

City of Santa Rosa



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Title: REPORT - REQUESTING COMMUNITY-WIDE 20% REDUCTION OF WATER USE THROUGH VOLUNTARY WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES - RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL

BACKGROUND: The Russian River Watershed is experiencing record low rainfall and extremely dry conditions for the second year in a row. Santa Rosa Water purchases approximately 95% of our water supply from Sonoma Water. Sonoma Water's two reservoirs, Lake Mendocino and Lake Sonoma, are at the lowest levels ever recorded for this time of year. On April 21, 2021, the Governor of California declared a drought emergency in Sonoma and Mendocino Counties related to the existing conditions in the Russian River Watershed. On May 3, 2021 the Water Advisory Committee to Sonoma Water adopted a resolution requesting the Sonoma Water Contractors voluntarily reduce water use by 20% over 2020 levels. Santa Rosa Water continues to participate in a regional outreach campaign to increase water use efficiency awareness and help customers achieve water savings.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by Santa Rosa Water staff that the Board of Public Utilities, by resolution, recommend that the City Council adopt a resolution requesting water customers reduce their water use by 20% through voluntary conservation measures.

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Attachments: 1. Staff Report, 2. Attachment 1_WAC Draft Resolution, 3. BPU Resolution 1255, 4. Presentation (added 5/5/21)

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