



# City of Santa Rosa

## Legislation Details

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<b>Title:</b>	REPORT - RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE SEWER CAP AND WATER CAP SETTING PERIOD FOR THE SEWER OR WATER CAP IN EFFECT FROM JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022				

BACKGROUND: Santa Rosa Water bills single-family residential and multi-family residential accounts that do not have a separate irrigation meter for landscaping for sewer usage based on a calculated sewer cap. Santa Rosa Water bills single-family residential accounts for water based on a two-tier water usage rate. For water-only customers that use City water for both indoor and irrigation use, a water cap is calculated to determine indoor water use. Water only customers are billed for water use up to the water cap at the first tier and all water use above the water cap is billed at the second tier.

Sewer and water caps are calculated by the average winter water use for three complete billing periods of use beginning with the first meter reading on or after November 15th of each year and ending after three full billing periods have completed ("Winter Billing Period"). The sewer and water caps go into effect July 1st of each year.

During the most recent Winter Billing Period, Santa Rosa received less than average rainfall with the exception of the second billing period. Due to the lack of rainfall, there may have been a need to irrigate during portions of the Winter Billing Period. In order to be responsive to Santa Rosa Water customers, staff reviewed the cap setting months and determined the second billing period which began with reads on or after December 17, 2020 and ended before or on February 10, 2021 did not require irrigation for landscaping based on an analysis of plant water needs. For some accounts the three-month average was less than the second billing period and therefore the lesser of the second billing period use or three-month average use is proposed.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by Santa Rosa Water and Finance Department staff that the Board of Public Utilities, by resolution, establish sewer and water caps effective for the period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, by either averaging usage for three winter billing periods of November 2020 through March 2021 or based solely on the second billing period where irrigation was not required, whichever is lower.

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