

RESOLUTION NO. 28702

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA SUPPORTING THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT PRINCIPLES FOR DEVELOPING GOVERNANCE OPTIONS

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2014, Governor Brown signed into law the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Act) of 2014 prescribing that certain local and County agencies have until June 30, 2017 to form Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) for groundwater basins designated as medium or high priority; and

WHEREAS, Sonoma County contains three medium priority basins including the Santa Rosa Plain, Petaluma and Sonoma Valley groundwater basins; and

WHEREAS, GSAs must prepare Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP) by 2022 and demonstrate sustainability by 2042; and

WHEREAS, the Act states that only entities having either land use, water supply or water management authorities are permitted to form GSAs; and

WHEREAS, in the Santa Rosa Plain, the current agencies that are eligible to form a GSA are the cities of Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park, Cotati, Sebastopol, Town of Windsor, Sonoma County and the Sonoma County Water Agency; and

WHEREAS, staff of eligible agencies have begun meeting to vet alternatives related to forming GSAs and have developed Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Principles for Developing Governance Options (attached as Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2015, the Board of Public Utilities adopted a resolution recommending that the City Council adopt a resolution supporting the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Principles for Developing Governance Options.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa adopts a resolution supporting the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Principles for Developing Governance Options.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 20th day of October, 2015.

AYES: (7) Mayor Sawyer, Vice Mayor Coursey, Council Members Carlstrom, Combs Olivares, Schwedhelm, Wysocky

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

Attachment: Exhibit A – Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Principles For Developing Governance Options