

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Advisory Committee March 30, 2022
From: Drew McIntyre, TAC Chair
Jennifer Burke, TAC Vice Chair
Subject: Approve FY 2022/23 Sonoma County Water Agency Water Transmission System Budget

RECOMMENDED ACTION: WAC approve the FY2022/23 Sonoma Water WTS Budget

Attached is the proposed Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water) Water Transmission System (WTS) Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/23. Sonoma Water staff previously met with the TAC budget subcommittee during February of this year to refine the budget. During this process the proposed rate increase of 9.99% (vs 6.56% the prior year) for the Santa Rosa and Petaluma aqueduct customers was reduced to 6.84% (vs 3.47% the prior year). For the Sonoma Aqueduct customers the proposed rate increase of 9.18% was reduced to 6.52% (vs 3.43% the prior year). The contractors discussed and decided to decrease the discretionary capital charge for the Santa Rosa and Petaluma Aqueducts which resulted in the final proposed budget and rate increase. With the work completed by the budget subcommittee and Sonoma Water, the proposed water rate increase is now a 6.06% for the Santa Rosa Aqueduct, 6.16% for the Petaluma Aqueduct and 6.52 % for the Sonoma Aqueduct

At the March 7th TAC meeting, the TAC members received a presentation from Sonoma Water 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 45,748 acre feet (AF) which is about 1% less than the current year budget estimate of 46,095 AF. The total rate is \$1,061.04/AF (vs. \$1,000.46/AF in FY22) for the Santa Rosa Aqueduct, \$1,062.04/AF (vs. \$1,000.46/AF in FY22) for the Petaluma Aqueduct and \$1,219.90/AF (vs. \$1,145.18/AF in FY22) for the Sonoma Aqueduct.

Sonoma Water staff will make a presentation on the budget to the WAC at the April 4 meeting. On an as requested basis, Sonoma Water staff has already made budget presentations to most Water Contractors during the month of March.

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