

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

TO: BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
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SUBJECT: FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN SANTA ROSA WATER AND
THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD AND
AUTHORIZING AND DESIGNATING REPRESENTATIVES FOR
THE ASSISTANCE REQUEST (AR) 5705 SANTA ROSA - PROP 1
CONSOLIDATION PROJECT

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by Santa Rosa Water that the Board of Public Utilities, by resolution, authorize Santa Rosa Water to carry out the AR 5705 Santa Rosa – Prop 1 Consolidation Project, and authorize the Director of Santa Rosa Water, or designee, to enter into a Funding Agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board and accept and expend State funds for the Project.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Santa Rosa Water will be applying to the State Water Resources Control Board for funding for the AR 5705 Santa Rosa - Prop 1 Water Consolidation Project (Project) to provide potable water to seven mobile home parks and 27 duplex units within the City Limits or within the City's Urban Growth Boundary, and within Santa Rosa Water's area of service and not currently connected to City water that have existing groundwater sources that exceed the State maximum contaminant levels of arsenic along with other contaminants. Connections of the water systems outside the City Limits and within the Urban Growth Boundary will be in accordance with the City's Utility Certificate process. The nine water systems are shown on the attached Location Map.

The State requires approval from the governing board of the consolidating agency, in this case Santa Rosa Water, to carry out the project, enter into a funding agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board, and accept and expend State funds for the Project.

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BACKGROUND

The State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) monitors the water quality of private water systems throughout the State of California, including those in the area served by Santa Rosa Water. Many of those private water systems have existing groundwater sources that exceed the State maximum contaminant levels of arsenic along with other contaminants. The State has bundled nine private water systems within or in the vicinity of Santa Rosa with groundwater contamination into one project, named AR 5705 Santa Rosa - Prop 1 Water Consolidation Project ("Project"). The Project consists of connecting the water systems for seven mobile home parks and two other water systems, consisting of 27 duplex units.

The Water Board requires approval from the governing board of the consolidating agency, in this case Santa Rosa Water, to carry out the project, enter into a funding agreement with the Water Board, and accept and expend State funds for the Project.

With approval by the Board of Public Utilities, Santa Rosa Water will be applying to the Water Board for funding for the Project, to provide potable water to those seven mobile home parks and 27 duplex units not currently connected to City Water.

The Project includes permanent connection of the nine private water systems to the City's water system. Each permanent connection includes water and infrastructure for both domestic use and fire protection.

Due to E-Coli contamination of the existing water wells at the El Crystal Mobile Home Park Public Water System, one of those nine private water systems, Santa Rosa Water has already approved the emergency connection of that water system for domestic use. Therefore, only the infrastructure for fire protection for El Crystal Mobile Home Park (MHP) is to be installed with this Project.

PRIOR BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW

On September 17, 2020, the Board of Public Utilities, by Resolution No. 1235, recommended that City Council approve a Fee Deferral and Agreement to Pay Water Demand Fees for the El Crystal MHP emergency connection. On October 13, 2020, City Council, approved that agreement by Resolution No. RES-2020-169.

On April 21, 2022, the Board of Public Utilities, by motion, authorized the Director of the Water Department to enter into a Water Service Agreement with El Crystal MHP, LLC. The Water Service Agreement was required by the State of California for El Crystal MHP to be reimbursed for construction costs from the State of California.

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ANALYSIS

Santa Rosa Water will be applying to the Water Board for funding for the Project, to provide potable water to those seven mobile home parks and 27 duplex units that are not currently connected to City Water and have existing groundwater sources that exceed the State maximum contaminant levels of arsenic along with other contaminants.

The Project includes permanent connection of the nine private water systems to the City's water system. Each permanent connection, except for the EI Crystal MHP, includes water and infrastructure for both domestic use and fire protection. The EI Crystal MHP domestic connection has already been approved and therefore only the fire protection infrastructure will be included with this Project.

The Water Board requires approval from the governing board of the consolidating agency, in this case Santa Rosa Water, to carry out the project, enter into a funding agreement with the Water Board, and accept and expend State funds for the Project.

Santa Rosa Water is recommending that the Board of Public Utilities authorize Santa Rosa Water to carry out the Project, and authorize the Director of Santa Rosa Water, or designee, to enter into a Funding Agreement with the Water Board and accept and expend State funds for the project. All cost for the Project will be reimbursed from the Water Board via the funding agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT

None. All cost for the Project will be reimbursed from the Water Board via the funding agreement.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed funding agreement is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 in that there is no possibility that implementation of this action may have significant effects on the environment. Environmental review as required by CEQA will occur prior to any discretionary action being taken on the Project.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not Applicable.

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ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Project Location Map
- Resolution

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