



**City Council  
Special Meeting Minutes - Draft**

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Friday, September 7, 2018

10:00 AM

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**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Vice Mayor Rogers called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Present:** 6 - Mayor Chris Coursey, Vice Mayor Chris Rogers, Council Member Julie Combs, Council Member Ernesto Olivares, Council Member Tom Schwedhelm, and Council Member Jack Tibbetts

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member John Sawyer

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE.**

**3. STUDY SESSION**

**3.1 UPDATE ON WATER QUALITY ADVISORY FOR FOUNTAINGROVE AREA**

On November 10, 2017, Santa Rosa Water issued a Water Quality Advisory for an isolated area of Fountaingrove due to contamination that was caused by the October fires. In collaboration with State Water Board Division of Drinking Water and US EPA regulators and water quality experts, Water Department staff has conducted a thorough investigation to confirm that the fire caused the contamination, identify the sources of the contamination, and guided by the data, determine that targeted replacement of the system would likely restore water quality. The City has completed replacement of all water service lines and blow off valves within the Water Quality Advisory Area and is finishing up targeted replacement of portions of the water system.

Staff will provide the City Council an update on the water quality advisory, including a review of the data, an update on the repair, and the plan for lifting the advisory.

Presented by Ben Horenstein, Water Department Director, and Jennifer Burke, Deputy Director.

Council Member Sawyer joined the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Harold Duncan spoke regarding water quality testing pre-fire.

**This item was received and filed.**

**Present:** 7 - Mayor Chris Coursey, Vice Mayor Chris Rogers, Council Member Julie Combs, Council Member Ernesto Olivares, Council Member John Sawyer, Council Member Tom Schwedhelm, and Council Member Jack Tibbetts

### 3.2 EVALUATION OF FOUNTAINGROVE WATER SYSTEM FUNCTION AND OPERATION DURING THE TUBBS FIRE

Earlier this year, the City hired consultant firm Black & Veatch, a national water system expert, to conduct an investigation of the function and operation of the Fountaingrove water system during the Tubbs Fire. Since that time, Black & Veatch has been provided extensive information about the City's Fountaingrove water system, including data and information about operations during the Tubbs fire and conducted interviews with key City staff.

Santa Rosa Water Staff and Black & Veatch will provide the City Council an update on the results of this investigation and provide information on the current status of the Fountaingrove water system. Staff will also provide an update on operational changes and plans for future analysis and possible improvements.

Presented by Ben Horenstein, Water Department Director, and Joe Schiavone, Deputy Director.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Sue Sonicson spoke regarding future notifications to impacted residents.

**This item was received and filed.**

## 4. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Hearing no further business, Vice Mayor Rogers adjourned the meeting at 12:01 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on September 25, 2018, at a time set by the Mayor.

Approved on:

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Daisy Gomez  
City Clerk