

City of Santa Rosa



Legislation Details

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Title: PUBLIC HEARING - WATER DEMAND OFFSET POLICY, FEE STUDY, AND FEES

BACKGROUND: The City of Santa Rosa is required by California Law to prepare an Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and Water Shortage Contingency Plan (Shortage Plan) every five years to assess the adequacy and reliability of water supplies for current and future needs as well as plan for and detail how the City will respond to various levels of water supply shortage. On November 18, 2021, the Board of Public Utilities (BPU), by resolution, recommended the City Council adopt the Water Demand Offset (WDO) Policy, WDO Fee Study, and WDO Fees which have been developed to implement the City's Shortage Plan requirement that new construction must offset water demand during water shortage emergencies that require very restrictive water allocations (water rationing) by the City's existing customers. On November 30, 2021, the City Council held a public hearing to receive public comments and provide input to staff. Council asked staff to complete additional analysis and develop potential alternatives for City Council consideration at a later date. On March 17, 2022, staff presented the additional information that was prepared in response to Council's direction to the BPU. The BPU, by motion, reaffirmed their recommendation that the City Council adopt the Water Demand Offset (WDO) Policy, WDO Fee Study, and WDO Fees.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Board of Public Utilities and Santa Rosa Water that the Council, by resolution: 1) adopt Council Policy 000-72 - Water Demand Offset Policy; 2) adopt the Water Demand Offset Fee Study dated February 9, 2022; 3) adopt the Water Demand Offset Fees; and 4) authorize the Water Demand Offset Fees to be adjusted on an annual basis to account for inflation at the beginning of the calendar year (January 1) starting in 2023, using the Engineering News Record's 20-Cities Construction Cost Index.

Sponsors: Water, Board of Public Utilities

Indexes: Exempt Project

Code sections:

Attachments: 1. Staff Report, 2. Attachment 1- WDO Policy (redline), 3. Resolution, 4. Exhibit A - Council Policy 000-72 WDO Policy, 5. Exhibit B - WDO Fee Study, 6. Presentation, 7. Late Correspondence (Uploaded 3-29-2022)

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
3/29/2022	1	City Council	to waive reading of the text and adopt	Pass