

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: ROCKY VOGLER, SENIOR WATER RESOURCES PLANNER,
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SUBJECT: 2015 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

AGENDA ACTION: STUDY SESSION

RECOMMENDATION

This item is provided for Council's information and no action will be taken.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff will present an informational session on the requirements of the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan, which includes an update on the Water Conservation Act of 2009 (SB x7-7) and the revised 2015 Urban Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

BACKGROUND

The Urban Water Management Planning Act (UWMP Act) requires every urban water supplier that provides water for municipal purposes to more than 3,000 connections or supplying more than 3,000 acre-feet per year (AFY) of water to adopt and submit an Urban Water Management Plan (Plan) to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) every five years, in years ending in 05 and 00. The deadline for water suppliers to adopt their 2015 Plan was extended from December 31, 2015 to July 1, 2016. The City is an urban supplier of water for approximately 53,000 connections supplying approximately 20,000 AFY of water and is therefore required to comply with the UWMP Act.

The UWMP Act requires very specific information to be included in the Plan and requires the urban water supplier to hold a public hearing to review and adopt the Plan. The City's previous Plan was the 2010 Plan, which was adopted by the City Council in June 2011.

The UWMP Act also includes a requirement to prepare an Urban Water Shortage Contingency Plan (Shortage Plan), which details how a community would react to a reduction in water supply up to 50%. Santa Rosa's Shortage Plan was initially adopted

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in 1992 and, prior to this 2015 update, the Shortage Plan was most recently updated and adopted in June 2011.

In 2009, Senate Bill x7-7, the Water Conservation Act (SB x7-7), was signed into law. SB x7-7 set a goal of achieving a 20% reduction in statewide urban per capita water use by the year 2020 and requires urban water retailers to set an interim 2015 and a final 2020 community urban per capita water use target. SB x7-7 requires urban water suppliers to increase water use efficiency while recognizing and providing credit to those urban water suppliers that have made substantial capital investments in water conservation since the 1990s. The City's 2010 Plan set the 2015 interim water use target at 136 gallons per capita per day (gpcd) and the 2020 final water use target at 127 gpcd.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

Not applicable.

ANALYSIS

The City's 2015 Plan includes details about Santa Rosa's projected water supply and demand through 2040 during an average water year, a single dry year, and multiple dry years; current and projected recycled water use; water conservation program details; and detailed information about our regional water supply.

The City's 2015 Plan includes an updated demand analysis based on population and employment projections of the City's currently adopted Santa Rosa General Plan 2035, as well as average water use for the years 2004 through 2013, not including 2009 as the City was under Shortage conditions, and incorporates previous water conservation implementation as well as water efficiency requirements for future development.

The City's 2015 Plan includes updated information on the City's interim 2015 and final 2020 community per capita water use targets. The City's 2015 Plan also includes an update to the City's Urban Water Shortage Contingency Plan incorporating changes based on lessons learned from the current drought and Shortage Plan implementation.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Study Session is for information only and no action is being taken. Therefore, there is no fiscal impact from the Study Session.

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. Additionally, Water Code Section 10653 of

the UWMP Act states that Plans are exempt from CEQA.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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