



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

Thursday, June 18, 2026

1:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Galvin called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Present 5 - Chair Daniel Galvin III, Board Member Lisa Badenfort, Board Member Duane De Witt, Board Member Georgia Meisler, and Board Member Glen Wright

Absent 1 - Vice Chair William Arnone Jr.

2. REMOTE PARTICIPATION UNDER THE BROWN ACT (Gov. Code § 54953.8)

None.

3. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION BY BOARD MEMBERS

None.

4. STUDY SESSION

None.

5. MINUTES APPROVAL

5.1 June 4, 2026 - Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft

The June 4, 2026 regular meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

6.1 2025 WATER QUALITY REPORT UPDATE

Staff will provide an overview of Santa Rosa's 2025 water quality report, including information on Santa Rosa's water supply, distribution system, drinking water regulatory requirements, and 2025 water quality results. The Board may discuss this item and provide direction to staff.

Armagh Ocegüera, Water Quality Systems Supervisor, presented and answered Board Member questions.

6.2 WATER AND RECYCLED WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

Staff will update the Board on water and recycled water supply issues. The Board may discuss this item and give direction to staff.

Lisa Cuellar, Water Use Efficiency Coordinator, and Mike Prinz, Deputy Director - Regional Water Reuse Operations, presented.

7. CONSENT ITEMS

A motion was made by Board Member Badenfort, seconded by Board Member Wright, to approve Consent Items 7.1 and 7.2.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Galvin III, Board Member Badenfort, Board Member De Witt, Board Member Meisler and Board Member Wright

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Arnone Jr.

7.1 MOTION - SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT AWARD FOR STRAINPRESS EQUIPMENT FROM HUBER TECHNOLOGY

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by Santa Rosa Water and the Finance Department that the Board of Public Utilities, by motion, authorize the award of a sole source Purchase Order (PO) for the procurement of one (1) Huber Sludgecleaner Strainpress 290 unit from Huber Technology, NC in an amount not to exceed \$275,000.00.

This Consent - Motion was approved.

7.2 MOTION - RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL TO APPROPRIATE \$4,442,100 IN EXPEDITED DRINKING WATER GRANT FUNDS FOR THE ROBIN WAY WATER SYSTEM CONSOLIDATION PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by Santa Rosa Water and the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Board of Public Utilities, by motion, recommend that City Council approve the appropriation of Expedited Drinking Water Grant funding from the State Water Resources Control Board for the Robin Way Water System Consolidation Project.

This Consent - Motion was approved.

8. REPORT ITEMS

8.1 REPORT - RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING SANTA ROSA CITY CODE CHAPTER 14-21 WATER WASTE REGULATIONS

BACKGROUND: The City's Water Waste Regulations, first adopted in 1999 and last revised in 2023, defines water waste and authorizes customer notification, penalties and potential water service disconnection in cases of unaddressed violations. Since the Regulations were last revised, California Assembly Bill 1572 was signed into law in 2023 prohibiting the irrigation of nonfunctional turf with potable water at certain property types and establishing compliance timelines, including a mandate that local water providers codify the regulatory prohibition by January 1, 2027, and thus necessitating an update to the Water Waste Regulations. Staff are requesting that the Board of Public Utilities recommend to the City Council the approval of an ordinance that would institute proposed changes to the City Code Water Waste Regulations.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Water Conservation Subcommittee and Santa Rosa Water that the Board of Public Utilities, by resolution, recommend that City Council adopt the proposed ordinance amending Santa Rosa City Code Chapter 14-21 Water Waste Regulations to include clarifying definitions, a prohibition on irrigating nonfunctional turf with potable water, compliance deadlines by affected property type, and other clarifying changes.

Lisa Cuellar, Water Use Efficiency Coordinator, presented and answered Board Member questions.

A motion was made by Board Member Wright, seconded by Board Member De Witt, to approve the Resolution as presented by staff.

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2026-010 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES RECOMMENDING THAT THE SANTA ROSA CITY COUNCIL ADOPT THE ATTACHED PROPOSED ORDINANCE THEREBY AMENDING SANTA ROSA CITY CODE CHAPTER 14-21 WATER WASTE REGULATIONS TO PROHIBIT THE IRRIGATION OF NONFUNCTIONAL TURF WITH POTABLE WATER, ESTABLISH COMPLIANCE DEADLINES, AND MAKE RELATED CLARIFYING REVISIONS .

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Galvin III, Board Member Badenfort, Board Member De Witt, Board Member Meisler and Board Member Wright

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Arnone Jr.

8.2 REPORT - ACCEPTANCE OF THE SANTA ROSA STORM DRAIN MASTER PLAN

BACKGROUND: The Storm Drain Master Plan evaluates the condition and capacity of Santa Rosa's stormwater infrastructure to better understand risks to public safety, property, and critical infrastructure; identifies flood-mitigation strategies; and proposes potential strategies to close a funding gap. The study includes assessment of the City's 340 miles of public storm-drain pipe and nearly 17,000 storm-drain structures that make up the drainage system. The plan will help the City evaluate, prioritize, and identify funding for projects that most effectively reduce flooding impacts to existing properties while supporting future development throughout Santa Rosa. By improving understanding of the storm-drain system, the Master Plan will provide essential guidance for protecting life, health, safety, property, and public infrastructure.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Water Department that the Board of Public Utilities, by resolution, accept the Storm Drain Master Plan.

Claire Myers, Storm Water and Creeks Manager, and Katie Hogan, Consultant, Woodard and Curran presented and answered Board Member questions.

A motion was made by Board Member Wright, seconded by Board Member De Witt, to approve the Resolution as presented by staff.

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2026-011 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES ACCEPTING THE STORM DRAIN MASTER PLAN.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Galvin III, Board Member Badenfort, Board Member De Witt, Board Member Meisler and Board Member Wright

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Arnone Jr.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Mayor Stapp spoke regarding recent move of Board Member Badenfort.

10. REFERRALS

None.

11. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION (AND POSSIBLE BOARD DISCUSSION)

None.

12. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

13. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Board Member DeWitt spoke regarding enlisting more kids and teenagers for creek stewardship.

14. DIRECTORS REPORTS

Director Burke reported and answered questions on:

The July 2, 2026 Board of Public Utilities meeting will be cancelled.

The Water Academy, in partnership with WaterNow Alliance and River Network, launched on June 8th. The academy is supported by a technical assistance grant from WaterNow Alliance. The program welcomed eight participants from Latino Service Providers' Youth Promotores Program. Santa Rosa Water collaborated with Latino Service Providers to deliver a six-session series, each highlighting a different water division and related career pathways. The program aims to build trust and strengthen connections between participants, local water systems, and community resources. Through this experience, participants are empowered to become ambassadors, leaders, and future advocates for water sustainability and environmental stewardship.

At first glance the displayed pictures may seem to be of a fire hydrant knock down. That would be incorrect. On Monday June 15,

around 3 PM, while performing routine valve turning operations on a 6' gate valve on Corby Ave, the operator returned the valve to the fully open position and removed the valve key, the entire stem came along with it along with the geyser you see. Quick thinking operators rapidly made a shut down and isolated the faulty valve. Our General Construction Crew quickly assembled and prepared to make repairs. Discovering that a repair was not possible they quickly shifted gears to actually replace the entire gate valve. By 6:15 PM the valve had been replaced and water was being flushed. An absolutely incredible time for a job of that magnitude!

15. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S)

15.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: 1 potential case.

Assistant City Attorney David Hobstetter announced the Closed Session item.

Chair Galvin recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 3:00 p.m. and reconvened back to regular session at 3:59 p.m.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

16. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Chair Daniel Galvin III, Board Member Lisa Badenfort, Board Member Duane De Witt, Board Member Georgia Meisler, and Board Member Glen Wright

Absent 1 - Vice Chair William Arnone Jr.

17. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Assistant City Attorney Hobstetter reported that there was no reportable action taken in Closed Session.

18. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Chair Galvin adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m. The next Board of

Public Utilities meeting is scheduled for July 2, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.