

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

TO: BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
FROM: JILL SCOTT, RIGHT OF WAY AGENT
WATER DEPARTMENT
SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE ACQUISITION OF AN EMERGENCY
GROUNDWATER WELL EASEMENT AT 4224 HIGHWAY 12,
SANTA ROSA (APN 032-010-005) PURSUANT TO THE SANTA
ROSA GROUNDWATER MASTER PLAN, MAKING FINDINGS
UNDER CEQA AND ADOPTION OF A MITIGATION
MONITORING PROGRAM.
AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by Water Department that the Board of Public Utilities, by Resolution, approve the acquisition of a permanent easement at 4224 Highway 12 for the purpose of an emergency groundwater well in order to implement the City of Santa Rosa Groundwater Master Plan, make findings under CEQA, adopt a Mitigation Monitoring Program for the purpose of an emergency groundwater well, authorize the Interim Director of the Water Department to execute all documents necessary to complete this transaction, and authorize the Right of Way Agent to execute all closing documents to complete the transaction.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On August 16, 2018 in closed session, the Board of Public Utilities (BPU) gave direction to Staff on price and terms to negotiate the purchase of a permanent easement over a portion of 4224 Highway 12 for an emergency groundwater well. Staff has secured an acquisition agreement in the amount of \$120,000 which is in line with the price and term parameters provided by BPU in closed session.

BACKGROUND

On September 19, 2013, the Board adopted Resolution 1054 which adopted the City's Mitigated Negative Declaration and approved the City of Santa Rosa Groundwater Master Plan. The City of Santa Rosa Groundwater Master Plan establishes policies and strategies to manage the available groundwater resources in a sustainable manner for potential future beneficial uses. The overall objective of the Groundwater Master Plan is to provide a strategic road map for the City's Water staff, Board of Public Utilities

and City Council for how available groundwater resources could be most effectively used to meet the needs of the City's existing and future customers. The Groundwater Master Plan identified a need for the City to ultimately provide a 12.7 million gallon per day emergency water supply capacity for human health and safety needs in the event the City was unable to receive water from the Sonoma County Water Agency.

Consultants for the City identified areas within Santa Rosa for potential sites for Emergency Ground water wells, 4224 Highway 12 being one of the priority sites.

On August 16, 2018, the BPU, in closed session, gave Staff direction on price and terms for the negotiation of a permanent easement at 4224 Highway 12, Santa Rosa.

PRIOR BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW

On September 19, 2013, the Board adopted Resolution 1054 which adopted the City's Mitigated Negative Declaration and approved the City of Santa Rosa Groundwater Master Plan.

On August 16, 2018 the Board, in closed session gave direction to staff on price and terms for negotiations of the purchase of a permanent easement over a portion of 4224 Highway 12.

ANALYSIS

On August 16, 2018 the BPU, in closed session, gave staff direction on price and terms for the negotiation and purchase of a permanent easement over a portion of 4224 Highway 12, Santa Rosa.

Since that time, staff has successfully negotiated a Purchase Agreement in the amount of \$120,000 for said easement with the owner of 4224 Highway 12 and is now seeking approval of the acquisition from BPU.

FISCAL IMPACT

The purchase will be funded from already appropriated funds in the Emergency Ground Water Program.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

On September 19, 2013, the Board adopted Resolution 1054 which adopted the City's Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Mitigation Monitoring Program for the Santa Rosa Groundwater Master Plan and approved the City of Santa Rosa Groundwater Master Plan. Acquisition of a portion of the Property for installation and operation of an emergency groundwater well is in furtherance and implementation of the Groundwater Master Plan and as such any potential environmental impacts have been fully reviewed in the MND, and there is no basis for any further review under the California

Environmental Quality Act. A site-specific mitigation monitoring program, based on the Santa Rosa Groundwater Master Plan Initial Study and adopted MND, has been prepared.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution

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