

Agenda Report Reviewed by:  
 City Manager: 

**CITY OF SEBASTOPOL  
 CITY COUNCIL  
 AGENDA ITEM**

**Meeting Date:** June 4, 2019

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

**From:** Engineering Manager Henry J. Mikus

**Subject:** Discussion and Appointment of one Council Member to represent Sebastopol and one Council Member as an Alternate on the GSA Board resulting from Sebastopol joining the Santa Rosa Plain GSA Basin

**Recommendation:** Appoint one Council Member as the Sebastopol GSA Board Representative and a second Council Member as the Alternate.

**Funding:** Currently Budgeted: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No XX N/A  
 Net General Fund Cost: N/A Amount: N/A

**Background:** At the City Council meeting of September 4, 2018 a Public Hearing was held, and Council approved staff preparing and submitting a Jurisdictional Boundary Adjustment Request so that the City would become part of the Santa Rosa Plain Sub-Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA). A Resolution of Approval was discussed and approved by Council at the meeting held September 18, 2018. Staff prepared the Boundary Adjustment Request and submitted it to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) by late September 2018. The Final Approval of the adjustment request was made public mid-February 2019.

**Discussion:** The GSA was formed in July 2017 as a Joint Powers Authority (JPA). Members from the start have been:

- County of Sonoma
- Sonoma County Water Agency
- City of Cotati
- City of Rohnert Park
- City of Santa Rosa
- Town of Windsor
- Independent Water Systems
- Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District
- Sonoma Resource Conservation District

These groups each have one representative on the GSA governing Board, plus they also have an alternate to the representative. In addition the GSA utilizes a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) which has representatives from each of the members plus representatives from other groups with a real interest; due to its proximity to the Santa Rosa Basin, Sebastopol has participated on the TAC.

This is an excerpt from the section, 6.02, in the JPA Agreement that covers directors and alternates:

6.02.01 Members: Each Member shall appoint one Director and one Alternate Director to the Board. The Alternate Director shall serve and assume the rights and duties of the Director when the Director is unable to attend a Board meeting. The Directors and Alternate Directors shall be elected or appointed officials of their governing bodies. Directors and Alternate Directors shall serve at the pleasure of the Member appointing them and they may be removed at any time, with or without cause, in the sole discretion of their 10 respective Members. Each Director and Alternate Director shall hold office until their successor is selected by their Member and the Agency has been notified of the succession. In the event that a Director or Alternate Director loses their position as an official of their Member's governing body, that Director position shall become vacant and that Member shall appoint a new Director.

City and GSA staff are in discussions related to Sebastopol joining the GSA. Once details are settled, Sebastopol would be entitled to a seat on the governing Board. The Board typically meets at 1 p.m. on the second Thursday of every other month at the Santa Rosa Utilities Field Office, 35 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa. Planned meeting dates for the balance of 2019 would be: June 13, August 8, October 6, and December 12.

Staff is requesting Council appoint a member as its representative, and another member as the representative's alternate, on the GSA governing Board.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the City Council City appoints one of its members as the Sebastopol representative, and a second member as the alternate, on the GSA governing Board.

**Attachments:**  
None