

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

TO: CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS
FROM: CANDACE MICHAEL, ASSISTANT ENGINEER,
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SUBJECT: FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN SANTA ROSA WATER AND
THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD AND
AUTHORIZING AND DESIGNATING REPRESENTATIVES FOR
THE ASSISTANCE REQUEST (AR) 6092 ROBIN WAY WATER
SYSTEM CONSOLIDATION PROJECT

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by Santa Rosa Water that the Board of Public Utilities, by resolution, authorize Santa Rosa Water to carry out the AR 6092 Robin Way Water System Consolidation Project, and authorize the Director of Santa Rosa Water, or designee, to enter into a Funding Agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board and accept and expend State funds for the Project; to provide all assurance, certifications, or commitments in connection with the funding agreement; and to sign and approve any agreements, amendments, invoices, and requests for reimbursement.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Santa Rosa Water will be applying to the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) for funding for the AR 6092 Robin Way Water System Consolidation Project ("Project") to provide potable water to 5 multi-family residential parcels with a combined 20 units on Robin Way. The parcels are within the City's Urban Growth Boundary, and within the immediate vicinity of Santa Rosa Water's service area, but not currently connected to City water. They have existing groundwater sources that exceed the State maximum contaminant levels of nitrate by fifty-percent. There are 24 additional multi-family residential parcels to the west of Moorland Avenue, on Barbara Drive, Eddy Drive, and Bellevue Avenue that will be given the option to connect to City Water under the same project and funding agreement. Santa Rosa Water has been given assurance by the California State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board), Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) that the construction and connection fees for these parcels will be covered in the funding agreement for the Project. These 24 additional parcels with a combined 98 units are within the immediate vicinity of Santa Rosa Water's service area and are not currently connected to City Water. All of the forementioned

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parcels have connections to multiple water systems outside the City Limits, are within the Urban Growth Boundary, and are being annexed into the City. The annexation area and the area included in the Project are shown on Attachment 1: Project Location Map.

The State requires approval from the governing board of the consolidating agency, in this case Santa Rosa Water, to carry out the project, enter into a funding agreement with the Water Board, and accept and expend State funds for the Project.

BACKGROUND

The Water Board monitors the water quality of private water systems throughout the State of California, including those adjacent to Santa Rosa Water's service area. Some of those private water systems have existing groundwater sources that exceed the State maximum contaminant levels of nitrates, arsenic, and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, more commonly known as PFAS. The Robin Way Water System (Water System) serves 5 parcels, with a combined 20 units, with domestic water. The Water System has reported water quality samples exceeding the maximum contaminant level for nitrates by 50-percent and a compliance order has been issued mandating them to consolidate with the City of Santa Rosa's water distribution system. Since the consolidation is required by the Water Board, all of the associated cost for planning and construction to connect to City water will be reimbursed by the Water Board through a Funding Agreement.

There are 24 additional parcels adjacent to the Water System that are served by several small water systems and private wells, which are unregulated and with unknown contamination levels. Given the proximity to the Water System, it was concluded that these parcels are also being served domestic water with nitrate contaminant exceedance and will be included in the Project and Funding Agreement at the discretion of each individual parcel owner.

The Project includes permanent connection of 5, and possibly up to 29, parcels to the City's water system. Each permanent connection includes water and infrastructure for both domestic use and fire protection.

PRIOR BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW

On November 29th, 2016, City Council, by Resolution No. 28886 (Attachment 2), approved the Roseland Area Pre-Annexation Agreement with Sonoma County and adopted a resolution of application to Sonoma County LAFCO for reorganization of County islands located in southwest Santa Rosa.

On September 24th, 2024, City Council, by Resolution No. RES-2024-160 (Attachment 2), approved the LAFCO application for pre-zoning the properties situated on Barbara

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Drive, Robin Way, Eddy Drive, Moorland Avenue, and Bellevue Avenue to R-1-6 (single-family residential) and R-2 (multi-family residential) zoning districts.

On October 8th, 2024, City Council, by Ordinance No. ORD-2024-011 (Attachment 3), approved pre-zoning the properties situated on Barbara Drive, Robin Way, Eddy Drive, Moorland Avenue, and Bellevue Avenue to R-1-6 (single-family residential) and R-2 (multi-family residential) zoning districts, consistent with the low- and medium-density residential general plan land use designations.

ANALYSIS

Santa Rosa Water will be applying to the Water Board for funding for the Project, to provide potable water for up to 29 parcels with a combined 118 units that are not currently connected to City Water, some of which have existing groundwater sources that exceed the State maximum contaminant levels of nitrate.

The Project includes permanent connection of up to 29 parcels to the City's water system. Each permanent connection includes water and infrastructure for both domestic use and fire protection.

The Water Board requires approval from the governing board of the consolidating agency, in this case Santa Rosa Water, to carry out the Project, enter into a funding agreement with the Water Board, and accept and expend State funds for the Project.

Santa Rosa Water is recommending that the Board of Public Utilities authorize Santa Rosa Water to carry out the Project, and authorize the Director of Santa Rosa Water, or designee, to enter into a Funding Agreement with the Water Board and accept and expend State funds for the Project. Additionally, the Director of Santa Rosa Water, or designee, would be authorized to provide all assurance, certifications, and commitments in connection with the funding agreement, to sign and approve any agreements, amendments, invoices, and requests for reimbursement. All costs for the Project will be reimbursed from the Water Board via the funding agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT

There are no fiscal impacts to Santa Rosa Water. All costs for the Project will be reimbursed from the Water Board via the funding agreement.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378, the proposed funding agreement is not a "project" subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it does not have a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a

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reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. In the alternative, the proposed action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the project may have a significant effect on the environment.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not Applicable.

NOTIFICATION

Not Applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Project Location Map
- Attachment 2 – Resolution No. 28886, November 29th, 2016
- Attachment 3 – Resolution No. RES-2024-160, September 24th, 2024
- Attachment 4 – Ordinance No. ORD-2024-011, October 8th, 2024
- Attachment 5 – Annexation Map

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