



City of Santa Rosa

Council Chamber
100 Santa Rosa Avenue

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULAR MEETING AGENDA AND SUMMARY REPORT MARCH 1, 2018

1:30 PM (City Council Chamber)

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

2. STATEMENTS OF ABSENTION BY BOARD MEMBERS

3. STUDY SESSION - NONE

4. MINUTES APPROVAL

4.1 February 1, 2018, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Attachments: [February 1, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes \(added 2/28/18\)](#)

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

5.1 FIRE RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

Staff will provide an update on the recovery efforts and on-going investigation and actions that Santa Rosa Water is taking to address the water quality issue.

Attachments: [Presentation \(added 2/28/2018\)](#)

6. CONSENT ITEMS - NONE

7. REPORT ITEMS

7.1 REPORT - SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY 2018/19 WATER TRANSMISSION BUDGET AND RATE INCREASE

BACKGROUND: There is a Water Advisory Committee (WAC) made up of elected officials of each of the prime contractors to the Water Agency's wholesale water. The WAC is an advisory committee to the Water Agency Board of Directors. The City's WAC Representative is Council Member Tom Schwedhelm. On April 2, 2018, the WAC is scheduled to vote on whether or not to recommend the Water Agency budget and proposed rate increase for approval of the Water Agency

Board of Directors. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is made of technical staff of each of the prime contractors to the Water Agency's wholesale water. The TAC provides technical analysis and recommendations to the WAC.

RECOMMENDATION: The Water Department recommends that the Board of Public Utilities consider the SCWA budget and proposed water rate increase and, by motion, make a recommendation to the City Council regarding Council's direction to its Water Advisory Committee (WAC) representative for the WAC vote on April 2, 2018.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
 [Attachment 1](#)
 [Presentation](#)

7.2 REPORT - STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD GRANT FUNDS FOR FREEWAY WELL PLANNING PROJECT

BACKGROUND: The City operated the groundwater well located at 1304 Cleveland Avenue in Santa Rosa (Freeway Well) sustainably for about 30 years, until regular testing in the 1980s detected volatile organic compounds (VOCs) had reached the well from offsite contamination. The City has wanted to evaluate water quality risks in the vicinity and study the feasibility of alternatives for treating the groundwater or replacing Freeway Well but has not had the resources to do so. The State Water Resources Control Board (State) expressed interest in providing assistance with these efforts and invited the City to submit a grant application. Legal counsel determined the City Manager was authorized to submit the application per Council Policy No. 000-562: Grant Application and Administration Policy. Staff provided a briefing to the Board of Public Utilities and submitted the application on August 31, 2017.

The application was successful, and the State has asked the City to designate, by resolution, a representative to negotiate and enter into a grant funding agreement for the Freeway Well Planning Project. Staff is asking the Board of Public Utilities to recommend this and to recommend that Council authorize use of existing appropriations for the required matching funds and authorize the Chief Financial Officer to

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increase appropriations for the project in the amount of the grant award.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Water Department that Board, by resolution, recommend that Council 1) authorize the Director of Santa Rosa Water to negotiate and execute a grant funding agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board for the Freeway Well Planning Project (Project); 2) authorize and designate the Director of Santa Rosa Water as a City Representative for the Project; 3) authorize use of non-General Funds to match the State funds being awarded; and 4) authorize the Chief Financial Officer to increase appropriations in the amount of the grant award.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
 [Attachment 1](#)
 [Resolution](#)
 [Presentation \(added 2/28/18\)](#)

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

9. REFERRALS

10. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION (AND POSSIBLE BOARD DISCUSSION)

- 10.1** MONTHLY RATE REVENUE AND CIP BID AWARD REPORT -
JANUARY 2018 - Provided for information.

Attachments: [Memorandum](#)

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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