

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2019-062

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA REVISING THE COMPOSITION OF THE WATERWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO A SEVEN-MEMBER COMMITTEE COMPRISING OF ONE MEMBER EACH FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION, DESIGN REVIEW BOARD AND BOARD OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, AND FOUR AT-LARGE CITIZEN MEMBERS

WHEREAS, in 1995, the Council desired to create an advisory committee to 1) review all development projects adjacent to Santa Rosa Creek, 2) oversee the implementation of the Santa Rosa Creek Master Plan and the Prince Memorial Greenway, and 3) suggest funding mechanisms for such projects; and

WHEREAS, the Council appointed the Waterways Advisory Committee (“the Committee”) consisting of one City Council member, and one member each from the Planning Commission, Design Review Board, Board of Community Services, Redevelopment Agency and the Citizens’ Committee for restoring Santa Rosa Creek; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, the Council further defined the role and function of the Committee, broadening its charge to review public and private development projects along all creeks and waterways within the City for consistency with the General Plan, Santa Rosa Creek Master Plan and Waterways Plan, and expanding its membership to include two Council members and one member each from the Planning Commission, Design Review Board, Board of Community Services, Redevelopment Agency and the Citizens’ Committee for restoring Santa Rosa Creek; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 the Council expanded the membership of the Committee to include two at-large citizen representatives in place of one member from the Citizens’ Committee for Restoring Santa Rosa Creek; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Council expanded the membership of the Committee to include one additional at-large citizen representative, bringing the total at-large membership to three, and formalized procedures and terms of the Committee. Specifically, the Council confirmed the historic procedure for appointment of Committee members from each representative body (Planning Commission, Design Review Board, Board of Community Services and Redevelopment Agency) by the representative body itself, and appointment of the at-large citizen representatives by the Council; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the Council again expanded the membership of the Committee to include one additional at-large citizen representative, bringing the total at-large membership to four; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, following a California Supreme Court decision to abolish redevelopment agencies, the City of Santa Rosa began winding down the affairs of the former Redevelopment Agency, and the Redevelopment Agency member on the Committee was eliminated; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, obtaining a quorum of Committee members for the nine member Committee has proven difficult, and has resulted in meetings being continued, which impacts development project timelines; and

WHEREAS, members of the City Council that are appointed to the Committee often have full schedules, making participation in Committee meetings challenging; and

WHEREAS, revising the composition of the Committee from nine members to seven would reduce the quorum requirement to four, minimizing scheduling conflicts, while maintaining a seven-member Committee consisting of one member each from the Planning Commission, Design Review Board and Board of Community Services, and four at-large citizen members, all of whom are appointed either directly or indirectly by the Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa establishes the following Waterways Advisory Committee representatives, each with a two year term:

Representatives

Board of Community Services (1 member)
Design Review Board (1 member)
Planning Commission (1 member)
At-Large Citizen (4 members)

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 4th day of June, 2019.

AYES: (4) Council Members Fleming, Olivares, Sawyer, Tibbetts

NOES: (1) Vice Mayor Rogers

ABSENT: (2) Mayor Schwedhelm, Council Member Combs

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: Daisy Doenig
City Clerk

APPROVED: Mike Rogers
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Sue Allen
City Attorney