

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
SUBJECT: BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES' WATER, RECYCLED
WATER AND WASTEWATER RATE INCREASE
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2014 AND 2015
STAFF PRESENTER: LINDA REED, ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICER –
BUDGET & FINANCE
UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION AND ORDINANCE

ISSUE(S)

Shall the City Council adopt an ordinance extending the pass-through wholesale potable water rate usage charge escalator; an automatic wholesale recycled water rate escalator; and increasing water and recycled water fixed service charges by 5% on or after March 14, 2014 and 5% on or after January 1, 2015; and adopt a resolution increasing wastewater fixed service charges and wastewater usage rates by 3.5% on or after March 14, 2014 and 3.5% on or after January 1, 2015 to generate the required revenue to provide water and wastewater services, fund the proposed capital improvement program and pay existing debt service charges?

BACKGROUND

At its meeting on January 14, the City Council by a 6-1 vote reconsidered actions taken on January 7 to approve increases to wastewater charges and water rates for 2014 and directed staff to bring the potable water, recycled water and wastewater fixed and usage charges recommendations for 2014 and 2015 and the extension of the wholesale pass through rate back to the Council for reconsideration at a date certain of February 4, 2014.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Board of Public Utilities and by the Departments of Utilities and Finance that Council, by ordinance, extend the pass-through wholesale potable water rate usage charge escalator; an automatic wholesale recycled water rate escalator; and increase water and recycled water fixed service charges by 5% on or after March 14, 2014 and 5% on or after January 1, 2015; and, by resolution, increase wastewater fixed service charges and wastewater usage rates by 3.5% on or after March 14, 2014 and 3.5% on or after January 1, 2015 to generate the

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Attachments:

- Resolution Levying and Assessing Wastewater Service Charges and Repealing Resolution No. 28409
- Ordinance Amending Sections 14-04.090 and 14-08.010 and Readopting Section 14-08.015 of the Santa Rosa City Code, Revising Monthly Service Charges and Rates Charged for City Water Services and Readopting the Wholesale Rate Pass Through Adjustment