

# City of Santa Rosa



## Legislation Details

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**Title:** REPORT - ADOPTION OF STAGE 3 - MANDATORY 20% REDUCTION IN WATER USE OF THE CITY'S WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN

**BACKGROUND:** On April 21, 2021, the Governor declared a local drought emergency for Sonoma and Mendocino counties. On April 27, 2021, the County of Sonoma declared a local drought emergency. On May 14, 2021, Sonoma Water, the City's water wholesale supplier, filed a Temporary Urgency Change Petition with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) requesting a reduction of releases from Lake Mendocino and Lake Sonoma to preserve critical water supply storage. On June 14, 2021, the State Board issued a Temporary Urgency Change Order that allows Sonoma Water to reduce their releases from Lake Mendocino and Lake Sonoma to preserve critical water supply storage. The Order also requires Sonoma Water to reduce their diversions from the Russian River beginning July 1 by 20% over 2020 levels. Sonoma Water will therefore be allocating water to their water contractors, including Santa Rosa Water. Adopting Stage 3 of the City's Water Shortage Contingency Plan is required to reduce retail demand and achieve targets consistent with Santa Rosa Water's allocation.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended by Santa Rosa Water that the Council: 1) by motion, find good cause, under the Early Agenda Policy and the Open Government Ordinance, to consider this item, notwithstanding that the item did not appear on the preliminary agenda; and by resolution, 2) declare a drought emergency; 3) adopt Stage 3 - Mandatory 20% Reduction in Water Use of the City's Water Shortage Contingency Plan; 4) direct staff to implement the water conservation program as defined by Stage 3 to realize a community-wide water use reduction of up to 20%; and 5) authorize the utilization of Water Enterprise Catastrophic Reserve funds, if necessary.

**Sponsors:** Water

**Indexes:** Exempt Project

**Code sections:** 15269(c) - Emergency Projects

**Attachments:** 1. Staff Report, 2. Attachment 1 - 2020 WSCP, 3. Attachment 2 - Sonoma Water TUCP Order, 4. Resolution, 5. Presentation, 6. Late Correspondence (Uploaded 6-29-2021)

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
6/29/2021	1	City Council	to waive reading of the text and adopt	Pass