



City of Santa Rosa

Council Chamber
100 Santa Rosa Avenue

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULAR MEETING AGENDA AND SUMMARY REPORT - FINAL AUGUST 17, 2023

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Meeting. Public Comment may also be submitted via e-mail at
bpu-comment@srcity.org or recorded voice message at 707-543-4224.**

**Deadlines and additional instruction for public comment are set forth
below. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact
Michelle Montoya at mmontoya@srcity.org**

1:30 PM - VIA IN-PERSON AND ZOOM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
- 2. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION BY BOARD MEMBERS**
- 3. STUDY SESSION**

3.1 STUDY RESULTS FOR THE WATER SUPPLY ALTERNATIVES PLAN

Santa Rosa Water wishes to diversify and increase its potable urban
water supply portfolio to enhance its resiliency during Sonoma Water

supply shortages (particularly during droughts) or service interruptions that could occur in catastrophic events. With expertise and assistance from Woodard & Curran, the project team has completed a study of 18 water supply sources to assess their feasibility as new supply options. The team also developed four portfolio alternatives (mixes of the most feasible water supply options). In separate meetings, the study results and the draft portfolio alternatives were presented to the Water Team, the external Stakeholder Group, and the community to seek their input. The feasibility study Technical Memorandum and a narrative description of the Draft Portfolios were revised to integrate the comments received. Staff and the consulting team will present the study findings and draft portfolios to the Board of Public Utilities to seek input before developing a Draft Water Supply Alternatives Plan.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1 - Technical Memorandum](#)
[Attachment 2 - Draft Portfolios](#)
[Presentation \(Uploaded 8.16.2023\)](#)

4. MINUTES APPROVAL

4.1 July 20, 2023 - Special Meeting Minutes - DRAFT.

Attachments: [July 20, 2023 - Special Meeting Minutes - DRAFT](#)

4.2 July 20, 2023 - Regular Meeting Minutes - DRAFT.

Attachments: [July 20, 2023 - Regular Meeting Minutes - DRAFT](#)

4.3 August 3, 2023 - Regular Meeting Minutes - DRAFT.

Attachments: [August 3, 2023 - Regular Meeting Minutes - DRAFT](#)

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

5.1 CREEK WEEK 2023

The Storm Water & Creeks section of Santa Rosa Water participates in the regional recognition of "Creek Week and Pollution Prevention Week" as a way to celebrate and clean up our local waterways and educate the public on ways to prevent creek pollution.

A proclamation will be presented at City Council on September 12, 2023, proclaiming September 16 - 23, 2023, as "Creek Week and Pollution Prevention Week". To celebrate Creek Week, staff is coordinating a beginner's nature journaling class, a guided nature walk, four underground culvert tours, a Tour de Creek bike ride, and local creek cleanups along Prince Memorial Greenway. The Board may discuss this item and give direction to staff.

Attachments: [Presentation \(Uploaded 8.16.2023\)](#)

5.2 DISINFECTION SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECT UPDATE

Staff will brief the Board on the Disinfection System Upgrade Project currently underway at the Laguna Treatment Plant. The Board may discuss this item and give direction to staff.

Attachments: [Presentation \(Uploaded 8.16.2023\)](#)

5.3 WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

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

Attachments: [Presentation \(Uploaded 8.16.2023\)](#)

5.4 UPDATE ON RUSSIAN RIVER WATER FORUM AND POTTER VALLEY PROJECT

Staff will provide an update on the Russian River Water Forum, which is a grant funded collaborative effort to identify water supply resiliency solutions in response to the planned license surrender and decommissioning of Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E's) Potter Valley Hydroelectric Project, as well as the recent proposal to PG&E from the Mendocino County Inland Water and Power Commission, the Round Valley Indian Tribes, and the Sonoma County Water Agency, to create a regional entity that would advance a regional solution for preserving flows in the Russian River and improving Eel River fisheries. The Board may discuss this item and give direction to staff.

Attachments: [Presentation \(Uploaded 8.16.2023\)](#)

6. CONSENT ITEMS

6.1 MOTION - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY, SANTA ROSA WATER, NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT, VALLEY OF THE MOON WATER DISTRICT AND THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF DENMARK IN SILICON VALLEY TO STRENGTHEN COOPERATION AND KNOWLEDGE SHARING RELATED TO CLIMATE RESILIENCE, WATER MANAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by Santa Rosa Water that the Board of Public Utilities (Board), by motion, approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between Sonoma County Water Agency, Santa Rosa Water, North Marin Water District, Valley of the Moon Water District, and the Consulate General of Denmark in Silicon Valley to Strengthen Cooperation and Knowledge Sharing Related to Climate Resilience, Water Management and Environmental Policy (MOU) and authorize the Board Chair to sign the MOU.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1 - Memorandum of Understanding Between S](#)

7. REPORT ITEMS

None.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

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Advance Public Comment:

E-mail Public Comment: To submit an e-mailed public comment to the Board of Public Utilities, please send to: bpu-comment@srcity.org by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 16. Identify in the subject line of your e-mail the agenda item number(s) on which you wish to comment, provide your name in the body of the e-mail and your comment. These comments will be e-mailed to all Board Members, will be posted to the agenda documents on-line, and be

made part of the archive packet.

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Recorded public comments on public hearing items may be played at the time when the hearing is opened.

9. REFERRALS

None.

10. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION (AND POSSIBLE BOARD DISCUSSION)

11. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

12. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

13. DIRECTORS REPORTS

14. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The Board of Public Utilities encourages public comments regarding the above items. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please feel free to call the Water Department at 543-4200 or forward written comments to the City of Santa Rosa, Water Department, 35 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95401. All comments will be forwarded to the Board at the meeting.

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