



**Board of Public Utilities
Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft**

Thursday, April 2, 2026

1:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Galvin called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Present 5 - Chair Daniel Galvin III, Vice Chair William Arnone Jr., Board Member Duane De Witt, Board Member J. Matthew Mullan, and Board Member Glen Wright

Absent 1 - Board Member Lisa Badenfort

2. REMOTE PARTICIPATION UNDER THE BROWN ACT (Gov. Code § 54953.8)

None.

3. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION BY BOARD MEMBERS

None.

4. STUDY SESSION

None.

5. MINUTES APPROVAL

5.1 March 19, 2026 - Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft

The March 19, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted.

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

6.1 WATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Staff will update the Board on Water Capital Improvement projects in planning, design, and construction phases, as well as timelines for bids of those on-going design projects. The Board may discuss this item and give direction to staff.

Christa Siegenthaler, Deputy Director - Engineering Services, Transportation and Public Works, presented and answered Board Member questions.

6.2 EARTH DAY 2026 AT COURTHOUSE SQUARE

Staff will provide information on Santa Rosa's annual Earth Day event taking place at the Courthouse Square on Saturday, April 25, 2026 from 12:00 pm-4:00 pm. The Board may discuss this item and give direction to staff.

Jennifer Nesbit, Research and Program Coordinator, presented and answered Board Member questions.

7. CONSENT ITEMS

A motion was made by Vice Chair Arnone, Jr., seconded by Board Member Mullan, to approve Consent Items 7.1 through 7.5.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Galvin III, Vice Chair Arnone Jr., Board Member De Witt, Board Member Mullan and Board Member Wright

Absent: 1 - Board Member Badenfort

7.1 MOTION - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT AMENDMENT NO. 2 APPROVAL - CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE LAGUNA TREATMENT PLANT DISINFECTION AND DIVERSION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT WITH PSOMAS

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by Santa Rosa Water and the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Board of Public Utilities, by motion, approve Amendment No. 2 to Professional Services Agreement No. F002234 with Psomas, Inc. of Walnut Creek to provide additional Construction Management and Inspection Services for the Laguna Treatment Plant Disinfection and Diversion Improvements Project in the amount of \$490,663.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,962,409.00.

This Consent - Motion was approved.

7.2 MOTION - PROJECT WORK ORDER AMENDMENT NO. 6 APPROVAL - ENGINEERING SERVICES DURING CONSTRUCTION AND COMMISSIONING SUPPORT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE LAGUNA TREATMENT PLANT DISINFECTION IMPROVEMENTS

PROJECT WITH CAROLLO ENGINEERS

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by Santa Rosa Water and the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Board of Public Utilities, by motion, approve Amendment No. 6 to Project Work Order No. A010014-2011-09 under the Master Professional Services Agreement with Carollo Engineers, Inc. of Walnut Creek to provide additional Engineering Services During Construction and Commissioning support for the Laguna Treatment Plant Disinfection Improvements Project in the amount of \$557,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$9,012,375.

This Consent - Motion was approved.

7.3 MOTION - CONTRACT AWARD - ROBLES TRUNK LINING PHASE 1, CONTRACT NO. C02114

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by Santa Rosa Water and the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Board of Public Utilities, by motion, award Contract No. C02114, Robles Trunk Lining Phase 1, in the amount of \$4,373,700.00 to the lowest responsible bidder, SAK Construction, LLC, of Rocklin, California, approve a 10% contract contingency, and authorize a total contract amount of \$4,811,070.00.

This Consent - Motion was approved.

7.4 RESOLUTION - SOLE SOURCE PROJECT WORK ORDER APPROVAL - PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE SANTA ROSA WATER CONSOLIDATION PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by Santa Rosa Water and the Transportation and Public Works (TPW) Department that the Board of Public Utilities (Board), by resolution, approve sole source Project Work Order No. A010131-2025-01 under the Master Professional Services Agreement with NV5 Consultants, Inc., of Sacramento, California, to provide Professional Engineering Design Services for the Santa Rosa Water Consolidation Project, Contract No. CO 2269, in an amount not to exceed \$859,746.00.

This Consent - Resolution was approved.

7.5 MOTION - APPROVAL - FOURTH AMENDMENT TO BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER 166906 FOR ONE YEAR EXTENSION AND TO INCREASE COMPENSATION FOR FERRIC CHLORIDE DELIVERY

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by Santa Rosa Water and the Finance Department that the Board of Public Utilities, by motion, approve the Fourth Amendment to Blanket Purchase Order (BPO) 166906 with Pencco, Inc., Sealy, Texas, for ferric chloride delivery to extend the agreement for one year with no increase in unit price and to increase compensation in the amount of \$300,000.00 for a not-to-exceed cumulative value of \$1,972,082.99.

This Consent - Motion was approved.

8. REPORT ITEMS

8.1 REPORT - FY 2026-27 WATER, LOCAL WASTEWATER, REGIONAL REUSE AND STORM WATER AND CREEKS OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT, AND DEBT SERVICE BUDGET AND ALLOCATION OF COSTS - RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL

BACKGROUND: Santa Rosa Water manages the City of Santa Rosa's Water, Local Wastewater, Regional Reuse, and Storm Water and Creeks enterprise funds under the general policy authority and direction of the Board of Public Utilities (BPU) per the City Charter. The Regional Water Reuse System, managed by Santa Rosa Water, serves five member agencies - Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park, Sebastopol, Cotati, and the Sonoma County South Park Sanitation District, each hereinafter referred to as "User Agency" or collectively as "User Agencies". The Operating Agreement (Agreement) between the User Agencies requires Santa Rosa Water to annually prepare a Budget and Allocation of Costs for the Regional Water Reuse System and notify the User Agencies of these costs by May of each year. The BPU annually recommends proposed fiscal year Water, Local Wastewater, Regional Reuse, and Storm Water and Creeks budgets to the City Council to be included in the annual City budget adoption.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Board of Public Utilities Budget Subcommittee, the Subregional Technical Advisory

Committee (SubTAC), and Santa Rosa Water that the Board of Public Utilities, by resolution, recommend that the City Council approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 Water, Local Wastewater, Storm Water and Creeks and Regional System fund Operations and Maintenance, capital expenditure, and debt service appropriation requests, and the resulting cost allocations.

Kevin Buchanan, Budget and Financial Analysis Manager, presented and answered Board Member questions.

A motion was made by Board Member Wright, seconded by Vice Chair Arnone, Jr., to approve RESOLUTION NO. RES-2026-004 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES RECOMMENDING THAT THE SANTA ROSA CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 SANTA ROSA WATER OPERATING, MAINTENANCE, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND DEBT SERVICE BUDGETS AND RESULTING COST ALLOCATIONS FOR THE WATER, LOCAL WASTEWATER, REGIONAL REUSE AND STORM WATER AND CREEKS FUNDS

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Galvin III, Vice Chair Arnone Jr., Board Member De Witt, Board Member Mullan and Board Member Wright

Absent: 1 - Board Member Badenfort

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

None.

10. REFERRALS

None.

11. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION (AND POSSIBLE BOARD DISCUSSION)

None.

12. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

13. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

None.

14. DIRECTORS REPORTS

Director Burke reported: At the October 15, 2026 meeting last year, the BPU received a staff briefing on the process and outcomes of the annual utility water loss audit that has been required by law since 2015. Beginning in 2025, in addition to the completion of the annual water loss audit, the City was required to start reporting to the state on progress towards achieving new water loss performance standards that were placed into law by the 2018 Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life legislation. These water loss performance standards are specific to each utility and are targeted to be achieved by water utilities in the state beginning in 2028.

At that meeting, staff reported that the City is already on course to be in compliance with the 2028 water loss performance standard that was set for Santa Rosa Water. Staff reported that in 2024, we had already attained an annual water loss metric that was 25% below the 2028 state mandated target. Notably, Santa Rosa Water's results are also well below the water loss metrics for other water utilities in the state. This is no accident, with the support of the BPU and dedication of our Local Water and Sewer Operations Division, Santa Rosa Water has invested in Automatic Metering Infrastructure and a very proactive leak detection and repair program that has delivered results to our ratepayers.

BPU members suggested we need to tell this story and should be celebrating this achievement. In response to this request from the BPU, Santa Rosa Water staff worked with the Communications and Intergovernmental Relations Office to develop a video about our water loss efforts. It will run on city social media channels and is currently available on YouTube.

15. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Chair Galvin adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.