

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

TO: BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
FROM: CLAIRE NORDLIE, SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR
WATER DEPARTMENT
SUBJECT: FIRST AMENDED AGREEMENT FOR NORTHERN SONOMA
COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

AGENDA ACTION: MOTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Water Department that the Board, by motion, approve the First Amended Agreement for Northern Sonoma County Water Conservation Program between the Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water) and the City of Santa Rosa and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water) was awarded grant funding from the State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management Program to assist in implementing water conservation projects in Northern Sonoma County. The existing funding agreement with Santa Rosa Water expires June 30, 2020. Grant reporting from other participating agencies indicates that a portion of funding allotted to those agencies has not been fully exhausted and will not be utilized before the term of the existing grant agreement expires. This proposed amendment extends the agreement term until August 31, 2021, in order to give more time to Sonoma Water to revisit funding with the other participating agencies and potentially redistribute funding to the City of Santa Rosa.

BACKGROUND

Sonoma Water was awarded grant funding from DWR's Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management Program to assist in implementing water conservation projects in Northern Sonoma County. Santa Rosa Water has utilized these grant funds for the Green Exchange Program, which provides \$0.50/sq. ft. for removing turf and replacing it with low water use alternatives. Due to low rebate participation from the other participating agencies, additional funds are potentially available for redistribution to the City to continue the Green Exchange Program and expand to other rebate programs. The existing agreement expires on June 30, 2020 and extending this

agreement until August 31, 2021 will allow Sonoma Water the time to analyze existing funding with the other participating agencies and provide an opportunity for additional funding to be redistributed to Santa Rosa Water. Staff will need to return to BPU with a second amendment once the grant funding amount is finalized and agreed upon with other participating agencies.

PRIOR BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW

On November 1, 2018, the Board, by motion approved the Northern Sonoma County Water Conservation Funding Agreement for \$116,250 for water efficiency rebates already paid since 2014.

ANALYSIS

This funding agreement allows Sonoma Water to pass through grant funds from DWR to Santa Rosa Water. These funds are reimbursement for previously issued rebates and allowed Santa Rosa Water to reduce overall costs to ratepayers by encouraging water efficiency.

FISCAL IMPACT

None at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – First Amended Agreement for Northern Sonoma County Water Conservation Program

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