



# City of Santa Rosa

## Legislation Details

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<b>Title:</b>	REPORT - SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY 2023/24 WATER TRANSMISSION BUDGET AND RATE INCREASE				

**BACKGROUND:** The City of Santa Rosa purchases approximately 95% of the water supplied to our customers from the Sonoma Water, the region's water wholesaler. Sonoma Water is proposing to raise the wholesale rate of water by 10.56% from \$1,061.04 per acre-foot to \$1173.09 per acre foot.

There is a Water Advisory Committee (WAC) made up of elected officials of each of the eight prime contractors, including Santa Rosa, that purchase water from Sonoma Water. The WAC is an advisory committee to the Sonoma Water Board of Directors. The City's WAC Representative is Mayor Natalie Rogers. On April 3, 2023, the WAC is scheduled to vote on whether or not to recommend approval of the Sonoma Water proposed 2023/24 budget and rate increase to the Sonoma Water Board of Directors.

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is made of technical staff of each of the eight prime contractors that purchase water from Sonoma Water. The TAC provides technical analysis and recommendations to the WAC. The TAC considered Sonoma Water's proposed 2023/24 budget and rates on March 6, 2023 and voted in favor of recommending the proposed budget and rate increase with Santa Rosa's TAC representative voting in opposition.

The Board of Public Utilities reviewed Sonoma Water's proposed budget and rate increase on March 16, 2023 and made a recommendation to City Council regarding Council's direction to the City's WAC Representative on Sonoma Water's proposed 2023/24 budget and rates. The City Council may advise its WAC representative on how to vote at the April 3, 2023 WAC meeting. Ultimately the Sonoma Water Board of Directors has final authority to approve Sonoma Water's proposed 2023/24 budget and rates.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended by the Board of Public Utilities and Santa Rosa Water that the Council, by motion, consider Sonoma Water's proposed 2023/24 Water Transmission Budget and rate increase and provide direction to its Water Advisory Committee representative for the April 3, 2023 Water Advisory Committee vote on the proposed 2023/24 Water Transmission Budget and rate increase.

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