

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2021-098

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA REQUESTING CUSTOMERS REDUCE WATER USE BY 20% THROUGH VOLUNTARY CONSERVATION MEASURES

WHEREAS, California is experiencing record low rainfall and extremely dry conditions throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa purchases approximately 95% of our water supply from Sonoma Water, the region's wholesale water supplier; and

WHEREAS, the majority of Sonoma Water's water supply comes from the Russian River; and

WHEREAS, the historical dry conditions have resulted in unprecedented low storage levels in Lake Mendocino (44% of capacity) for this time of year, despite a Temporary Urgency Change Order being issued in February 2021 by the State Water Resources Control Board enabling lower in stream releases to the Upper Russian River to preserve lake storage; and

WHEREAS, storage levels in Lake Sonoma on Dry Creek (63% of capacity) are significantly below normal and it will be necessary for Sonoma Water to file an additional Temporary Urgency Change Petition to address Lake Sonoma storage conditions; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2021, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a regional drought emergency for the Russian River watershed in Sonoma and Mendocino counties in recognition of the record low storage levels in Lake Mendocino and Lake Sonoma following two critically dry years; and

WHEREAS, the Water Advisory Committee to Sonoma Water, on May 3, 2021, adopted a resolution requesting all water users to increase water use efficiency by fixing leaks and eliminating water waste and to voluntarily reduce water use by 20% to help protect and preserve drinking water supplies in Lake Mendocino and Lake Sonoma; and

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa Water has had a more than 30 year long standing commitment to water conservation, achieving sustainable savings of over 7,100 acre-feet per year; and

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa Water is a partner in the Sonoma-Marín Saving Water Partnership which has embarked upon a regional water efficiency outreach campaign entitled "Drought is Here. Save Water," designed to increase water awareness and reduce water use; and

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa Water's Water Use Efficiency Program has developed a series of water use efficiency recommendations to reduce water use through voluntary conservation measures targeting elimination of water waste and increased water use efficiency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa requests that all potable water customers of Santa Rosa Water use water efficiently, eliminate water waste, and reduce less essential uses of water to achieve a community-wide 20% reduction in water use through voluntary conservation.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 18th day of May, 2021.

AYES: (6) Mayor C. Rogers, Vice Mayor N. Rogers, Council Members Alvarez, Fleming, Sawyer, Schwedhelm

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Council Member Tibbetts

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney