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City raises cost of supplemental water

A resolution approved unanimously Tuesday night by the Santa Maria City Council clears the way for the city to sell 900 acre-feet of supplemental water to developers in Orcutt while raising the cost of an acre foot of water to Orcutt by 20 percent.

The water— one acre-foot is equal to 326,000 gallons — is meant for new urban uses in the Orcutt community, and satisfies stipulations of the Santa Maria groundwater litigation settlement. The OCP is a 20-year blueprint for growth.

The water rate is going from \$25,200 per acre-foot to \$30,240 per acre-foot with the \$5,040 difference going to the Golden State Water Company, which will deliver the water, to offset its court-ordered obligations to the Twitchell Management Authority.