

City of Santa Rosa



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Title:	REPORT - DIRECTION TO SANTA ROSA PLAIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY BOARD MEMBER REGARDING ADOPTION OF GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY USER FEES				

BACKGROUND: The Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SRP GSA) is a Joint Powers Authority comprised of the Cities of Cotati, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, and Sebastopol, the Town of Windsor, the County of Sonoma, Sonoma Water, and the Gold Ridge and Sonoma Resource Conservation Districts. In addition, a group of mutual water companies and independently owned water systems, via agreement with the SRP GSA, also have a seat on the SRP GSA Board of Directors. The SRP GSA has a Board of Directors comprised of SRP GSA member agency representatives. Council Member Schwedhelm is currently the City's SRP GSA Board member.

The SRP GSA is a self-funding agency, formed by law in 2017 to carry out the mandates of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014. In June 2019, the SRP GSA Board of Directors approved an ordinance enacting a groundwater sustainability user fee of \$19.90 per acre foot per year of groundwater extracted within the SRP GSA jurisdictional boundary. This fee was enacted to support a three-year effort to develop a state mandated Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) by January 31, 2022. Now that the GSP has been formally adopted, a five-year rate study has been pursued by the SRP GSA to determine the fee amounts necessary to implement the GSP. A revised groundwater sustainability user fee of \$36-\$44 per acre foot of groundwater extracted annually is proposed for five years. Santa Rosa Water staff are requesting the Board of Public Utilities provide a recommendation that the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Agency's representative support adoption of the revised fee at the SRP GSA Public Hearing on June 9, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by Santa Rosa Water staff that the Board of Public Utilities consider the revised groundwater sustainability user fee for the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SRP GSA), and, by motion, recommend that Santa Rosa's GSA Board member support adoption of the revised fee at the SRP GSA June 9, 2022 Public Hearing.

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