

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA
AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SANTA ROSA WATER TO EXECUTE AN
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AND SONOMA WATER TO
CONTINUE THE CREEK STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2030-
2031.

WHEREAS, many detrimental impacts along creeks would go unreported or unattended without an organized community involvement program for creeks; and

WHEREAS, the current Creek Stewardship Program encourages residents to learn about and care for their creeks through educational and stewardship activities; and

WHEREAS, staff in the Water, Transportation and Public Works, Recreation and Parks, and Police departments support the Creek Stewardship Program as a means to protect the environment and keep the creek trail system clean and welcoming; and

WHEREAS, the Creek Stewardship Program promotes water quality-related creek restoration, pollution prevention, and flood control efforts that enhance the public's health, safety, and quality of life as identified in Title 16 of the Santa Rosa City Code which established a storm water enterprise fund; and

WHEREAS, the current work plan for the City of Santa Rosa and Sonoma Water under the Municipal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for storm water discharges from the Santa Rosa area requires extensive educational outreach and addressing pollutants of concern; and

WHEREAS, the Citywide Creek Master Plan adopted by the City Council includes encouraging community use of creeks; and

WHEREAS, Sonoma Water staff supports continuing the partnership with the City of Santa Rosa that jointly funds a full-time Environmental Specialist position in the Water Department to coordinate the Creek Stewardship Program, pending approval from the Sonoma Water Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa desires to enter into a new agreement to continue implementation of the Creek Stewardship Program with Sonoma Water through fiscal year 2030 – 2031; and

WHEREAS, there is sufficient revenue within the City's Storm Water Enterprise budget to continue the Program and sustain the existing Environmental Specialist position with joint funding from Sonoma Water.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Public Utilities of the City of Santa Rosa approves the Agreement for Funding of the Creek Stewardship Program (FY 2025-2026 – FY 2030-2031) attached hereto as Exhibit A for continuation of the Creek Stewardship Program and by this resolution authorizes the Director of Water to execute said Agreement with Sonoma Water through fiscal year 2030-2031, contingent upon approval of funding from the Sonoma Water Board of Directors.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the City of Santa Rosa Board of Public Utilities this 7th day of August, 2025.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED: _____
Daniel Galvin III, Chair Board of Public Utilities

ATTEST: _____
Michelle Montoya, Recording Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David Hobstetter, Assistant City Attorney

Exhibit A - Agreement for Funding of Creek Stewardship Program (FY 2025/2026 – FY 2030/2031)