

RESOLUTION NO. 1054

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ADOPTING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, APPROVING THE PROJECT, AND ADOPTING A MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, in 2003 the Board of Public Utilities passed Resolution No. 776 to pursue water resources to provide reliable water supply through the General Plan Building horizon; develop local groundwater, additional recycled water, additional supplies from the Sonoma County Water Agency, and other sources as they become available; and evaluate water sources based on supply reliability, cost, timing, and environmental impact; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Utilities directed Utilities staff to develop an exploratory groundwater program to study the City's groundwater sub-basins, establish a more thorough understanding of the City's hydrogeologic conditions, and to investigate and evaluate potential future emergency well sites; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the City began preparation of a Groundwater Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, an Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared and circulated for 31 days starting on July 22, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration was published in the Press Democrat and posted in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) on July 22, 2013;

WHEREAS, in response to comments, Mitigation Measures CR-2 and CR-3 were revised; and

WHEREAS, comments were received and responses to comments provided in the final Mitigated Negative Declaration and Response to Comments document dated September 11, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Public Utilities:

1. Finds that, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15074.1(b)(2), the revised Mitigation Measures CR-2 and CR-3 are more effective in mitigating potential significant effects and that the mitigation measures in themselves will not cause a potentially significant effect on the environment.
2. Determines, based upon the record as a whole, that the proposed project will not have a significant effect upon the environment if the mitigation

measures listed and identified in the Mitigated Negative Declaration are implemented, and hereby adopts the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Santa Rosa Groundwater Master Plan dated September 2013.

3. Approves the Santa Rosa Groundwater Master Plan.
4. Adopts the Mitigation Monitoring Program for the Santa Rosa Groundwater Master Plan dated September 2013.
5. Specifies that the City of Santa Rosa Utilities Department located at 69 Stony Circle, Santa Rosa, CA, will be the custodian of the documents and other materials which constitute the record of the Board of Public Utilities proceedings regarding the Santa Rosa Groundwater Master Plan and which record will be kept at the Utilities Department office.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the City of Santa Rosa Board of Public Utilities this 19th day of September 2013.

AYES: (5) Gale, Galvin, Holt, Kaun, Steffensen

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Dowd

ABSTAIN: (0)

VACANT: (1)

APPROVED: _____

Chairman Stephen Gale

ATTEST: _____

Gina Perez
Recording Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____

City Attorney