

# City of Santa Rosa



## Legislation Details

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**Title:** REPORT - RECOMMENDATION TO RESCIND JUNE 29, 2021 DROUGHT EMERGENCY DECLARATION, RESCIND STAGE 3 OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA'S WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN, REMOVE AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE WATER ENTERPRISE FUND CATASTROPHIC RESERVES, AND IMPLEMENT DEMAND REDUCTION ACTIONS CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 23, SECTION 996(c)(1) OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS FOR THE DURATION THIS EMERGENCY REGULATION IS IN EFFECT

BACKGROUND: In response to drought conditions, on June 29, 2021, the City Council declared a water shortage emergency and adopted Stage 3 of the City of Santa Rosa's Water Shortage Contingency Plan imposing mandatory restrictions and requiring customers to reduce community-wide water use by 20%. Beginning late December 2022, the region experienced a series of atmospheric rivers filling our region's water supply reservoirs, Lake Sonoma and Lake Mendocino. Lake Sonoma now holds sufficient storage to provide more than three years of water supply. Therefore, required reductions in water use are no longer necessary. However, compliance with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted emergency water conservation regulations is still required. The City of Santa Rosa can rescind the water shortage emergency and implementation of Stage 3 of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan while retaining measures for compliance with State Water Board emergency regulations.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Board of Public Utilities and Santa Rosa Water that the City Council, by resolution, 1) rescind the June 29, 2021 drought emergency declaration, 2) rescind the implementation of Stage 3 of the City of Santa Rosa Water Shortage Contingency Plan, 3) remove authorization for the Water Department to utilize the Water Enterprise Fund Catastrophic Reserves, and 4) direct staff to implement demand reduction actions consistent with Title 23, Section 996(c)(1) of the California Code of Regulations for the duration this emergency regulation is in effect.

**Sponsors:** Water, Board of Public Utilities

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**Attachments:** 1. Staff Report, 2. Attachment 1 - Board of Public Utilities Resolution No. 1255, 3. Attachment 2 - City Council Resolution No. RES-2021-125, 4. Attachment 3 – Board of Public Utilities Resolution No. 1312, 5. Resolution, 6. Exhibit A, 7. Presentation

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