Rosa
Agency Name
Ву:
Its:
Date:
ACCEPTED:
TRUST ADMINISTRATOR PFM ASSET MANAGEMENT LLC
Ву:
lts:
Date:
TRUSTEE PRINCIPAL BANK
Ву:
lts:
Date:

### EXHIBIT A

#### FEES

Trust Administration Fees			
Assets	Under Management	Annual Fee	
Up to	\$25,000,000	0.30%	
Next	\$75,000,000	0.15%	
Next	\$150,000,000	0.10%	
Next	\$250,000,000	0.05%	
thereafter		0.02%	

Minimum annual account fee is \$25,000

Trustee/Custody Fees			
Trustee/Custody Per Annum Fees	Unit Price		
Domestic Administration Total Portfolio Assets	Base Fee	Per Additional Account	
\$0 - \$20 million	\$5,000	\$500	
\$20 million - \$100 million	\$8,000	\$500	
Over \$100 million	Individually priced on a deal-by-deal basis		
Benefit Payments			
Web-Based Online Reporting & Administration – RPP	Included		
Periodic ACH without Advice	\$1.50		
Periodic Check/ACH with Advice	\$2.00		
Lump Sum Payments	\$20.00		
Form 1099 Reports	\$0.00		
Stop Payments	\$0.00		

#### EXHIBIT B

TRUST ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT

#### TRUST ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT

This agreement ("Agreement") is made this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022, by and between the CITY OF SANTA ROSA (the "Employer") and PFM ASSET MANAGEMENT LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Trust Administrator").

WHEREAS, the Employer has adopted one or more plans, policies, or collective bargaining agreements ("Plans") the exclusive purpose of each is to provide other post-employment health and welfare benefits (other than pensions) ("OPEB") or retirement benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, the Trust Administrator, Principal Bank, as successor trustee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (the "Trustee"), and various public agencies have entered into an agreement (the "Trust Agreement") establishing the Post-Employment Benefits Trust (the "Trust"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Employer has adopted the Trust by executing the adoption agreement to which this Agreement is attached (the "Adoption Agreement") in order to fund the OPEB and retirement benefits payable under the Plans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Employer wishes to retain the services of the Trust Administrator to administer the Employer's account under the Trust ("Account").

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Employer and the Trust Administrator hereby agree as follows:

Capitalized words not defined this document are defined in the Trust Agreement.

#### 1. Trust Administrator Services

The Trust Administrator will provide the following services for the Employer's Account:

#### 1.1 Administrative Services

- A. Instruct the Trustee to make disbursements from the Employer's Account at the direction of the Plan Administrator for the payment of OPEB or retirement benefits under the Employer's Plans funded by the Account;
- **B.** Coordinate the annual audit of the Trust, the results of which will be provided to the Employer; and
- **C.** Coordinate such other actions with the Trustee as directed by the Plan Administrator that are within the scope of the Trust Administrator's duties under the Trust Agreement.

#### 1.2 Investment Management Services

A. Determine the asset allocation of investments in the Employer's Account ("Investment Strategy") based on information provided by the Employer or the Plan Administrator, including the anticipated amounts of cash required by the Plans for distributions and other expenses, and the appropriate risk



tolerance for the Plans based on the Plans' asset-liability characteristics and the Employer's resources;

- **B.** Prepare a recommended policy statement of the Account's Investment Strategy acceptable to the Employer to the extent necessary to accomplish the Account's Investment Strategy ("Investment Policy Statement");
- **C.** Execute the Account's Investment Strategy by instructing the Trustee to buy and sell shares of investments permitted under the Trust in accordance with the Investment Policy Statement;
- **D.** In consultation with the Employer, reassess and alter the Investment Strategy and Investment Policy Statement at least annually to the extent necessary to "rebalance" the Account investments;
- E. Perform reviews at least annually of the performance of the investments held in the Account, add or reduce allocations to each investment or add or delete investments in its judgment (to the extent permitted under the Investment Policy Statement and the Trust), and promptly advise the Employer of any additions or deletions of Account investments; and
- **F.** Provide the Employer after the end of each calendar quarter with an analysis of the performance of the investments of the Account and a statement of the changes in the investments made during such calendar quarter.

#### 2. Compensation

**2.1 Fees.** For all services provided by the Trust Administrator under this Agreement and the Trustee under the Trust Agreement, the following fees will apply:

#### [Fees will be determined on an employer-by-employer basis. This section will itemize fees by category: Trust Administration Fees, Trustee Fees, and other categories as appropriate.]

The Trust Administrator will notify the Employer in writing of any change in the above fee amounts at least 60 days before the effective date of the change.

- **2.2** Fees for Additional Services. If and to the extent that the Employer requests the Trust Administrator to render services other than those described under this Agreement, such additional services will be compensated separately on terms to be agreed upon between the Trust Administrator and the Employer.
- 2.3 Pooled Proprietary Investments. Assets invested by the Trust Administrator under the terms of this Agreement may from time to time be invested in mutual funds managed by the Trust Administrator (a "Proprietary Fund"). With respect to any such investment, the Employer shall be entitled to a credit against fees described in this Section, in an amount at least equal to the amount of the investment advisory fee, then in effect and net of any fee waivers applicable to such investment advisory fee, which the Trust Administrator receives from the Proprietary Fund for the investment of the assets hereunder. Expenses of the

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Proprietary Fund, including compensation for the Trust Administrator, are described in the relevant prospectus or registration statement and are paid from the Proprietary Fund.

#### 3. Expenses

- **3.1** Furnishing of Administrative Services, Office Space, Equipment and Personnel. The Trust Administrator will furnish at its own expense all necessary administrative services, office space, equipment, clerical personnel, telephone and other communication facilities, investment advisory facilities, and executive and supervisory personnel required to perform the services under this Agreement, inclusive of reasonable costs required to attend meetings with the Employer.
- **3.2** Expenses of Employer's Account. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, Employer agrees to pay all expenses under the Trust incurred by (or allocable to) the Employer's Account including, without limitation, taxes, expenses (including front- or back-end charges) of an investment fund, fees and expenses of the Account's independent auditors and legal counsel, insurance premiums, expenses of the Trustee, the keeping of books and accounts, and the allocable costs of the annual Trust audit described in Section 5.3 of the Trust Agreement. The Trust Administrator will calculate expenses allocable to the Account on a pro-rata basis, or in any other reasonable and equitable manner determined by the Trust Administrator.
- 4. Payment Terms. At the end of each calendar month, the Trust Administrator will prepare and submit to the Employer for approval a monthly invoice for fees and expenses under this Agreement as described in Sections 2.1 and 3.2. The invoice will include a statement of the basis upon which the fees and expenses were calculated. Except to the extent that the Employer has elected in the Adoption Agreement to pay such invoices, the Employer authorizes the Trust Administrator to charge such invoices to the Employer's Account and authorizes and instructs the Trustee to disburse funds from the Account for the payment of the fees and expenses. If the Employer has elected in the Adoption Agreement to pay such invoices, but does not fully pay any invoice within 15 calendar days after the invoice's postmark, then the Employer hereby authorizes the Trust Administrator to charge the unpaid amount to the Account and instructs the Trustee to disburse such amount from the Account for the payment of the fees and expenses. If sufficient funds are not available or cannot for any reason otherwise be disbursed from the Account, the Trust Administrator will notify the Employer, and the Employer will pay the unpaid amount to the Trust Administrator from other sources within 10 calendar days after receiving the notice.
- 5. Registered Advisor; Duty of Care. The Trust Administrator hereby represents it is a registered investment advisor under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. The Trust Administrator will immediately notify the Employer if at any time during the term of this Agreement it is not so registered or if its registration is suspended. The Trust Administrator agrees to perform its duties and responsibilities under this Agreement with reasonable care. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trust Administrator has no responsibility or liability for determining whether or to what extent the Trust or Trustee is eligible to receive funds from the Employer under applicable law; and it is the Employer's sole responsibility to make such determination upon the establishment of its account under the Trust and at all subsequent times. The federal securities laws impose

liabilities under certain circumstances on persons who act in good faith. Nothing herein in any way constitutes a waiver or limitation of any rights which the Employer or the Trust may have under any federal securities laws. The Employer hereby authorizes the Trust Administrator to sign an Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 on behalf of the Employer and to deliver such form to broker-dealers or others from time to time as required in connection with securities transactions pursuant to this Agreement.

- 6. Trust Administrator's Other Clients. The Employer understands that the Trust Administrator performs investment advisory services for various other clients which may include investment companies, commingled trust funds and/or individual portfolios. The Employer agrees that the Trust Administrator, in the exercise of its professional judgment, may give advice or take action with respect to any of its other clients which may differ from advice given or the timing or nature of action taken with respect to the Account. The Trust Administrator has no obligation to purchase, sell or exchange any security for the Employer solely by reason of the fact that the Trust Administrator, its principals, affiliates, or employees may purchase, sell or exchange such security for the account of any other client or for itself or its own accounts.
- 7. **Term of Agreement.** This Agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either party at any time by giving 90 days' written notice to the other party of its intent to terminate.
- 8. Force Majeure. The Trust Administrator has no liability for any losses arising out of the delays in performing or inability to perform the services which it renders under this Agreement which result from events beyond its control, including interruption of the business activities of the Trust Administrator or other financial institutions due to acts of God, acts of governmental authority, acts of war, terrorism, civil insurrection, riots, labor difficulties, or any action or inaction of any carrier or utility, or mechanical or other malfunction.
- **9. Disciplinary Actions.** The Trust Administrator will promptly notify the Employer if the Trust Administrator is found to have violated any state or federal securities law or regulation in any final and unappealable judgment in any criminal action or civil suit in any state or federal court or in any disciplinary proceeding before the Securities and Exchange Commission or any other regulatory agency or department of the United States, any registered securities exchange, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, or any regulatory authority of any State based upon the performance of services as an investment advisor.
- **10. Confidentiality.** The Trust Administrator will not disclose any information relating to the Plans or the Account except to authorized officers of the Employer, the Plan Administrator the Trustee and third parties retained by the Trust Administrator to perform specific services within this Agreement without the Employer's consent, unless such disclosure is required by law or by regulatory or judicial process. The Employer will not disclose any information relating the Trust to individuals other than authorized officers of the Employer and the Plan Administrator, or their respective designees, without the Trust Administrator's consent.
- **11. Independent Contractor.** The Trust Administrator, its employees, officers and representatives, will not be deemed to be employees, agents (except as to the purchase or sale of securities described in Section 1), partners, servants, and/or joint ventures of



the Employer or the Account by virtue of this Agreement or any actions or services rendered under this Agreement.

- **12. Records.** The Trust Administrator will maintain appropriate records of all its activities hereunder. The Trust Administrator will use its best efforts to provide the Employer with a statement within 60 days following the end of each calendar quarter showing deposits, withdrawals, purchases and sales (or maturities) of investments, earnings received during the quarter, and the value of assets held on the last business day of the calendar quarter, all as provided for in the Trust Agreement, based on the information requested from and furnished to it by the Trustee.
- **13. Ownership of Reports and Documents.** The Trust Administrator acknowledges that the originals of all correspondence, documents, reports and records produced in the course of providing the services pursuant to this Agreement are the property of the Employer. In the event this Agreement is terminated, the Trust Administrator agrees to provide such originals to the Employer. The Trust Administrator will not furnish copies of any such correspondence, documents reports and records to any party other than the Employer or the Plan Administrator, or their respective designees, or third parties retained by the Trust Administrator to perform services under this Agreement without the Employer's consent.
- 14. **Trust Administrator's Brochure and Brochure Supplement.** The Trust Administrator warrants that it has delivered to the Employer prior to the execution of this Agreement, the Trust Administrator's current Securities and Exchange Commission Form ADV, Part 2A (brochure) and Part 2B (brochure supplement. The Employer acknowledges receipt of such brochure and brochure supplement prior to the execution of this Agreement.
- **15. Amendment.** This Agreement shall not be changed, modified, terminated or discharged in whole or in part, except by an instrument in writing signed by both parties hereto, or their respective successors or assigns.
- **16. Successors and Assigns.** The provisions of this Agreement are binding on the Trust Administrator and its respective successors and assigns, provided, however, that the rights and obligations of the Trust Administrator may not be assigned without the Employer's consent.
- **17. Designees.** In accordance with Section 1.8 of the Trust Agreement, the Employer will certify to the Trust Administrator in writing the persons or entity with the plenary authority pursuant to applicable state law over the investment and management of the Employer's Plans or its designee ("Plan Administrator"). The Plan Administrator has the authority to act on behalf of, and to exercise any of the rights of, the Employer under this Agreement. In accordance with Section 6.1(I) of the Trust Agreement, the Trust Administrator may designate and engage the services of such agents, representatives, advisors, counsel, accountants and other third parties, including affiliates of the Trust Administrator, and delegate its authority to perform specified services under this Agreement to such third parties. Any such designee shall have the authority to perform the services delegated to it by the Trust Administrator. Any officer of the Trust Administrator has the authority to exercise any of the rights of the Trust Administrator has the authority to exercise any of the rights of the Trust Administrator has the authority to exercise any of the Trust Administrator. Any officer of the Trust Administrator has the authority to exercise any of the rights of the Trust Administrator has the authority to exercise any of the rights of the Trust Administrator has the authority to exercise any of the rights of the Trust Administrator under this Agreement.
- **18. Notice.** Written notices required under this Agreement will be sent by regular mail, certified mail, overnight delivery or courier, and will be deemed given when received at

the parties' respective addresses shown below. Either party must notify the other party in writing of a change in address.

Employer's Address:

City of Santa Rosa 90 Santa Rosa Avenue Santa Rosa, CA 95404 Attn: Alan Alton

Trust Administrator's Address:

PFM Asset Management LLC 1 California Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor San Francisco, CA 94111 Attn: Multi-Asset Class Specialist With a Copy to:

PFM Asset Management LLC 213 Market Street Harrisburg, PA 17101 Attn: Chief Administrative Officer

- **19. Applicable Law.** This Agreement will be construed, enforced and administered according to the laws of the State of California, without regard to its conflicts of law principles. In the event that either party institutes legal proceedings against the other, venue will lie in any court of competent jurisdiction in the State of California.
- **20. Entire Agreement.** This Agreement, including exhibits and any other documents referenced herein, constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement, and supersedes all prior negotiations, agreements, and understandings, whether written or oral, with respect thereto.
- **21. Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement is held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of the Agreement will continue in full force and effect.
- **22. Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by different parties in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed will be deemed to be a complete original and all of which together will constitute one and the same Agreement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their authorized officers on the date set forth in the first paragraph of this Agreement.

#### TRUST ADMINISTRATOR PFM ASSET MANAGEMENT LLC

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### AGENCY CITY OF SANTA ROSA

Ву:\_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

#### EXHIBIT C

### **INVESTMENT POLICY STATEMENT**

# **INVESTMENT POLICY STATEMENT**

# FOR

# CITY OF SANTA ROSA SECTION 115 TRUST CITY GENERAL FUND PENSION FUND

Adopted May 10, 2022

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The City of Santa Rosa has established a Section 115 Trust, known as the City of Santa Rosa Section 115 Trust. One account in the Trust is the City General Fund Pension Fund (the "Fund"). This Fund will be used to invest monies to fund the City's unfunded liability in the California Public Employee Retirement System ("CalPERS") The Santa Rosa City Council ("Council") hereby adopts this Investment Policy Statement ("Policy Statement") for the following purposes.

### **Purpose**

The main investment objective of the Fund is to achieve long-term growth of Fund assets by maximizing long-term rate of return on investments and minimizing risk of loss.

The purpose of this Policy Statement is to achieve the following:

- 1. Document investment objectives, performance expectations, and investment guidelines for Fund assets.
- 2. Establish an appropriate investment strategy for managing all Fund assets, including an investment time horizon, risk tolerance ranges, and asset allocation to provide sufficient diversification and overall return over the long-term time horizon of the Fund.
- 3. Establish investment guidelines to control overall risk and liquidity.
- 4. Establish periodic performance reporting requirements to monitor investment results and confirm that the investment policy is being followed.
- 5. Comply with fiduciary, prudence, due diligence, and legal requirements for Fund assets.

### **Investment Authority**

An Investment Committee ("Committee") will oversee certain policies and procedures related to the operation and administration of the Fund. The Committee will have authority to implement the investment policy and guidelines in the best interest of the Fund to best satisfy the purposes of the Fund. In implementing this Policy Statement, the Committee believes it may delegate certain functions to:

1. An investment advisor ("Advisor") to assist the Committee in the investment process and to maintain compliance with this Policy Statement. The Advisor may assist the Committee in establishing investment policy objectives and guidelines. The Advisor will adjust asset allocation for the Fund subject to the guidelines and limitations set forth in this Policy Statement. The Advisor will also select investment managers ("Managers") and strategies consistent with its role as a fiduciary for the Fund. The investment vehicles allowed may include mutual funds, commingled trusts, separate accounts, limited partnerships, and other investment vehicles deemed to be appropriate by the Advisor. The Advisor is also responsible for monitoring and

reviewing investment managers, measuring and evaluating performance, and other tasks as deemed appropriate in its role as Advisor for Fund assets. The Advisor may also select investments with discretion to purchase, sell, or hold specific securities, such as Exchange Traded Funds, that will be used to meet the Fund's investment objectives. The Advisor shall never take possession of securities, cash, or other assets of the Fund, all of which shall be held by the custodian. The Advisor must be registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

- 2. A custodian selected by the Fund to maintain possession of physical securities and records of street name securities owned by the Fund, collect dividend and interest payments, redeem maturing securities, and effect receipt and delivery following purchases and sales. The custodian may also perform regular accounting of all assets owned, purchased, or sold, as well as movement of assets into and out of the Fund.
- 3. A trustee appointed by the Fund, such as a bank trust department, if the Fund does not have its own Trustees, to assume fiduciary responsibility for the administration of Fund assets; provided, however, that if the Committee shall have appointed an investment advisor, then any trustee appointed under this paragraph shall have no authority with respect to selection of investments.
- 4. Specialists such as attorneys, auditors, actuaries, and consultants to assist the Committee in meeting its responsibilities and obligations to administer Fund assets prudently.

### **Statement of Investment Objectives**

The investment objectives of the Fund are as follows:

- To invest assets of the Fund in a manner consistent with the following fiduciary standards:

   (a) all transactions undertaken must be for the sole interest of Fund beneficiaries, and (b) assets are to be diversified in order to minimize the impact of large losses from individual investments.
- 2. To provide for funding and anticipated withdrawals on a continuing basis for payment of long-term liabilities and reasonable expenses of operation of the Fund.
- 3. To enhance the value of Fund assets in real terms over the long term through asset appreciation and income generation, while maintaining a reasonable investment risk profile.
- 4. Subject to performance expectations over the long term, to minimize principal fluctuations over the Time Horizon (as defined below).
- 5. To achieve a long-term level of return commensurate with contemporary economic conditions and equal to or exceeding the investment objective set forth in this Policy Statement under the section labeled "Performance Expectations".

# **Investment Guidelines**

Within this section of the Policy Statement, several terms will be used to articulate various investment concepts. The descriptions are meant to be general and may share investments otherwise considered to be in the same asset class. They are:

"Growth Assets" - a collection of investments and/or asset classes whose primary risk and return characteristics are focused on capital appreciation. Investments within the Growth Assets category can include income and risk mitigating characteristics, so long as the predominant investment risk and return characteristic is capital appreciation. Examples of such investments or asset classes are: domestic and international equities or equity funds, and certain real estate investments, focused on equity risk mitigation or equity-like returns.

"Income Assets" - a collection of investments and/or asset classes whose primary risk and return characteristics are focused on income generation. Investments within the Income Assets category can include capital appreciation and risk mitigating characteristics, so long as the primary investment risk and return characteristic is income generation. Examples of such investments or asset classes are: fixed income securities, guaranteed investment contracts, and certain real estate investments, focused on interest rate risk mitigation or income investment-like returns.

"Real Return Assets" - a collection of investments and/or asset classes whose primary risk and return characteristics are focused on real returns after inflation. Investments within the Real Return category can include inflation protected securities, commodities, and certain real estate investments.

### Time Horizon

The Fund's investment objectives are based on a long-term investment horizon ("Time Horizon") of ten years or longer. Interim fluctuations should be viewed with appropriate perspective. The Committee has adopted a long-term investment horizon such that the risks and duration of investment losses are carefully weighed against the long-term potential for appreciation of assets.

#### Liquidity and Diversification

In general, the Fund may hold some cash, cash equivalent, and/or money market funds for near-term Fund liabilities and expenses (the "Fund Distributions"). Remaining assets will be invested in longer-term investments and shall be diversified with the intent to minimize the risk of long-term investment losses. Consequently, the total portfolio will be constructed and maintained to provide diversification with regard to the concentration of holdings in individual issues, issuers, countries, governments, or industries.

#### Asset Allocation

The Committee believes that to achieve the greatest likelihood of meeting the Fund's investment objectives and the best balance between risk and return for optimal diversification, assets will be invested in accordance with the targets for each asset class as follows to achieve an average total annual rate of return that is equal to or greater than the Fund's target rate of return over the long-term, as described in the section titled "Performance Expectations".

	Asset Weightings	
Asset Classes	Range	Target
Growth		
Domestic Equity	13% - 53%	33%
International Equity	0% - 37%	17%
Other Equity	0% - 10%	0%
Income		
Fixed Income	30% - 70%	50%
Other Income	0% - 10%	0%
Real Return Assets	0% - 10%	0%
Cash Equivalents	0% - 50%	0%

The Advisor and each Manager will be evaluated against their peers on the performance of the total funds under their direct management.

#### **Rebalancing Philosophy**

The asset allocation range established by this Policy Statement represents a long-term perspective. As such, rapid unanticipated market shifts or changes in economic conditions may cause the asset mix to fall outside Policy Statement ranges. When allocations breach the specified ranges, the Advisor will rebalance the assets within the specified ranges. The Advisor may also rebalance based on market conditions.

#### Risk Tolerance

Subject to investment objectives and performance expectations, the Fund will be managed in a style that seeks to minimize principal fluctuations over the established Time Horizon.

#### Performance Expectations

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# FOR

# CITY OF SANTA ROSA SECTION 115 TRUST

# SANTA ROSA WATER PENSION FUND

Adopted May 10, 2022

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The City of Santa Rosa has established a Section 115 Trust, known as the City of Santa Rosa Section 115 Trust. One account in the Trust is the Santa Rosa Water Pension Fund (the "Fund"). This Fund will be used to invest monies to fund the City's unfunded liability in the California Public Employee Retirement System ("CalPERS") The Santa Rosa City Council ("Council") hereby adopts this Investment Policy Statement ("Policy Statement") for the following purposes.

### Purpose

The main investment objective of the Fund is to achieve long-term growth of Fund assets by maximizing long-term rate of return on investments and minimizing risk of loss.

The purpose of this Policy Statement is to achieve the following:

- 1. Document investment objectives, performance expectations, and investment guidelines for Fund assets.
- 2. Establish an appropriate investment strategy for managing all Fund assets, including an investment time horizon, risk tolerance ranges, and asset allocation to provide sufficient diversification and overall return over the long-term time horizon of the Fund.
- 3. Establish investment guidelines to control overall risk and liquidity.
- 4. Establish periodic performance reporting requirements to monitor investment results and confirm that the investment policy is being followed.
- 5. Comply with fiduciary, prudence, due diligence, and legal requirements for Fund assets.

# **Investment Authority**

An Investment Committee ("Committee") will oversee certain policies and procedures related to the operation and administration of the Fund. The Committee will have authority to implement the investment policy and guidelines in the best interest of the Fund to best satisfy the purposes of the Fund. In implementing this Policy Statement, the Committee believes it may delegate certain functions to:

1. An investment advisor ("Advisor") to assist the Committee in the investment process and to maintain compliance with this Policy Statement. The Advisor may assist the Committee in establishing investment policy objectives and guidelines. The Advisor will adjust asset allocation for the Fund subject to the guidelines and limitations set forth in this Policy Statement. The Advisor will also select investment managers ("Managers") and strategies consistent with its role as a fiduciary for the Fund. The investment vehicles allowed may include mutual funds, commingled trusts, separate accounts, limited partnerships, and other investment vehicles deemed to be appropriate by the Advisor. The Advisor is also responsible for monitoring and

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- 4. Specialists such as attorneys, auditors, actuaries, and consultants to assist the Committee in meeting its responsibilities and obligations to administer Fund assets prudently.

### **Statement of Investment Objectives**

The investment objectives of the Fund are as follows:

- To invest assets of the Fund in a manner consistent with the following fiduciary standards:

   (a) all transactions undertaken must be for the sole interest of Fund beneficiaries, and (b) assets are to be diversified in order to minimize the impact of large losses from individual investments.
- 2. To provide for funding and anticipated withdrawals on a continuing basis for payment of long-term liabilities and reasonable expenses of operation of the Fund.
- 3. To enhance the value of Fund assets in real terms over the long term through asset appreciation and income generation, while maintaining a reasonable investment risk profile.
- 4. Subject to performance expectations over the long term, to minimize principal fluctuations over the Time Horizon (as defined below).
- 5. To achieve a long-term level of return commensurate with contemporary economic conditions and equal to or exceeding the investment objective set forth in this Policy Statement under the section labeled "Performance Expectations".

# **Investment Guidelines**

Within this section of the Policy Statement, several terms will be used to articulate various investment concepts. The descriptions are meant to be general and may share investments otherwise considered to be in the same asset class. They are:

"Growth Assets" - a collection of investments and/or asset classes whose primary risk and return characteristics are focused on capital appreciation. Investments within the Growth Assets category can include income and risk mitigating characteristics, so long as the predominant investment risk and return characteristic is capital appreciation. Examples of such investments or asset classes are: domestic and international equities or equity funds, and certain real estate investments, focused on equity risk mitigation or equity-like returns.

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