

Santa Rosa-Rohnert Park Wholesale-Retail Recycled Water Agreement

Board of Public Utilities Meeting
Study Session
July 18, 2013

Overview

- Rohnert Park Recycled Water System
- Santa Rosa Recycled Water System
- Wholesale-Retail Relationship Major Concepts
- Subregional Pricing Policy
- Tentative Timeline
- Discussion/Questions

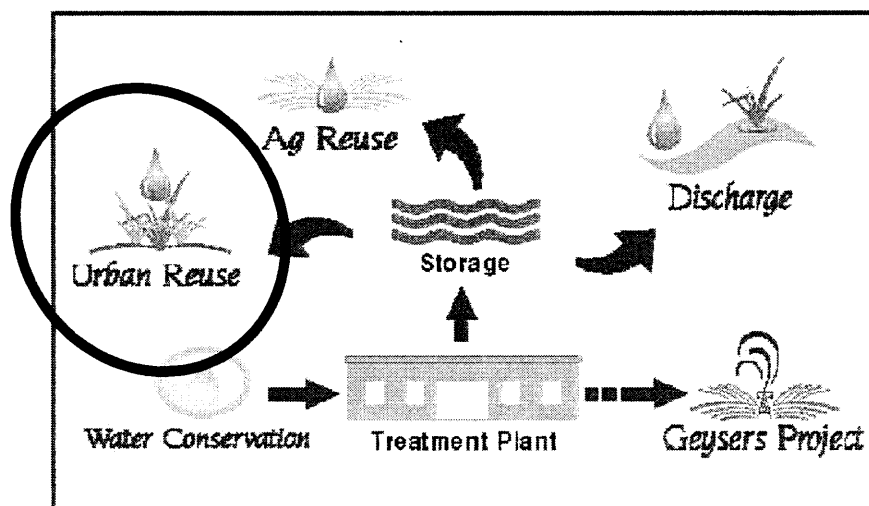


Subregional System

- Santa Rosa Subregional Water Reclamation System
 - Serves cities of Santa Rosa, Cotati, Rohnert Park and Sebastopol, South Park Sanitation District and portions of unincorporated Sonoma County
 - Santa Rosa uses about 98% of its recycled water to irrigate 6,400 acres of farmlands, vineyards, and public urban landscaping



Subregional System

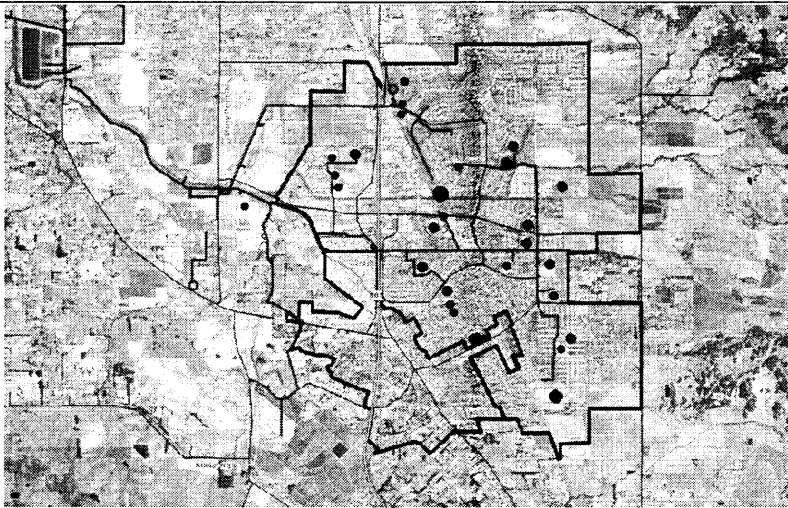


Rohnert Park Current System

- Subregional System is Recycled Water Retailer in Rohnert Park
 - Distribution system owned, operated and maintained by the Subregional System
 - Meter reading and customer billing by the Subregional System
 - Inspection and Regulatory Compliance by the Subregional System

*All members of Sub Reg. System
fund costs for Urban Delegation -*

Rohnert Park Recycled Water System



Santa Rosa Current System

- Subregional – Recycled Water Wholesaler
 - Produce recycled water and sell recycled water to Local Water
 - Ensure regulatory compliance
 - Own, operate and maintain transmission system, storage ponds and pump station
- Local Water – Recycled Water Retailer
 - Own, operate and maintain distribution system
 - Read meters and bill customers - *involved customers?*
 - Conduct inspections and ensure regulatory compliance

↳ what do they inspect?

What do they do c non-compliance?

Future Recycled Water Use

- Santa Rosa model set foundation for future wholesale-retail relationships
 - Anticipated approach and model would be used for future expansion into Subregional Partners' service areas
 - Rohnert Park has potential future expansion
- Began discussions with Rohnert Park on moving to Santa Rosa model for their existing system

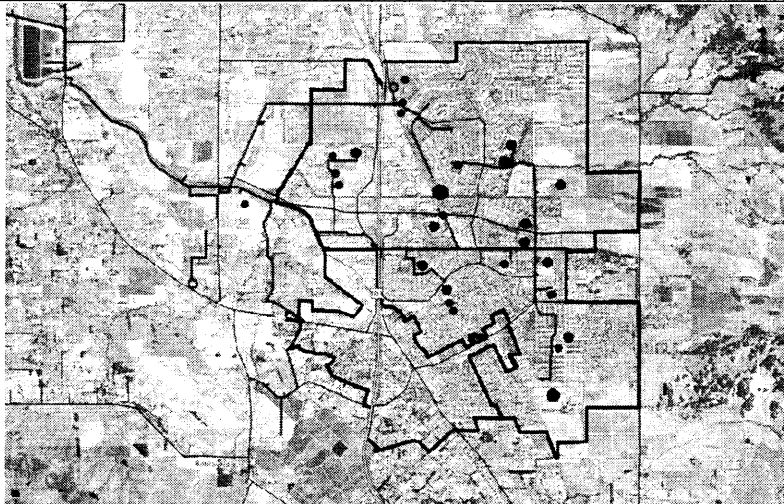
Wholesale-Retail Relationship

- Subregional would be wholesaler and sell recycled water to Rohnert Park
 - Own, operate and maintain transmission system, storage ponds and pump station
 - Ensure regulatory compliance
- Rohnert Park would be retailer and sell recycled water to customers/end users
 - Own, operate and maintain distribution system
 - Read meters and bill customers
 - Conduct inspections and ensure regulatory compliance

Customers

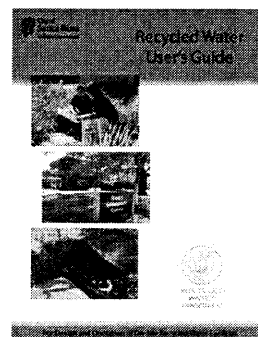
- Existing Customers - Will stay as Santa Rosa customers through March 28, 2015
 - Continue to be governed by User Agreements
 - Customers will be informed of pending transfer in March 2015
 - Any User Agreements that expire between now and March 28, 2015 will include successor language
- New Customers – Will be Rohnert Park customers effective date agreement is executed

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Regulatory Compliance

- ❑ Subregional will provide training to Rohnert Park
- ❑ Compliance will be coordinated through Subregional
- ❑ Rohnert Park and Rohnert Park customers must comply with NPDES Permit, all Recycled Water Rules and Regulations and Recycled Water User's Guide



Subregional Pricing Policy

- Policy was last amended in 2008
 - Recognize the water resource value of recycled water
 - Set wholesale rate for Santa Rosa System
- Reviewed the Policy and recommended some changes
- Board of Public Utilities will consider later today

Tentative Schedule

- June – Initial overview provided to BPU Contract Subcommittee and SubTAC
- Today – Study Session, Subregional Pricing Policy and Wholesale Rate Recommendation
- July 30th – City Council – Consider Wholesale Rate Recommendation
- August 8th – SubTAC – Consider wholesale/retail agreement
- August 8th – 14th - BPU Contract Subcommittee - Review wholesale/retail agreement
- August 15th – BPU – Consider wholesale/retail agreement
- August 27th – City Council – Consider wholesale/retail agreement