



Legislation Text

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To: Board of Directors, Sonoma County Water Agency
Department or Agency Name(s): Sonoma County Water Agency
Staff Name and Phone Number: Kevin Booker, 707-521-1865
Vote Requirement: Majority
Supervisory District(s): All

Title:

Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Section 1.02 of the Sonoma County Water Agency Sanitation Code

Recommended Action:

Adopt an Ordinance amending Section 1.02 of the Sonoma County Water Agency Sanitation Code (Second Reading).

Executive Summary:

On June 4, 2024, the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Water Agency introduced Ordinance 97, reading the title of, and waiving further reading of the ordinance to amend Section 1.02, Rules and Regulations, of the Sonoma County Water Agency's (Sonoma Water) Sanitation Code which sets forth uniform requirements for wastewater users to Sonoma Water's collection, treatment, and disposal systems, establishing terms and conditions for new and existing sewer services, and providing the policy and direction for the design, inspection, and construction of all sanitation works to be accepted, owned, and operated by the Agency. This item recommends adopting the ordinance.

Discussion:

Sonoma Water is a special district created pursuant to the Sonoma County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Act. Sonoma Water collects, treats, and recycles wastewater from various areas in Sonoma County, including the Airport-Larkfield-Wikiup Sanitation Zone, the Geyserville Sanitation Zone, Penngrove Sanitation Zone, and the Sea Ranch Sanitation Zone (Sanitation Zones).

Section 1.02, Rules and Regulations, of Sonoma Water's Sanitation Code sets forth uniform requirements for wastewater users to Sanitation Zone's collection, treatment, and disposal systems, establishing terms and conditions for new and existing sewer services, and providing the policy and direction for the design, inspection, and construction of all sanitation works to be accepted, owned, and operated by Sonoma Water. To facilitate any proposed transition of ownership of any Sanitation Zone or portion of a Sanitation Zone's facilities to another entity (Receiving Entity) staff is proposing an amendment to Sonoma Water's Sanitation Code, Section 1.02 to allow for such transition, such as the needs arise.

To facilitate a transition of operations from Sonoma Water to a Receiving Entity, revising Sonoma Water's Sanitation Code to allow the Board of Directors or the General Manager to accept compliance with a Receiving Entity's requirements for wastewater contributors to the Sanitation Zone's collection, treatment, and disposal systems and establishing terms and conditions for new and existing sewer services, and providing the policy

and direction for the design, inspection, and construction of all sanitation works to be accepted will insure consistency for those users who fall under a Sanitation Zone's program.

This revision will allow a Sanitation Zone user to have a clear path on what regulations they are to follow and will provide consistency for how regulations are implemented over two different agencies. In addition, this revision will assist with the transfer of other Sanitation Zones operations and maintenance, such as the needs arise.

California Environmental Quality Act

The General Manager has determined that adoption of the ordinance amendment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15308 for Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment because the amendment is regulatory in nature and would assure the protection of the environment.

County of Sonoma Strategic Plan Alignment

N/A

Sonoma Water Strategic Plan Alignment

N/A

Racial Equity:

Was this item identified as an opportunity to apply the Racial Equity Toolkit?

No

Prior Board Actions:

06-04-2024 Adopted a Resolution introducing, reading the title of, and waiving further reading of a proposed ordinance amending Section 1.02 of the Sonoma County Water Agency Sanitation Code (First Reading).

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY24-25 Adopted	FY25-26 Projected	FY26-27 Projected
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures			
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
General Fund Contingencies			
Total Sources			

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

No appropriations are required.

Staffing Impacts:			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

N/A

Attachments:

Attachment 1-Ordinance strikeout

Attachment 2-Ordinance clean copy

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

None