

CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

TO: BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES  
FROM: CLAIRE NORDLIE, SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR  
WATER DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: SECOND AMENDED AGREEMENT FOR NORTHERN SONOMA  
COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

AGENDA ACTION: MOTION

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Water Department that the Board of Public Utilities, by motion, approve the Second Amended Agreement for Northern Sonoma County Water Conservation Program between the Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water) and the City of Santa Rosa and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water) was awarded grant funding from the State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management Program to assist in implementing water conservation projects in Northern Sonoma County. The amended agreement allows Santa Rosa to receive additional funds, up to \$217,175.50, due to a redistribution of grant funds amongst the participating subcontractor agencies. These funds will be used for the following existing Santa Rosa water conservation programs: Turf Replacement Rebate, High Efficiency Toilet and Urinal Rebate Program, and High Efficiency Washer Rebate Program. Rebates issued between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2020 are eligible for reimbursement.

BACKGROUND

Sonoma Water was awarded grant funding from DWR's Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management Program to assist in implementing water conservation projects in Northern Sonoma County. Santa Rosa Water, under a subcontractor agreement, has utilized these grant funds to support the implementation of the following programs: Green Exchange, High Efficiency Toilet and Urinal, and High Efficiency Water Rebate Programs. Due to low rebate participation from the other participating agencies, additional funds are available for redistribution to Santa Rosa Water to

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continue the Green Exchange Program, up to \$1.00/sq ft of turf removed, and expand to the High Efficiency Toilet and Urinal Rebate Program, up to \$150 per toilet or urinal, and High Efficiency Washer Rebate Program up to \$125 per washer. The total eligible grant funds available to Santa Rosa are \$217,175.50 with a match obligation of \$206,425.17. Program costs incurred by Santa Rosa Water between January 1, 2011 and January 17, 2014 will be applied to the match only. After match requirement is met, rebates issued between January 18, 2014 and December 31, 2020 are eligible for grant reimbursement up to the maximum amount allowed per type of rebate.

PRIOR BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW

On November 1, 2018, the Board, by motion approved the Northern Sonoma County Water Conservation Funding Agreement for \$116,250 for water efficiency rebates already paid since 2014.

On June 4, 2020, the Board, by motion approved the First Amended Northern Sonoma County Water Conservation Funding Agreement extending the expiration date of the Agreement from June 30, 2020 to August 31, 2021.

ANALYSIS

This funding agreement allows Sonoma Water to pass through grant funds from DWR to Santa Rosa Water. These funds are reimbursement for previously issued rebates and allowed Santa Rosa Water to reduce overall costs to ratepayers by encouraging water efficiency.

FISCAL IMPACT

None at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

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ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Second Amended Agreement for Northern Sonoma County Water Conservation Program

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