



**Board of Public Utilities  
Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft**

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Thursday, May 16, 2024

1:30 PM

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

Chair Galvin called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

**Present** 6 - Chair Daniel Galvin III, Vice Chair William Arnone Jr., Board Member Lisa Badenfort, Board Member Robin Bartholow, Board Member Christopher Grabill, and Board Member Yvonne Sierra

**Absent** 1 - Board Member Glen Wright

**2. REMOTE PARTICIPATION UNDER AB 2449 (IF NEEDED)**

None.

**3. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION BY BOARD MEMBERS**

None.

**4. STUDY SESSION**

**4.1 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAICS FEASIBILITY STUDY**

In 2019 Water Department staff completed Energy Optimization Plans (EOPs) for the Subregional and Local Water Operations Systems. The EOPs recommended further investigation into two potential solar photovoltaic (PV) systems. AECOM was selected to conduct a feasibility level analysis of the two PV system concepts. Staff and the consultant will present information from the draft feasibility study report and may receive input and direction from the Board of Public Utilities.

Madee Brandt, Sustainability Representative, Peter Martin, Deputy Director - Water Resources, AECOM consultants Mushtaq Ahmand, Mano Khan, and Edgar Zavala presented, answered Board Member questions, and received Board Member feedback.

Eva Pauly, Laketricity, stated that her company would be interested in supporting the feasibility studies and providing accurate data to the consultants on floating solar.

## **5. MINUTES APPROVAL**

### **5.1 May 2, 2024 - Regular Meeting Minutes - DRAFT**

The May 2, 2024 minutes were approved as submitted.

## **6. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

### **6.1 UV PROJECT UPDATE**

Staff will update the Board on the Ultraviolet (UV) Disinfection Replacement Project that is currently under construction at the Laguna Treatment Plant. The Board may discuss this item and give direction to staff.

Mike Prinz, Deputy Director- Water Reuse, presented and answered Board Member questions.

## **7. CONSENT ITEMS**

### **7.1 MOTION - APPROVAL OF FIRST AMENDMENT TO GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT F002593 FOR A ONE YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH PONCIA FERTILIZER INC FOR BIOSOLIDS LAND APPLICATION SERVICES**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Water and Finance Departments that the Board of Public Utilities, by motion, approve the First Amendment to General Services Agreement (GSA) F002593 for biosolids land application services for a one-year extension, with a 4.65% increase in contract price, to Poncia Fertilizer Inc., Cotati, CA in the amount of \$65,220, for a total amount not to exceed \$127,540.

This Consent - Motion was approved.

### **7.2 MOTION - AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY AND THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA FOR WATER QUALITY TRADING FRAMEWORK (PHOSPHORUS)**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Contract Review Subcommittee and Santa Rosa Water that the Board of Public Utilities, by motion, approve the Agreement by and Between Sonoma County Water Agency and the City of Santa Rosa for Water Quality Trading

Framework and authorize the Director of Santa Rosa Water to sign the agreement.

This Consent - Motion was approved.

## **8. REPORT ITEMS**

None.

## **9. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS**

None.

## **10. REFERRALS**

None.

## **11. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION (AND POSSIBLE BOARD DISCUSSION)**

None.

## **12. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

## **13. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

None.

## **14. DIRECTORS REPORTS**

Director Burke reported: On Saturday, May 18, Santa Rosa Water will be participating in the Luther Burbank Rose Parade.

On Wednesday, May 22, Santa Rosa Water will be participating in the City's annual City Works festival which occurs at the Wednesday night market at Courthouse Square. City Council will be adopting a proclamation on Tuesday, May 21 for the event.

Agricultural customers are on the cusp of starting the irrigation season, and staff are currently finishing off the seasonal activation of irrigation pump stations. Currently, 1.3 billion gallons are being allocated, which is 23% higher than last year's usage. Additionally, the pre-irrigation season Agricultural Customer update meeting was held last week, and it went well with no concerns being mentioned by

customers.

Assistant City Attorney Biggerstaff reported that his last day with the City of Santa Rosa will be June 3. Shared his appreciation of being able to work with the Board and Water staff.

## **15. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

Chair Galvin adjourned the meeting at 2:59 p.m. in honor of Assistant City Attorney Biggerstaff. The next regular Board of Public Utilities meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.