

# Appropriation of Additional Cell Tower Lease Revenues for the Help 2 Others (H2O) program

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# Cellular Antenna Leases



- Lease revenue from cellular antennae on Water towers fund the H2O program subsidy expenditures – fixed portion of Water & Sewer bills for qualifying customers
- Classified as “non-rate revenues”
- Six cell towers across 3 water tanks
- ~\$400,000 revenues in the current fiscal year

# Additional Cell Tower Lease Revenues

- Since program inception, we have appropriated enough cell tower lease revenues to fund:
  - Internal staff time for administration of Help 2 Others (H2O) program
  - Contract costs to pay Sonoma CAN (previously CAP Sonoma) for their work vetting household income for program eligibility
  - The fixed bill subsidies paid by the program
- There is a total of \$406,993.91 cell tower lease revenues that have not yet been appropriated
  - Currently in Water Administration fund as undesignated fund balance
  - Requesting the Board's recommendation to Council to authorize the appropriation of these reserves to fund the program

# Recommendation

It is recommended by Santa Rosa Water that the Board of Public Utilities, by motion, recommend that City Council approve the appropriation of additional cell tower lease revenues in the amount of \$406,993.91 from fund balance for expenditure in the Help 2 Others (H2O) program.

# Questions?