



# City of Santa Rosa

Municipal Services Center  
South  
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## Water Conservation Subcommittee Meeting Minutes - Final

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Tuesday, April 6, 2021

11:00 AM

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### 11:00 A.M. (Virtual Meeting)

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Board of Public Utilities Water Conservation Subcommittee met on April 6, 2021 at 11:04 a.m. via a Zoom Webinar, with Board members Watts and Grabill presiding. Board Member Walsh was absent.

**Present:** 2 - Christopher Grabill and Mary Watts

**Absent:** 1 - Mark Walsh

Present:

Jennifer Burke

Peter Martin

Colin Close

Claire Nordlie

Heather Aviles

Thomas Hare

Roberta Atha

Others Present:

Kimberly Zunino

Elise Howard

Gina Perez

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE.

#### 3. MINUTES APPROVAL

**3.1** March 9, 2021 - Special Meeting Minutes.

The minutes for March 9, 2021 were accepted and received.

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS

#### **4.1 2020 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Staff will give an update on the preparation of the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan, including an overview of water service reliability through 2045, the Drought Risk Assessment for 2021-2025, and demand management measures.

Colin Close, Senior Water Resources Planner, provided an update on the preparation of the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan. The update included an overview of water service reliability through 2045, the Drought Risk Assessment for 2021-2025 and demand management measures.

#### **4.2 WATER-USE EFFICIENCY AWARDS**

Staff will present recommendations for the Committee's review and approval for the 2021 Water-Use Efficiency Awards, which will be presented at the City Council meeting on May 18th, in conjunction with the Proclamation of Water Awareness Month.

Heather Aviles, Sustainability Representative, presented recommendations for the 2021 Water-Use Efficiency Awards for the subcommittee's review and approval. Three recommendations were presented including one residential recipient and two groups/businesses that support water-use efficiency programs in the community. The awards will be presented at the May 18 City Council meeting in conjunction with the Proclamation of Water Awareness Month. Board Members Watts and Grabill supported the staff recommendation.

#### **4.3 2021 WATER AWARENESS MONTH**

Staff will give an update on activities planned for this year's Water Awareness Month which occurs in May.

Heather Aviles, Sustainability Representative, provided an update on activities planned for Water Awareness Month which occurs in May. Events will include a Virtual Eco-Friendly Garden Tour and participation in the Earth Day drive-up event.

#### **4.4 U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION GRANT OPPORTUNITY**

Staff will give an overview of a grant application to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART: Small Scale Water Efficiency Projects Program. If awarded, this grant would provide the City with \$75,000 to temporarily increase the amount of the Cash for Grass rebate for customers with dedicated irrigation meters. Staff will be going to City Council on April 13, 2021 to request that the Council authorize Santa Rosa Water to submit this grant.

Thomas Hare, Sustainability Technician, provided an overview of a grant application to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART: Small Scale Water Efficiency Projects program. Staff will request City Council authorization to submit the grant at its April 13 meeting.

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.