

**SONOMA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING**

Community Meeting Room, 177 First Street West, Sonoma CA



Monday, August 25, 2014

6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

City Council
Tom Rouse, Mayor
David Cook, Mayor Pro Tem
Steve Barbose
Ken Brown
Laurie Gallian

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1. OPENING

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL (Gallian, Barbose, Cook, Brown, Rouse)**

2. STUDY SESSION

- Presentation of the updated Water Rate Study by Consultant David Spillman
- Questions and/or comments by Councilmembers
- Public Comment on the Water Rate Study

3. ADJOURNMENT

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CITY OF SONOMA
City Council
Agenda Item Summary

City Council Agenda Item: **Study Session**

Meeting Date: **08/25/14**

Department

Public Works

Staff Contact

Dan Takasugi, Public Works Director / City Engineer

Agenda Item Title

Council Study Session on Water Rate Study Update

Summary

City water rates have not been updated since 2007. A 2012 analysis of water rates showed that the existing rate structure and model were not sustainable in the long term. Two presentations were made to the Council in June 2013 to highlight the challenges faced by the City's water enterprise. At that time, Council gave staff direction to pursue a water rate study update.

The water rate study update process follows the rigid guidelines of the State's Proposition 218 mandates. This is an initial Council Study Session in the update process to gather feedback from the Council and the public.

A summary of an updated water rate model will be presented to the Council, showing how water rates would be affected by adjusting several variables to enhance conservation incentives and allocate the costs to the different users. In September 2014, staff plans to present a Draft Rate Study, asking Council to authorize the issuance of a Proposition 218 public hearing 45 day notice. In November 2014, staff plans to conduct a Proposition 218 public hearing. Depending upon Council direction at that public hearing, staff would return with a resolution adopting the rate study with a recommendation to adopt the rate changes for implementation on January 1, 2015.

Recommended Council Action

Receive the Presentation

Alternative Actions

Council discretion

Financial Impact

None at this time

Environmental Review

- Environmental Impact Report
- Negative Declaration
- Exempt
- Not Applicable

Status

- Approved/Certified
 - No Action Required
 - Action Requested
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Attachments:

None

Alignment with Council Goals:

Supports the Council Water and Infrastructure Goal for updating the City's water rate structure and rate model.

cc:

David Spilman, Spilman & Associates
