

RESOLUTION NO

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL (1) APPROVE THE JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT (JPA) CREATING THE SANTA ROSA PLAIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (GSA) TO ACT AS THE SINGLE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE SANTA ROSA PLAIN BASIN, (2) APPROVE THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE SANTA ROSA PLAIN GSA, AND (3) DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE MAYOR TO APPOINT THE DIRECTOR AND ALTERNATE DIRECTOR TO THE GSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF SANTA ROSA WATER TO APPOINT THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER AND ALTERNATE

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2014, Governor Brown signed into law the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Act) of 2014 prescribing that certain local and County agencies have until June 30, 2017 to form Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) for groundwater basins designated as medium or high priority; and

WHEREAS, Sonoma County contains three medium priority basins, the Santa Rosa Plain, Petaluma Valley and Sonoma Valley groundwater basins; and

WHEREAS, GSAs must prepare Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP) by 2022 and demonstrate sustainability by 2042; and

WHEREAS, the Act states that only local public agencies having either land use, water supply or water management authorities are permitted to form GSAs; and

WHEREAS, in the Santa Rosa Plain, the current agencies that are eligible to form a GSA are the cities of Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park, Cotati, Sebastopol, the Town of Windsor, Sonoma County, the Sonoma County Water Agency, the Goldridge Resource Conservation District, and the Sonoma Resource Conservation District; and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes a combination of local agencies within a basin to form a GSA by entering into a joint exercise of powers agreement; and

WHEREAS, staffs of the GSA eligible entities have been meeting since early 2015 to develop recommendations to comply with the Act, using the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Principles For Developing Governance Options adopted by Santa Rosa City Council pursuant to Council Resolution No. 28702, as guidance, and adopted by the other GSA eligible entities within Sonoma County; and

WHEREAS, the staffs of the GSA eligible entities recommend forming one GSA per basin to comply with SGMA and encourage coordination among the three GSAs in Sonoma County to promote efficiencies and cost savings; and

WHEREAS, the staffs of the GSA eligible entities developed a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) to create the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Agency and Santa Rosa Water staff recommends that the Board of Public Utilities recommend that the City Council approve the JPA creating the Santa Rosa Plain GSA as the single GSA for the Santa Rosa Plain Basin, approve the City's membership in the Santa Rosa Plain GSA, delegate authority to the Mayor to appoint the Director and Alternate Director to the GSA Board of Directors, and

delegate authority to the Director of Santa Rosa Water to appoint the advisory committee member and alternate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Public Utilities recommends that the City Council approve the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) creating the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) as the single GSA for the Santa Rosa Plain Basin, in substantially the form attached hereto at Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board recommend that the Council approve the City of Santa Rosa's membership in the Santa Rosa Plain GSA and delegate authority to the Mayor to appoint the Director and Alternate Director to the GSA Board of Directors, and delegate authority to the Director of Santa Rosa Water to appoint the GSA advisory committee member and alternate.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the City of Santa Rosa Board of Public Utilities this 20th day of April, 2017.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED: _____
Daniel J. Galvin, III, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Sara Roberts, Recording Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

Attachment: Exhibit A – Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement creating the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Agency