

City of Santa Rosa



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BACKGROUND: The Santa Rosa Plain groundwater basin covers an area of approximately 80,000 acres and is home to approximately half the population of Sonoma County. In September 2014, the Governor signed into law the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA) which provides a framework for sustainable management of groundwater supplies by local authorities. SGMA requires local agencies with land use, water supply or water management authorities to form Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) by mid-2017. In Sonoma County three groundwater basins, the Santa Rosa Plain, Petaluma, and Sonoma Valley basins, are required to comply with SGMA.

In the Santa Rosa Plain, staff of Santa Rosa Water along with staff from other GSA-eligible entities have begun meeting to discuss options for forming GSAs in each of the three groundwater basins. The GSA eligible entities include local municipalities, the Sonoma County Water Agency and the County. Together, staff from these agencies have developed SGMA Principles for Developing Governance Options. These Principles outline a series of precepts that the GSA-eligible entities will use to guide the development of the GSAs.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Board of Public Utilities and the Santa Rosa Water Department that the Council, by resolution, support the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Principles for Developing Governance Options.

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