

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Water Advisory Committee March 30, 2020  
From: Drew McIntyre, TAC Chair  
Subject: Approve FY 2020/21 Sonoma County Water Agency Water Transmission System Budget  
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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** WAC approve the FY2020/21 SCWA WTS Budget

Attached is the proposed Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA) Water Transmission System (WTS) Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/21. SCWA (aka Sonoma Water) staff previously met with the TAC budget subcommittee during January and February of this year to refine the budget. During this process the proposed rate increase of 5.89% (vs 5.99% the prior year) for the Santa Rosa and Petaluma aqueduct customers was reduced to 5.3% (vs 4.6% the prior year). At the March 2<sup>nd</sup> TAC meeting, the TAC members received a presentation from SCWA staff on the proposed budget and, at the recommendation of the budget subcommittee, the TAC voted unanimously to recommend approval by the WAC.

The budget is based on estimated water deliveries next year of 43,707 acre feet (AF) which is slightly less than the current year budget estimate of 43,870 AF. The total rate is \$966.95/AF (vs. \$918.30/AF in FY20) for the Santa Rosa and Petaluma Aqueducts and \$1,107.21/AF (vs. \$1,048.80/AF in FY20) for the Sonoma Aqueduct, an increase of 5.30% to 5.57% from FY 2019/20. This rate increase is within the 4%-6% range projected in the long-range financial plan.

SCWA staff will make a presentation on the budget to the WAC at the April 6 meeting. On an as requested basis, SCWA staff has already made budget presentations to some of Water Contractors during the month of March. The actual number of requested budget presentations decreased this year due to coronavirus public health issues.

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