

RESOLUTION NO. 27308

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA DECLARING A WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY, IMPLEMENTING STAGE 1 OF THE CITY'S URBAN WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN REQUESTING CUSTOMERS TO VOLUNTARILY REDUCE WATER USE BY 15%, AND AUTHORIZING UTILIZATION OF THE CATASTROPHIC RESERVE.

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa is a City empowered to provide water service within certain boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Sonoma County Water Agency (Agency) is the wholesaler of water to the City of Santa Rosa; and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2009, the Agency held a press conference projecting that water storage may hit new historically low levels unless water rationing is ordered and significant rainfall occurs; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has not yet declared a water shortage nor reduced water allocations to the City of Santa Rosa and all municipal customers of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has announced it anticipates requiring 30% mandatory rationing from its municipal customers within the coming weeks; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa has the authority and responsibility to adopt water demand reduction measures within its area of service; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa has the authority to employ the Catastrophic Reserve during a Water Shortage Emergency; and

WHEREAS, in preparation for the water shortage declaration from the Agency, Utilities Department staff is recommending implementation of Stage 1 of the City's Urban Water Shortage Contingency Plan; and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2009, the Board of Public Utilities adopted a Resolution recommending that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa adopt a resolution declaring a water shortage emergency, directing staff to implement a program of demand management as defined by Stage 1 of the City's Urban Water Shortage Contingency Plan to realize City-wide water reduction of 15%, and authorizing staff to utilize the Catastrophic Reserve to compensate for loss of revenue due to reduced water sales.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa declares a water shortage emergency and directs staff to implement a program of demand management as defined by Stage 1 of the City's Urban Water Shortage Contingency Plan to realize City-wide water reduction of 15%.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council authorizes staff to utilize the Catastrophic Reserve to compensate for loss of revenue due to reduced water sales.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 24th day of February, 2009.

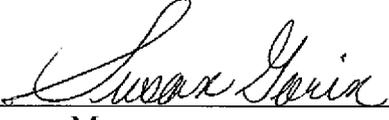
AYES: (7) Mayor Gorin, Vice Mayor Vas Dupre, Councilmembers Bender, Sawyer, Jacobi, Wysocky and Olivares

NOES: (0)

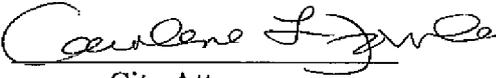
ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST:   
City Clerk

APPROVED:   
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
City Attorney