



City of Santa Rosa

Council Chamber
100 Santa Rosa Avenue

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULAR MEETING AGENDA AND SUMMARY REPORT - FINAL MARCH 5, 2026

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING BY ATTENDING IN-PERSON AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER LOCATED AT 100 SANTA ROSA AVENUE.

THE MEETING WILL ALSO BE LIVE STREAMED AT [HTTPS://SANTA-ROSA.LEGISTAR.COM/CALENDAR](https://santa-rosa.legistar.com/calendar). CLICK ON THE "IN PROGRESS" LINK TO VIEW. THE MEETING CAN ALSO BE VIEWED ON COMCAST CHANNEL 28, AT&T U-VERSE CHANNEL 99, AT [HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/CITYOFSANTAROSA](https://www.youtube.com/cityofsantarosa), AND VIA ZOOM BY VISITING [HTTPS://SRCITY-ORG.ZOOM.US/J/82448675406](https://srcity-org.zoom.us/j/82448675406), OR BY DIALING 877-853-5257 AND ENTERING WEBINAR ID: 824 4867 5406.

IN THE EVENT A BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATES REMOTELY BASED ON JUST CAUSE UNDER THE BROWN ACT, THE CITY WILL ALLOW FOR PUBLIC COMMENT THROUGH THE ZOOM LINK OR DIAL-IN NUMBER ABOVE.

The public attending in person will be able to provide public comment on agenda items at the time an agenda item is discussed during the Board of Public Utilities Meeting. Public Comment may also be submitted via e-mail at bpu-comment@srcity.org.

Deadlines and additional instruction for public comment are set forth below. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact Michelle Montoya at mmontoya@srcity.org

1:30 P.M. (VIA IN-PERSON)

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
- 2. REMOTE PARTICIPATION UNDER THE BROWN ACT (Gov. Code § 54953.8)**

This time is reserved for any Board Member to announce remote participation under the "Just Cause" provision of Government Code Section 54953.8.

3. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION BY BOARD MEMBERS

4. STUDY SESSION

4.1 HELP 2 OTHERS PROGRAM UPDATE

Santa Rosa Water staff will present on the Help 2 Others (H2O) program which serves over 700 income-qualifying customers by offering financial assistance on the fixed portion of their monthly water and sewer service charges. Staff will provide an update on the program, an analysis of current and future funding, and proposed options for changes to the program to ensure program sustainability. The Board may discuss this item and provide direction to staff.

Attachments: [Presentation \(Uploaded 03.03.2026\)](#)

5. MINUTES APPROVAL

None.

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

6.1 FIX-A-LEAK WEEK 2026

Staff will provide the Board with an overview of customer program and outreach efforts to promote "Fix-a-Leak Week", including direct customer engagement at the Saint Patrick's Day 5K race. The Board may discuss this item and give direction to staff.

Attachments: [Presentation \(Uploaded 03.03.2026\)](#)

7. CONSENT ITEMS

7.1 MOTION - RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE SUMMARY VACATION OF PORTIONS OF PUBLIC SERVICE EASEMENT

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by Santa Rosa Water and Real Estate Services that the Board of Public Utilities, by motion, recommend that City Council, pursuant to California Streets and Highways Code subsection 8333(a), approve summarily vacating the portion of an unused public service easement that runs across four

parcels (collectively, the “Subject Properties”) located at 1927, 1931, 1935 and 1936 Lyon Court, Santa Rosa, CA (Assessor Parcel Numbers 173-630-014, 173-630-013, 173-630-012 and 173-630-010, respectively); and authorize the Assistant City Manager to make non-substantive changes to the vacation documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney, and execute the vacation documents.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Exhibits A and B - Legal Description and Depiction - Vacati](#)

7.2 MOTION - RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL \$7,592,708.81 IN REGIONAL WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by Santa Rosa Water and the Finance Department that the Board of Public Utilities, by motion, recommend that City Council approve an increase in transfer appropriations in the amount of \$7,592,708.81 from the Regional Wastewater Enterprise Fund 1631 to the 2020 Wastewater Revenue Bond Construction Fund 1633, facilitating the replacement of Local Wastewater Enterprise funding currently supporting the expenditure budget for the Laguna Treatment Plant Disinfection Improvements Project.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1 - History of the Regional Enterprise Refund F](#)
[Attachment 2 - City Council Resolution RES-2022-080](#)

8. REPORT ITEMS

8.1 REPORT - SONOMA WATER 2026/27 WATER TRANSMISSION BUDGET AND RATE INCREASE

BACKGROUND: The City of Santa Rosa purchases approximately 95% of the water supplied to our customers from Sonoma Water, the region’s water wholesaler. Sonoma Water is proposing to raise the wholesale rate of water by 8.21 % from \$1,400.86 per acre-foot to \$1,515.87 per acre foot. There is a Water Advisory Committee (WAC) made up of elected officials of each of the eight prime contractors, including Santa Rosa, that purchase water from Sonoma Water. The WAC is an

advisory committee to the Sonoma Water Board of Directors. The City's WAC Representative is Council Member Natalie Rogers. On April 6, 2026, the WAC is scheduled to consider whether to recommend to the Sonoma Water Board of Directors Sonoma Water's proposed 2026/27 Water Transmission System Budget and Rate increase.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by Santa Rosa Water that the Board of Public Utilities consider Sonoma Water's proposed 2026/27 Water Transmission Budget and Rate increase and, by motion, make a recommendation to the City Council regarding Council's direction to its Water Advisory Committee (WAC) representative for the April 6, 2026 WAC vote on Sonoma Water's proposed 2026/27 Water Transmission System Budget and Rate increase.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1 – Sonoma Water- Water Transmission FY 2026/27 Presentation \(Uploaded 03.03.2026\)](#)
[Updated Presentation \(Uploaded 03.04.2026\)](#)

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

This is the time when any person may address matters not listed on this agenda, but which are within the subject matter of the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities. The public may comment on agenda items when the item is called. Each speaker is allowed up to three minutes.

Live Public Comment: Members of the public can provide comment on an agenda item in-person from the Council Chamber at the time an agenda item is discussed during the Board of Public Utilities Meeting.

Advance Public Comment via E-mail Public Comment: To submit an e-mailed public comment to the Board of Public Utilities, please send to: bpu-comment@srcity.org by 5:00 p.m., the Wednesday prior to the Board of Public Utilities meeting. Identify in the subject line of your e-mail the agenda item number(s) on which you wish to comment, provide your name in the body of the e-mail and your comment. Comments received by the deadline will be distributed to all Board Members, will be posted to the agenda documents on-line, and be made part of the archive packet.

10. REFERRALS

None.

11. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION (AND POSSIBLE BOARD DISCUSSION)

None.

12. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

13. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

14. DIRECTORS REPORTS

15. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The Board of Public Utilities encourages public comments regarding the above items. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please feel free to call the Water Department at 543-4200 or forward written comments to the City of Santa Rosa, Water Department, 35 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95401. All comments will be forwarded to the Board at the meeting.

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