



City of Santa Rosa

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Title:	REPORT - RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL OF THE JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT CREATING THE SANTA ROSA PLAIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY				

BACKGROUND: The Santa Rosa Plain groundwater sub-basin covers an area of approximately 80,000 acres and the majority of the City of Santa Rosa overlies this sub-basin. The 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) provides a framework for sustainable management of groundwater supplies by local agencies and requires local agencies with land use, water supply or water management authorities to form one or more Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) by mid-2017. In Sonoma County three groundwater basins, the Santa Rosa Plain, Petaluma Valley, and Sonoma Valley basins, are required to comply with SGMA.

In the Santa Rosa Plain sub-basin, staff of Santa Rosa Water along with staff from the other GSA-eligible entities within the sub-basin have been meeting since 2015 to discuss the development of a GSA for the sub-basin through a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement. These GSA eligible entities include local municipalities, the Sonoma County Water Agency, Sonoma County and the Goldridge and Sonoma Resource Conservation Districts.

RECOMMENDATION: Santa Rosa Water recommends that the Board of Public Utilities, by resolution, recommend that the City Council, by resolution, (1) approve the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) creating the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) to act as the single GSA for the Santa Rosa Plain sub-basin, (2) approve the City of Santa Rosa's membership in the Santa Rosa Plain GSA, and (3) delegate authority to the Mayor to appoint the Director and Alternate Director to the Santa Rosa Plain GSA Board of Directors, and delegate authority to the Director of Santa Rosa Water to appoint the Santa Rosa Plain GSA advisory committee member and alternate.

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