
Date: May 21, 2024

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____



4/5 Vote Required

Concurrent Resolution Of The Board Of Directors Of The Sonoma County Water Agency; The Board Of Directors Of The Occidental County Sanitation District, The Board Of Directors Of The Russian River County Sanitation District, The Board Of Directors Of The Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District, And The Board Of Directors Of The South Park County Sanitation District authorizing the Sonoma County Water Agency General Manager to Implement an Annual Sanitation Rate Relief Program; and to Expend up to \$600,000 Annually from the Sonoma County Water Agency's General Fund to Fund the Program Subject to Board Budget Ratification. (4/5 vote required).

Whereas, Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water) desires to implement an annual Sanitation Rate Relief Program (Program) to assist low-income sanitation customers who pay their sewer service charges on the property tax roll within the Sanitation Zones and Districts listed below:

1. Airport-Larkfield-Wikiup Sanitation Zone
2. Geyserville Sanitation Zone
3. Penngrove Sanitation Zone
4. Sea Ranch Sanitation Zone
5. Occidental County Sanitation District
6. Russian River County Sanitation District
7. South Park County Sanitation District
8. Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District; and

Whereas, the Program will expend up to \$600,000 from Sonoma Water's General Fund to pay one half of eligible low-income customer sewer bills for the subsequent fiscal year's sewer service charges on the property tax roll; and

Whereas, the subsidy provided by the Program will not be funded by ratepayers.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Directors of the Occidental County Sanitation District, the Board of Directors of the Russian River County Sanitation District, the Board of Directors of the Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District, the Board of Directors of the South

Park County Sanitation District and the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Water Agency authorizes the General Manager to implement the Sanitation Rate Relief Program and expend up to \$600,000 from Sonoma Water's General Fund to pay one half of eligible low-income customer sewer bills for the subsequent fiscal year's sewer service charges on the property tax roll subject to Board budget ratification each year.

Be It Further Resolved that the following eligibility and procedural requirements are established for the Program:

1. Eligible customers must either be a current participant in the PG&E CARE Program or have a total income of all persons living in the home of 60% or less of the area median family income, which will be determined by the current Sonoma County Housing Authority income limits.
2. Customers who own their home and live in the home as their primary residence, 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations that provide housing to low-income renters that show evidence that they rent 85% or more of their properties to tenants that have household earnings of 60% or less of the area median family income, and 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations that operate homeless shelters and house residents who do not pay rent are eligible for rebates.
3. Applications will be received from April through June each year so that rebates can be placed on the property tax roll for the following fiscal year.

Sonoma County Water Agency Directors:

Gorin:	Coursey:	Gore:	Hopkins:	Rabbitt:
Ayes:	Noes:	Absent:	Abstain:	

So Ordered.

Occidental County Sanitation District Directors:

Gorin:	Coursey:	Gore:	Hopkins:	Rabbitt:
Ayes:	Noes:	Absent:	Abstain:	

So Ordered.

Russian River County Sanitation District Directors:

Gorin:	Coursey:	Gore:	Hopkins:	Rabbitt:
Ayes:	Noes:	Absent:	Abstain:	

So Ordered.

South Park County Sanitation District Directors:

Gorin:	Coursey:	Gore:	Hopkins:	Rabbitt:
Ayes:	Noes:	Absent:	Abstain:	

So Ordered.

Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District Directors:

Gorin:	Rabbitt:	Gurney:		
Ayes:	Noes:	Absent:	Abstain:	

So Ordered.