



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

Thursday, March 2, 2023

1:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Galvin called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Chair Galvin announced that he is attending the meeting virtually under the "Just Cause" clause of AB 2249, due to a contagious illness. Chair Galvin announced no one over the age of 18 was present in his home and that his camera would remain on for the entirety of the meeting.

Present 7 - Chair Daniel Galvin III, Vice Chair William Arnone Jr., Board Member Lisa Badenfort, Board Member Robin Bartholow, Board Member Mark Walsh, Board Member Mary Watts, and Board Member Glen Wright

2. BOARD REORGANIZATION - ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Board Member Walsh motioned to elect Board Member Arnone as Vice Chair. Board Member Wright seconded. Board Member Arnone accepted the nomination, and with no others being nominated, he was selected by unanimous consent.

3. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION BY BOARD MEMBERS

There were no Statements of Abstention from Board Members.

4. STUDY SESSION - NONE.

5. MINUTES APPROVAL

5.1 February 16, 2023 - Regular Meeting Minutes - DRAFT.

The minutes for February 16, 2023 were approved as submitted.

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

6.1 CREEK PROTECTION, CARE, AND RESTORATION

Staff will update the Board on work undertaken by the Storm Water and Creeks team to protect, care, and restore creeks, and review current

projects. The Board may discuss this item and give direction to staff.

Kellen Johnston, Environmental Specialist, presented.

7. CONSENT ITEMS

7.1 MOTION - CONTRACT AWARD - COBBLESTONE DR ZONE R2-R4 WATER MAIN CONNECTION, CONTRACT NO. C01999

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department and the Water Department that the Board, by motion, award Construction Contract No. C01999 in the amount of \$523,132.00 to the lowest responsive bidder, Team Ghilotti Inc, of Petaluma, California, for Cobblestone Dr Zone R2-R4 Water Main Connection, approve a 15% contingency and authorize a total contract amount of \$601,601.80.

A motion was made by Board Member Wright, seconded by Board Member Walsh, to approve Consent Item 6.1. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair Galvin III, Vice Chair Arnone Jr., Board Member Badenfort, Board Member Bartholow, Board Member Walsh, Board Member Watts and Board Member Wright

8. REPORT ITEMS

8.1 REPORT - RECOMMENDATION TO RESCIND STAGE 3 OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN

BACKGROUND: In response to drought conditions, on June 29, 2021, the City Council declared a water shortage emergency and adopted Stage 3 of the City of Santa Rosa's Water Shortage Contingency Plan imposing mandatory restrictions and requiring customers to reduce community-wide water use by 20%. Beginning late December 2022, the region experienced a series of atmospheric rivers filling our region's water supply reservoirs, Lake Sonoma and Lake Mendocino. Lake Sonoma now holds sufficient storage to provide more than three years of water supply. Therefore, required reductions in water use are no longer necessary. However, compliance with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted emergency water conservation regulations is still required. The City of Santa Rosa can rescind the water shortage emergency and implementation of Stage

3 of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan while retaining measures for compliance with State Water Board emergency regulations.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Water Department that the Board of Public Utilities, by resolution, recommend that the City Council of Santa Rosa adopt a resolution: 1) rescinding the June 29, 2021 drought emergency declaration; 2) rescinding the implementation of Stage 3 of the City of Santa Rosa Water Shortage Contingency Plan; 3) removing authorization for the Water Department to utilize the Water Enterprise Fund Catastrophic Reserves; and 4) directing staff to implement demand reduction actions consistent with Title 23, Section 996(c)(1) of the California Code of Regulations for the duration this emergency regulation is in effect.

Peter Martin, Deputy Director - Water Resources, presented.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Arnone, Jr., seconded by Board Member Bartholow, to waive reading of the text and adopt:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES RECOMMENDING THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ADOPT A RESOLUTION RESCINDING THE JUNE 29, 2021 DROUGHT EMERGENCY DECLARATION, RESCINDING STAGE 3 OF THE CITY'S WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN, REMOVING AUTHORIZATION FOR SANTA ROSA WATER TO UTILIZE THE WATER ENTERPRISE FUND CATASTROPHIC RESERVES, AND DIRECTING STAFF TO IMPLEMENT DEMAND REDUCTION ACTIONS CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 23, SECTION 996(c)(1) OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS FOR THE DURATION THIS EMERGENCY REGULATION IS IN EFFECT

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair Galvin III, Vice Chair Arnone Jr., Board Member Badenfort, Board Member Bartholow, Board Member Walsh, Board Member Watts and Board Member Wright

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

None.

10. REFERRALS - NONE.

11. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION (AND POSSIBLE BOARD DISCUSSION) - NONE.

12. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Board Member Watts provided a brief report on the Budget Review Subcommittee meeting.

13. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

None.

14. DIRECTORS REPORTS

Deputy Director Schiavone announced that Water Department employee, Aaron De la Montanya, passed away on March 1, 2023.

15. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Chair Galvin called for a moment of silence for Water Department employee, Aaron De la Montanya.

Chair Galvin adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Public Utilities is scheduled for March 16, 2023.