



Agreement between the City of Santa Rosa and Sonoma Water to continue the Creek Stewardship Program through Fiscal Year 2024-2025

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CURRENT

- The City and Sonoma Water have implemented the Creek Stewardship Program since 2002 through three previous Agreements.
- Over 100,000 participants in volunteer and educational activities since inception.
- The Water, Transportation and Public Works, Recreation and Parks, and Police Departments recognize and support the benefits Creek Stewardship provides to the community.

PROPOSED

- Based on Creek Stewardship's success, the City and Sonoma Water would like to implement the Program through the 2024-2025 fiscal year with the use of Storm Water Enterprise funds.
- City will receive \$536,000 to coordinate the Program and reimburse Sonoma Water \$252,000 for work crews on City creeks.
- Both parties have the option to terminate the Agreement without cause or for non-appropriation of funds.

BENEFIT

- Increased community awareness and empowerment of residents through stewardship and educational activities.
- Timely and effective response to reports regarding creek-related environmental, safety, and recreational issues.
- Compliance with Storm Water Permit requirements through outreach and pollution prevention.

RECOMMENDATION

- Authorize the Director of Water to execute a joint funding agreement with Sonoma Water to continue the Creek Stewardship Program through fiscal year 2024-2025 using Storm Water Enterprise funds for this purpose.