



**Water Conservation Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes - Draft**

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

3:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Badenfort called the meeting to order at 3:31 P.M.

Present: (3) Board Member DeWitt, Board Member Mullan, and
Chair Badenfort

Absent: (0)

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

None.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 March 19, 2025 - Special Meeting Minutes - Draft

The March 19, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes were approved as
submitted.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND WATER SHORTAGE
CONTINGENCY PLAN

Staff will provide an overview of the 2025 Urban Water Management
Plan (UWMP) and the Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP). Both
plans are regulatorily required to be submitted to the Department of
Water Resources on a five-year cycle, with this plan due July 1, 2026.
Staff will review the projected water demands and water supply from
2025 to 2050. The Subcommittee may discuss this item and give
direction to staff.

Claire Nordlie, Senior Water Resources Planner, presented and
answered questions on the California Urban Water Management

Planning Act and Santa Rosa's Urban Water Management Plan including how demand is projected, demand projections for 2025 - 2050, projected water supplies, 2026 - 2030 drought risk assessment, and the water shortage contingency plan.

5.2 AB 1572 BAN ON IRRIGATING NONFUNCTIONAL TURF

Staff will provide an overview of the state regulation banning irrigation of nonfunctional turf at specific accounts within the City's service area beginning in 2027. Under the law, the City must update its municipal code to include the prohibitions and enforcement actions within the regulation and notify all impacted accounts no later than January 1, 2027. Staff will review compliance timelines and approach as well as opportunities to adapt customer programs to achieve compliance. The Subcommittee may discuss this item and give direction to staff.

Lisa Cuellar, Sustainability Coordinator, presented and answered questions on AB 1572, the nonfunctional turf irrigation ban, including the purpose, the requirements, defining what is turf and what is nonfunctional turf, enforcement, and City of Santa Rosa rebates that will assist customers with compliance.

5.3 WATER USE EFFICIENCY AWARD NOMINATIONS

Staff will present recommendations for the 2026 Water-Use Efficiency Awards for the Subcommittee's approval, which will be presented at a City Council meeting in May in conjunction with the Proclamation of Water Awareness Month. Staff will also provide an update on other planned Water Awareness Month activities. The Subcommittee may discuss this item and give direction to staff.

Lisa Cuellar, Sustainability Coordinator, presented on the Water Use Efficiency Awards, Water Awareness Month, and the WaterSmart Expo.

Moved by Board Member Mullan, seconded by Board Member DeWitt, to approved the proposed 2026 Water Use Efficiency Award winners. Unanimously approved.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Badenfort adjourned the meeting at 4:55 P.M.