



Funding Agreement with Sonoma Water to continue the Creek Stewardship Program through Fiscal Year 2030-2031

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Background

The City and Sonoma Water have implemented the Creek Stewardship Program since 2002 through four previous agreements.

Program created to address creek issues and support volunteers caring and protecting local creeks.

The Water, Transportation and Public Works, Recreation and Parks, and Police Departments recognize and support the benefits Creek Stewardship provides to the community.



Proposal

- The City and Sonoma Water would like to continue the Program through the 2030-2031 fiscal year with the use of Sonoma Water & Storm Water Enterprise funds.
- City will receive \$615,000 from Sonoma Water to coordinate the Program.
- Sonoma Water has the option to terminate the Agreement without cause or for non-appropriation of funds.



Benefits

- Increased **community awareness** and empowerment of residents through stewardship and educational activities.
- Timely and effective **response to reports** regarding creek related environmental, safety, and recreational issues.
- Compliance with **Storm Water Permit requirements** through outreach and pollution prevention.



Accomplishments Since 2002

- Trash cleaned up: ~19,000 CY
- People Engaged: ~150,000
- Volunteer Hours: >80,000
- Education Hours: >100,000



Recommendation

It is recommended by Santa Rosa Water that the Board of Public Utilities, by resolution, authorize the Director of Santa Rosa Water to execute the funding agreement with Sonoma Water to continue the Creek Stewardship Program through fiscal year 2030-2031.