



AGENDA SUMMARY REPORT

SUBJECT: DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING THE REQUEST FROM REDWOOD VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT TO FORGO A PORTION OF THE CITY OF UKIAH'S CONTRACTUAL RIGHT OF WATER WITH THE RUSSIAN RIVER FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE DROUGHT ASSISTANCE, AND IF APPROPRIATE AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE CORRESPONDING AGREEMENTS.

Summary: Council will consider whether or not to forgo a portion of contract water to provide drought assistance to Redwood Valley County Water District.

Background: On February 12, 2014, City Staff received a letter from the Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District (District), requesting the City to forgo the 800 Acre-Foot (AF) of water that the City of Ukiah contracts for from the Lake Mendocino Project (Project). The City has contracted for this water for many years as a drought protection measure. The price of this water is \$37,600 each year. The current contract requires the City to purchase this water each year to retain its contractual rights to the Project water. The water is diverted by the City's Ranney Collector at the Water Treatment Plant location. On March 5, 2014, Council voted to forgo the 800 acre feet for the 2014 Summer season.

Discussion: On July 8, 2015, staff received a request from Bill Koehler, General Manager of Redwood Valley County Water District (RWVCWD) requesting that the City forgo 400 to 500 acre feet of contract water from the Russian River Flood Control District (RRFCD) and request that it go to Redwood Valley County Water District.

Staff has spoken with the District Manager of the Russian River Flood Control District and the General Manager of RWVCWD and both feel this will satisfy both the City's needs and RWVCWD water needs for the remainder of the year. Staff is recommending keeping 400 acre feet of contract water should the City's junior water rights be curtailed.

Due to the urgent timing of the request, staff is in the process of researching related details and will provide additional information for consideration at the meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S): Discuss and provide direction regarding the request from Redwood Valley County Water District to forgo a portion of the City of Ukiah's contractual right of water with the Russian River Flood Control District to provide drought assistance, and if appropriate authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute corresponding agreements.

ALTERNATIVES: Do not approve the request and provide direction to staff

Citizens advised:
Requested by: Tim Eriksen, Director of Public Works/City Engineer
Prepared by: Jarod Thiele, Public Works Project Analyst and Sage Sangiacomo, City Manager
Coordinated with: Bill Koehler, Redwood Valley County Water District and Sean White, District Manager,
Russian River Flood Control District
Presenters: Jarod Thiele, Public Works Project Analyst
Attachments:

COUNCIL ACTION DATE: _____ : Approved Continued to _____ Other _____
RECORDS APPROVED: Agreement: _____ Resolution: _____ Ordinance: _____

Note: Please write Agreement No. in upper right corner of agreement when drafted.

Approved: 
Sage Sangiacomo, City Manager