



NOTICE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR BI-MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, July 07, 2026 at 5:00 PM

AGENDA

LOCATIONS:

Open Session to start at or after 5:00 p.m.

Marin Water Board Room – 220 Nellen Avenue, Corte Madera, CA 94925

Public Participation:

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-- **In-Person Attendee:** Fill out a speaker card and provide to the board secretary. List the number/letter (ex: 6a) of the agenda item(s), for which you would like to provide a comment. Once you're called, proceed to the lectern to make your comment.

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AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Adoption of Agenda

3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

This is the time when any person may address the Board of Directors on matters not listed on this agenda, but which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.

4. Directors' and General Manager's Announcements (5:10 p.m. – Time Approximate)

5. Board Committee Reports

Each Committee Chair or Vice Chair will provide a report on recent committee meetings. Directors may ask questions or provide brief comments or requests for additional information on an item.

6. Consent Items (5:20 p.m. – Time Approximate)

All Consent Items will be enacted by a single action of the Board, unless specific items are pulled from Consent by the Board during adoption of the agenda for separate discussion and action.

a. June 10, 2026 Board of Directors' Special Meeting Minutes and June 16, 2026 Board of Directors' Regular Meeting Minutes

RECOMMENDATION: Accept the minutes of each Board of Directors' meetings held on June 10 and June 16, 2026

b. Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 2018 with Biswell Forestry LLC

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 2018 (CN-2018) with Biswell Forestry LLC to extend the contract term by one year and add approximately \$281,875 for Wildland Fire Services, increasing the total contract amount from \$825,000 to a new not to exceed contract amount of \$1,106,875, and authorize the General Manager to execute the amendment

c. Award of Contract for the Pump Station Fire Hardening Project

RECOMMENDATION: Approve a resolution authorizing award of Contract No. 2064, Pump Station Fire Hardening Project to Piazza Construction in an amount of \$397,000 and authorizing the General Manager to execute any necessary amendments to Contract No. 2064, which do not exceed \$50,000

d. Award of Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028 Laboratory Analysis Agreements

RECOMMENDATION: Approve two Professional Service Agreements for water quality laboratory services with Alpha Analytical Laboratories, Inc. in the amount of \$615,371 and Eurofins Eaton Laboratories, LLC in the amount of \$206,110 for analytical laboratory analysis and authorize the general manager to execute both contracts

e. Professional Services Agreement with Gartner, Inc. for Two 3-Year Technology Advisory Services Subscriptions

RECOMMENDATION: Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Gartner, Inc. for two 3-Year technology advisory services subscriptions for an amount not to exceed \$ 605,507 and authorize the General Manager to execute the contract

7. Regular Items (5:25 p.m. – Time Approximate)

- a.** Approve a Project Partnership Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for Water Supply Projects

RECOMMENDATION: Approve a Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in the amount of \$2,658,333 to fund a portion of the design for the Atmospheric River Capture Project (ARC Project) with a District cost-share of \$658,333 (25%) for the 2026 initial increment of work and authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement

- b.** Water Supply and ARC Project Update

RECOMMENDATION: Receive an update on current water supply conditions and ARC Project

8. Future Board and Committee Meetings and Upcoming Agenda Items

This schedule lists upcoming board and committee meetings as well as upcoming agenda items for the next month, which may include Board interest in adding future meeting items. The schedule is tentative and subject to change pending final publication and posting of the meeting agendas.

- a.** Upcoming Meetings

9. Announcement of Closed Session Item(s); Public Comments on Closed Session Item(s) - None.

10. Reconvene to Open Session; Closed Session Report Out - Not applicable.

11. Adjournment (6:30 p.m. – Time Approximate)

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Posted: 07-02-2026



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: Board of Directors

Title: June 10, 2026 Board of Directors’ Special Meeting Minutes and June 16, 2026 Board of Directors’ Regular Meeting Minutes

From: Terrie Gillen, Board Secretary

Through: Ben Horenstein, General Manager

Meeting Date: July 7, 2026

TYPE OF ITEM: X Action Information

RECOMMENDATION: Accept the minutes of each Board of Directors’ meetings held on June 10 and June 16, 2026

SUMMARY: The Board of Directors held a special meeting on June 10, 2026. Then, the following week, they held their regular bi-monthly meeting on June 16, 2026. Minutes of those meetings are attached for your approval.

DISCUSSION: None.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft June 10, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes
2. Draft June 16, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION	DIVISION MANAGER	APPROVED
Communications & Public Affairs Department		
	<p style="text-align: center;">Terrie Gillen Board Secretary</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ben Horenstein General Manager</p>



NOTICE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 11:00 AM

MINUTES

LOCATIONS:

Open Session to start at or after 11:00 a.m.

Marin Water Board Room – 220 Nellen Avenue, Corte Madera, CA 94925

Closed Session to immediately follow Open Session

Marin Water Mt. Tam Conference Room, 220 Nellen Avenue, Corte Madera, CA 94925

Public Participation:

The public had the opportunity to participate in the Open Session via in-person or remotely using one of the following methods: on a computer or smart device, <https://marinwater.zoom.us/j/88134852296>, or by phone, 1-669-444-9171, using Webinar ID No.: 881 3485 2296.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

At 11 AM, Board President Jed Smith called the meeting to order. Acting Board Secretary Tara Hagins took roll call.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ranjiv Khush
Diana Maier
Matt Samson

Larry Russell
Jed Smith

2. Announcement of Closed Session Item(s); Public Comments on Closed Session Item(s)

President Smith announced that the Board will discuss the following Closed Session item.

There were no public comments.

The Board left the Board Room to go to the Mt. Tam Conference Room, where they convened the Closed Session.

a. Public Employment

(California Government Code §54957(b))

Title: General Manager

The Board adjourned the Closed Session, left the Mt. Tam Conference Room, and went back to the Board Room.

3. Reconvene to Open Session; Closed Session Report Out

President Smith reconvened the Open Session.

He reported that the Board adjourned the Closed Session at 1:20 PM with no reportable action.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Board of Directors' Special Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:21 PM on June 10, 2026.

Board Secretary



NOTICE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR BI-MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 5:00 PM

MINUTES

LOCATIONS:

Open Session to start at or after 5:00 p.m.

Marin Water Board Room – 220 Nellen Avenue, Corte Madera, CA 94925

Outside location for Director Larry Russell – Marriott Courtyard, Business Center, 3841 Lakewood Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90808

Closed Session to immediately follow Open Session

Marin Water Mt. Tam Conference Room, 220 Nellen Avenue, Corte Madera, CA 94925

Public Participation:

The public attended this meeting in-person or remotely using one of the following methods: on a computer or smart device, <https://marinwater.zoom.us/j/88134852296>, or by phone, 1-669-444-9171, using Webinar ID No.: 881 3485 2296.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Board President Jed Smith called the meeting to order at 5 PM.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ranjiv Khush

Diana Maier

Matt Samson

Larry Russell

Jed Smith

2. Adoption of Agenda

Director Khush motioned to adopt the agenda. Director Maier seconded the motion.

There were no public comments.

Voting Yea: Directors Samson, Khush, Maier, Russell, and Smith

Motion passed.

3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

There was one (1) public comment.

4. Directors' and General Manager's Announcements

Both President Smith and Director Samson acknowledged the Watershed Staff for the Employee Appreciation event.

There were no further announcements.

5. Board Committee Reports

Director Samson reported on his attendance at the Lagunitas Creek Technical Advisory Committee Meeting and provided an update.

6. Consent Items

- a. June 2, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

RECOMMENDATION: Accept the minutes of the Board of Directors' Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting on June 2, 2026

- b. General Manager's Report May 2026

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Report

- c. Fiscal Year 2026/27 Insurance Renewal

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Renewal of Annual Insurance Policies for All Risk Property, Excess Liability, Automobile Physical Damage, Excess Workers Compensation, Pollution, Cyber, Drone and Crime and Fidelity for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026/27

- d. Approve the Quitclaim of a District Right-of-Way: 175 Marinwood Avenue, San Rafael

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the quitclaim of District easement rights to the underlying property owner of 175 Marinwood Avenue, San Rafael and authorize the General Manager to execute the deed in favor of the property owner

- e. Approve Pipeline Extension Agreement – Woodland Avenue, San Rafael – Auburn Grove

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Board of Directors approve a resolution approving the fee study setting the fees for work to be constructed in connection with a pipeline extension, approving a pipeline extension agreement for Auburn Grove, San Rafael and authorizing the General Manager to accept and execute all suitable real property easements and rights-of-way required by the Pipeline Extension Agreement

Before adoption of the Consent Calendar, some directors provided comments on agenda item 6c Insurance Renewal.

Director Samson motioned to adopt the Consent Calendar. Director Khush seconded the motion.

There were no public comments.

Voting Yea: Directors Samson, Khush, Maier, Russell, and Smith

Motion passed.

7. Public Hearing Item

- a. 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan

RECOMMENDATION: (1) Conduct a Public Hearing on the draft 2025 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP), and (2) approve a resolution to adopt the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and a resolution to adopt the Water Shortage Contingency Plan

Water Resources Director Paul Sellier, Associate Water Resources Specialist Nick Busse, Dawn Flores with EKI presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

President Smith opened the public hearing.

There were five (5) public comments.

Then, President Smith closed the public hearing.

Further discussion followed between the Board and staff.

President Smith motioned to delay the adoption of the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan. Director Khush seconded the motion

Voting Yea: Directors, Russell, Khush, Maier, and Smith

Voting Nay: Director Samson

Motioned passed.

8. Regular Items

- a. Capital Program Update

RECOMMENDATION: Receive a staff update on Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) third quarter Capital Improvement Program

Engineering Director Alex Anaya presented this item.

Discussion followed.

There were no public comments.

This was an information item. No formal action was taken.

- b. Biodiversity, Fire, & Fuels Integrated Plan (BFFIP) Updates to Increase Annual Broadcast Prescribed Burning and Addendum to the Biodiversity, Fire, and Fuels Integrated Plan Program Environmental Impact Report

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt an Addendum to the Biodiversity, Fire, and Fuels Integrated Plan Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR), which incorporates updates to the BIFFIP to allow for up to a total of 1,000 acres of broadcast prescribed burning annually

Watershed Resources Director Shaun Horne, Environmental Planner Carly Blanchard, and Caitlin Gilleran from Panoramic Environmental presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

There was one (1) public comment.

Director Maier motioned to adopt the addendum to the BFFIP Program Environmental Impact Report. Director Samson seconded the motion.

Voting Yea: Directors Samson, Khush, Maier, Russell, and Smith

Motion passed.

9. Future Board and Committee Meetings and Upcoming Agenda Items

- a. Upcoming Meetings

Upcoming meetings were announced.

There were no comments.

10. Announcement of Closed Session Item(s); Public Comments on Closed Session Item(s)

President Smith announced that the Board will adjourn to Closed Session.

There were no public comments.

At 6:35 PM, the Board left the Board Room and went to the Mt. Tam Conference Room.

a. Conference with Real Property Negotiations

(California Government Code §54956.8)

Property: 100 Larkspur Landing, Ground Lease

Agency Negotiation: Ben Horenstein, General Manager

Negotiating Parties: Robert Bilbao, TDA Investment Group

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

b. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation

(Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (2))

Number of Cases: Unknown

c. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation

(Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (4))

Number of Cases: One

The Board adjourned the Closed Session and left the Mt. Tam Conference Room.

11. Reconvene to Open Session; Closed Session Report Out

The Board reconvened to Open Session.

President Smith announced that no reportable action occurred.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Board of Directors adjourned their regular meeting on June 16, 2026, at 8:10 PM.

Board Secretary



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: Board of Directors
Title: Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 2018 with Biswell Forestry LLC
From: Shaun Horne, Director of Watershed Resources
Through: Alex Anaya for Ben Horenstein, General Manager
Meeting Date: July 07, 2026

TYPE OF ITEM: X Action Information

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 2018 (CN-2018) with Biswell Forestry LLC to extend the contract term by one year and add approximately \$281,875 for Wildland Fire Services, increasing the total contract amount from \$825,000 to a new not to exceed contract amount of \$1,106,875, and authorize the General Manager to execute the amendment

SUMMARY: Staff is requesting that the Board of Directors approve and authorize Amendment No. 1 to CN-2018 with Biswell Forestry LLC to extend the contract term by one year and add approximately \$281,875 for continued Wildland Fire Services. This amendment would increase the total contract amount from \$825,000 to a new not to exceed contract amount of \$1,106,875.

The Board approved CN-2018 on March 12, 2024, for a three-year term ending March 12, 2026 for Wildland Fire Services contract in the amount of \$825,000, with an option to extend services in one-year increments for up to two additional years. This amendment exercises the first one-year extension option extending the contract end date to March 12, 2027 and allows the District to continue utilizing certified wildland fire contractor crews to support implementation of the Biodiversity, Fire and Fuels Integrated Plan (BFFIP).

DISCUSSION: The District is currently implementing the Biodiversity, Fire and Fuels Integrated Plan (BFFIP), which includes ongoing vegetation management, pile burning, prescribed fire support, and related wildfire resilience activities throughout the watershed. These activities generate a continued need for qualified wildland fire crews and specialized equipment to assist with pile burning operations, prescribed burn preparation, and post-fire mop up activities.



Biswell Forestry LLC has successfully provided Wildland Fire Services under CN-2018 since 2024. Extending the contract will provide continuity of services and allow the District to continue implementing BFFIP vegetation management activities without interruption.

The proposed amendment includes a 2.5% increase in contract unit rates and extends the agreement for one additional year, consistent with the extension provisions included in the original contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: The District, as Lead Agency, prepared a Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) pursuant to CEQA for the Biodiversity, Fire and Fuels Integrated Plan (BFFIP), which was adopted in 2019. The work performed under CN-2018 is covered by the BFFIP PEIR.

FISCAL IMPACT: The estimated cost for the one-year contract extension is approximately \$281,875, increasing the total contract amount to approximately \$1,106,875. Funds for this contract are included in the District’s approved Capital Improvement Program budget for BFFIP implementation activities and may be supplemented by grant funding as available.

ATTACHMENT(S): None.

DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION	DIVISION MANAGER	APPROVED
Watershed	 Shaun Horne Watershed Resources Director	 Alex Anaya for Ben Horenstein General Manager



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: Board of Directors
Title: Award of Contract for the Pump Station Fire Hardening Project
From: Alex Anaya, Director of Engineering
Through: Alex Anaya for Ben Horenstein, General Manager
Meeting Date: July 7, 2026

TYPE OF ITEM: X Action Information

RECOMMENDATION: Approve a resolution authorizing award of Contract No. 2064, Pump Station Fire Hardening Project to Piazza Construction in an amount of \$397,000 and authorizing the General Manager to execute any necessary amendments to Contract No. 2064, which do not exceed \$50,000

SUMMARY: At the December 2024 Planning Committee Meeting, staff presented the findings of the above ground infrastructure fire hardening assessment, which is part of Goal 2, Objective 1 of the Five Year Strategic Plan. These findings resulted in the development of the Pump Station Fire Hardening Project, which proposes to address fire hardening deficiencies identified during the 2024 assessment to increase fire resiliency of the District’s pump stations.

Staff presented the Pump Station Fire Hardening Project at the February 2026 Planning Committee Meeting. At that time, the project proposed the installation of fire-resistant doors, screens, and vents, as well as a vegetation management component in Zone 0 and Zone 1. Since then, the vegetation management component has been incorporated into an existing District vegetation management contract and that work is currently being performed. The work for this contract now only includes installation for fire resistant doors, screens, and vents at 67 of the District’s pump stations that have been identified to need these upgrades.

DISCUSSION: In 2024, staff conducted a comprehensive above ground infrastructure fire hardening assessment in collaboration with the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority (MWPA). As part of this effort, defensible space around pump stations was evaluated to identify practical measures to improve fire resilience. Defensible space refers to the area around a structure and extends up to a distance of 100 feet or the nearest property line. There are three Defensible Space Zones each corresponding to a distance away from the nearest structure; Zone 0 which is 0-5 feet from the nearest structure, Zone 1 which is 5-30 feet from the nearest structure, and Zone 2 which is 30 to 100 feet to the nearest structure or property line.

This project prioritizes improvements within Defensible Space Zones 0 and 1, which are the areas closest to pump station facilities and most vulnerable to wildfire impacts. The proposed actions are intended to reduce ember intrusion, limit combustible materials, and strengthen structural protection from the risk of wildfires. In Zone 0, the project includes upgrading to fire-rated doors, adding 1/8-inch fire-rated screens to vents, and sealing gaps around utility penetrations with approved non-combustible materials.

On April 28, 2026, the District advertised the Project with a two week advertising period ending with the bid opening on May 12, 2026. While contractors purchased plans and specifications for public bidding, when District held the public bid opening on May 12, 2026 at 10:00am, the District did not receive any public bids for this Project. Per California Public Contract Code Section 22038(c), *“If no bids are received through the formal or informal procedure, the project may be performed by the employees of the public agency by force account, or negotiated contract without further complying with this article.”* District staff reached out to Piazza Construction and requested that they provide the District with a proposal for this work, as staff understands that this company has successfully conducted similar work and has the necessary license, personnel, and equipment. Piazza Construction provided its proposal at the amount stated in the table below. Staff reviewed the proposal and found it to be in line with engineering estimates for this type of work. Therefore, staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve a resolution awarding Contract No. 2064 to Piazza Construction in the amount of \$397,000 and authorizing the General Manager to execute any necessary amendments to Contract No. 2064, which do not exceed \$50,000.

Pump Station Fire Hardening Project

Bid Rank	Contractor Name	Proposal Amount
1	Piazza Construction	\$397,000

Engineer’s Estimate: \$600,000

Summaries of the estimated Project costs and schedule are provided below.

Estimated Budget:

- Contract Award: \$ 397,000
- Contingency (13%): \$ 50,000
- District Labor/Inspection: \$ 60,000
- Total Budget: \$ 507,000
- Budget Category: A1A07

Estimated Project Implementation:


- Project Advertisement: April 28, 2026
- Bid Opening: May 12, 2026 (No Bids Received)
- Proposal Received: June 19, 2026
- Project Award: July 7, 2026
- Estimated Completion Date: January 3, 2027
- Duration: 180 days

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: The Director of Engineering has determined that this Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.49, as the proposed project creates defensible space and fuel breaks around pump stations. The project also qualifies for exemption pursuant to the following CEQA Guidelines sections 15301, Existing Facilities, as the Project will include repair and maintenance work of existing structures, that does not result in an expansion of use.

FISCAL IMPACT: The total estimated cost to complete the Pump Station Fire Hardening Project is \$507,000 which includes District labor, construction costs, and contingencies. The Project is funded through the adopted FY 2025-2027 Two-Year Capital Improvement Budget.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- 1. Proposed Resolution
- 2. Draft Notice of Exemption

DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION	DIVISION MANAGER	APPROVED
Engineering	_____ Alex Anaya Engineering Director	 Alex Anaya for Ben Horenstein General Manager

MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
AUTHORIZING AWARD of CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT NO. 2064 TO PIAZZA
CONSTRUCTION FOR THE PUMP STATION FIRE HARDENING PROJECT**

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2026, the District advertised Contract No. 2064, Pump Station Fire Hardening Project (D26028), which will install fire resistant doors, screens, and vents at 67 of the District’s pump stations; and

WHEREAS, the District received no public bids at the public bid opening on May 12, 2026; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Public Contract Code section 22038(c), *“If no bids are received through the formal or informal procedure, the project may be performed by the employees of the public agency by force account, or negotiated contract without further complying with this article”*; and

WHEREAS, the District solicited and received a proposal for the work from Piazza Construction on June 19, 2026 for \$397,000, which staff found consistent with the engineering estimates for this type of work.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The proposal of \$397,000 submitted by Piazza Construction for the Pump Station Fire Hardening Project under Contract No. 2064 was solicited by the District pursuant to California Public Contracts Code section 22038(c) and said proposal is hereby accepted.
2. A Contract for this project be awarded to Piazza Construction, and the General Manager is authorized to execute said Contract on behalf of the District upon receipt of a performance bond, payment bond, proof of insurance, and the executed contract for the work from said contractor.
3. The General Manager is authorized to execute any and all future amendments to the Contract, which he deems necessary, without further Board approval, so long as those amendments to the Contract do not exceed \$50,000.

- 4. The project is statutorily exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), section 21080.49 inasmuch as it consists of wildfire risk reduction improvements to existing public facilities.
- 5. The project is Categorically Exempt from CEQA review under Section 15301 inasmuch as is involves minor alterations and maintenance to existing pump station facilities with no expansion of use or capacity.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of June, 2026, by the following vote of the Board of Directors.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Jed Smith
President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Terrie Gillen
Board Secretary



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: Board of Directors
Title: Award of Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028 Laboratory Analysis Agreements
From: Paul Sellier, Director of Water Resources
Through: Alex Anaya for Ben Horenstein, General Manager
Meeting Date: July 7, 2026

TYPE OF ITEM: X Action Information

RECOMMENDATION: Approve two Professional Service Agreements for water quality laboratory services with Alpha Analytical Laboratories, Inc. in the amount of \$615,371 and Eurofins Eaton Laboratories, LLC in the amount of \$206,110 for analytical laboratory analysis and authorize the general manager to execute both contracts

SUMMARY: Water quality analytical testing is an essential component of ensuring the delivery of safe drinking water to our customers by demonstrating compliance with state and federal regulations. The District has always had some water quality analysis performed by commercial laboratories and over the past year has transitioned to using commercial labs for the majority of the District’s compliance analysis. To comply with state and federal drinking water regulations, staff recommends the Board approve two separate professional service agreements with Alpha Analytical Laboratories (Alpha) and Eurofins Eaton Analytical (Eurofins) to perform water quality analysis in fiscal years 2027 and 2028 and authorize the General Manager to execute both contracts.

DISCUSSION: The District routinely monitors water from source to our customers' homes and monitoring samples are analyzed at state certified labs. In the past the District has contracted with several local certified environmental laboratories for different types of analytical services. Over the past year, Alpha has been providing analysis for short-hold time samples like microbiological samples while Eurofins has performed longer hold time analysis like metals. Using the two labs for analysis allows the District to take advantage of the lower unit pricing offered by Eurofins on long-hold time samples and the quick turnaround capability of Alpha for short-hold time samples. Both companies are established laboratories that the District has used for analysis in the past.

In May of 2026, District staff requested proposals for laboratory services for fiscal years 2027 and 2028 from four local environmental laboratories: Alpha Analytical Laboratories (Alpha), McCampbell Analytical, Torrent Laboratory, and Eurofins Eaton Analytical (Eurofins). Of the three proposals

received and reviewed by staff, Alpha and Eurofins best met the requirements and the costs are summarized in the table below.

Table 1: Proposed costs for Laboratory Services

ELAP Laboratory	FY27 Proposed Cost
Alpha Analytical Laboratory	\$427,325
Eurofins Eaton Analytical	\$254,474
Torrent Laboratory	\$823,231

While Eurofins is the lowest overall cost for analytical services, they cannot meet the short-hold time requirements necessary for microbiological samples. Therefore, like last year, staff is proposing to send the long-hold samples to Eurofins to take advantage of their pricing and the short-hold time samples to Alpha. In addition, staff is proposing that laboratory service contracts transition to multi-year agreements. The costs for the multi-year agreements is shown in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Proposed costs for Laboratory Services

ELAP Laboratory	FY27 Proposed Cost	FY28 Proposed Cost*	FY 27 & 28 Agreement Amt.
Alpha Analytical Laboratory	\$300,059	\$315,312	\$615,371
Eurofins Eaton Analytical	\$101,532	\$104,578	\$206,110
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$401,591</i>	<i>\$419,890</i>	<i>\$821,481</i>

* FY 28 analysis costs reflect an increase of 3% for Eurofins and 5% for Alpha over the previous year

Staff recommends the Board approve professional service agreements with Alpha Analytical Laboratories and Eurofins Eaton Analytical to perform water quality analysis in fiscal years 2027 and 2028 and authorize the General Manager to execute the contracts.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT: The total fiscal year 2026-27 costs for analytical laboratory analysis will be \$300,059 to Alpha and \$101,532 to Eurofins for a total annual cost of \$401,591. Funding for 2026-2027 costs are included in the approved budget. Fiscal year 2027-28 analysis costs reflect an increase of 3% for Eurofins and 5% for Alpha over the previous year for a total 2028 fiscal year cost of \$419,890.

ATTACHMENT(S): None.

DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION	DIVISION MANAGER	APPROVED
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Water Resources



Paul Sellier
Water Resources Director



Alex Anaya for
Ben Horenstein
General Manager



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: Board of Directors

Title: Professional Services Agreement with Gartner, Inc. for Two 3-Year Technology Advisory Services Subscriptions

From: Bret Uppendahl, Finance Director

Through: Alex Anaya for Ben Horenstein, General Manager

Meeting Date: July 7, 2026

TYPE OF ITEM: X Action Information

RECOMMENDATION: Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Gartner, Inc. for two 3-Year technology advisory services subscriptions for an amount not to exceed \$ 605,507 and authorize the General Manager to execute the contract

SUMMARY: Marin Municipal Water District (District) has purchased subscriptions to Gartner, Inc. for advisory services during the last two years and utilized Gartner’s services to support the District’s Information Technology leadership in strategic planning, technology decision-making, and benchmarking against industry peers. Staff recommends a renewal of those prior subscriptions and the addition of executive programs that provide more individualized resources. The subscription includes ongoing access to Gartner’s research library covering IT strategy, business initiatives, executive leadership, industry trends, and emerging technology, along with periodic webinars, and conferences. The two proposed subscriptions would provide access to the Gartner services for the District’s IT Manager and Information Systems Supervisor for a period of three-years, beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029, and cost \$605,507 over the three-year term.

DISCUSSION: Gartner is the District’s primary source of independent, vendor-neutral research and advisory support for technology strategy and planning. Beginning in July 2025, the District IT Manager initiated a subscription with Gartner for an annual subscription in the amount of \$58,800 for access to Gartner’s services. Subsequently, in January 2026, a partial year subscription to the services in the amount of \$19,250 was secured for the District’s Information Systems Supervisor. The existing subscription terms expired on June 30, 2026. Continued access to this subscription allows staff to validate major technology decisions against industry benchmarks, stay current on emerging trends and risks (including cybersecurity, cloud strategy, and AI adoption), and connect with peer agencies and practitioners facing similar challenges. This independent perspective supports more informed capital and operational technology decisions and reduces the risk of unanticipated missteps.

The proposed agreement would continue the District’s existing two-license structure (Team Leader for the IT Manager and Advisor Member for the Information Systems Supervisor), maintaining continuity of the advisory relationship and the assigned Gartner support team. The 36-month term locks in pricing for the full period, with a fixed annual escalation of 3% built into the agreement. The addition of executive programs, which are reflective of the increased annual pricing, will provide the District with an assigned Executive Partner and Client Success Manager, expert inquiry access, exclusive research and content, benchmarking tools and data, peer networking, and conference access.

This proposed agreement would “piggyback” off of Gartner’s existing Contract #9658 with the County of Ventura, allowing the District to procure these services through that cooperative agreement rather than conducting a separate competitive procurement.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT: The annual cost of the Gartner service is \$195,900 in FY 2026-27 and increases by three percent per year for \$201,777 in FY 2027-28 and \$207,830 in FY 2028-29 and a total cost of \$605,507 during the three-year term. Funding for the FY 2026–27 expenditure is available within the Information Technology Department’s approved budget. Funding for the FY 2027–28 and FY 2028–29 expenditures will be included in subsequent budget cycles to account for the remainder of the 36-month term.

ATTACHMENT(S): None.

DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION	DIVISION MANAGER	APPROVED
<p style="text-align: center;">Finance</p> <hr/>	 <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Bret Uppendahl Finance Director</p>	 <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Alex Anaya for Ben Horenstein General Manager</p>



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: Board of Directors

Title: Approve a Project Partnership Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for Water Supply Projects

From: Shaun Horne, Director of Watershed Resources

Through: Alex Anaya for Ben Horenstein, General Manager

Meeting Date: July 07, 2026

TYPE OF ITEM: X Action Information

RECOMMENDATION: Approve a Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in the amount of \$2,658,333 to fund a portion of the design for the Atmospheric River Capture Project (ARC Project) with a District cost-share of \$658,333 (25%) for the 2026 initial increment of work and authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement

SUMMARY: The 2022 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) authorized \$28 million in federal funding to Marin County, including supporting Marin Water’s long-term Water Supply Roadmap (Roadmap). In January 2026, the District secured the first \$2 million appropriation and was subsequently written into USACE’s 2026 Work Plan. District staff have begun coordinating with the USACE San Francisco District (USACE SF) to identify an eligible project and outline the scope for the initial increment of work. Staff recommends approval of the PPA to include a non-federal cost share in the amount of \$658,333 (25% of the total initial increment cost of \$2,658,333) for design of a portion of the ARC Project and authorization for the General Manger to execute the contract.

DISCUSSION: The 2022 WRDA authorized \$28 million in federal funding through the USACE Environmental Infrastructure (EI) program to support “water and wastewater infrastructure, including water supply, in Marin County.” WRDA is strictly authorizing legislation and does not include funding, which must be secured through the annual Energy and Water Appropriations process or supplemental appropriations. In January 2026, the District secured the first \$2 million appropriation through the Federal Energy and Water Appropriations Act. Following Congressional appropriation, the District was written into USACE’s 2026 Work Plan.

District staff have begun coordinating with USACE SF regional office to identify a discreet element of the Atmospheric River Capture (ARC) Project, the District’s current longer-term preferred alternative water supply project, to determine the scope of the initial \$2 million increment. The EI program requires a 75% federal cost share and 25% non-federal sponsor cost share, in this case \$658,333 to be borne by the District. The PPA is required by the USACE in order to advance the first increment of

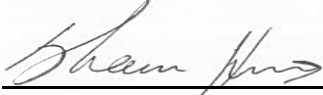

work, which will entail pipeline design. The design work will be focused on an 18,000 linear foot section of the ARC Project. The USACE will develop 100% design plans and specifications. Staff will work closely with the USACE design team and project manager to ensure that the design conforms to the District’s design work for the remainder of the project.

The District will seek additional appropriations through the annual federal appropriation process. District staff has submitted requests to secure additional Energy and Water Appropriations in fiscal year 2027 to help advance the ARC Project and Roadmap.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: The District is currently completing the CEQA analysis for the ARC Project and the USACE will complete a NEPA analysis prior to the Board’s consideration of project approval.



FISCAL IMPACT: The total project cost for the initial increment is \$2,658,333. The federal cost share (75%) is \$2,000,000 and the non-federal sponsor cost share (25%) is \$658,333. The District would use funding currently allocated for the ARC Project to cover the 25% cost-share.

ATTACHMENT(S): None.

DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION	DIVISION MANAGER	APPROVED
<p style="text-align: center;">Watershed</p> <hr/>	 <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Shaun Horne Watershed Resources Director</p>	 <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Alex Anaya for Ben Horenstein General Manager</p>



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: Board of Directors
Title: Water Supply and ARC Project Update
From: Paul Sellier, Director of Water Resources 
Through: Alex Anaya for Ben Horenstein, General Manager 
Meeting Date: July 7, 2026

TYPE OF ITEM: Action X Information

RECOMMENDATION: Receive an update on current water supply conditions and ARC Project

SUMMARY: Staff will provide an update on current storage levels, projected supply conditions, as well as discussion relating to the Atmospheric River Capture (ARC) Project.

DISCUSSION: District local reservoirs are at 92% of storage and 111% of average for this date providing a solid foundation for the year ahead. These local conditions, along with similarly favorable conditions in the Russian River watershed, which makes up a quarter of the District’s total water supply, provide confidence in continuing to meet customer demands and required environmental releases throughout the coming water year. Staff will provide an update on current storage levels, projected supply conditions, as well as an update and discussion on supply availability relating to the ARC.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ATTACHMENT(S): None.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

This schedule lists upcoming board and committee meetings as well as upcoming agenda items for the next month, which may include Board interest in adding future meeting items. The schedule is tentative and subject to change pending final publication and posting of each meeting agenda.

Internal Meetings		
Meeting Date	Meeting Type	Key Item(s)
Wednesday, Jul 8, 2026 7:15 a.m.	Special Meeting of the Board of Directors (Closed Session)	Public Employment
Tuesday, Jul. 21, 2026 5:00 PM	Board of Directors’ Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting with a Closed Session	2025 Urban Water Management Plan, and Dam Safety Program Update
Tuesday, Jul. 28, 2026 9:30 a.m.	Planning Committee Meeting/Special Meeting of the Board of Directors	Palm Ave. Pipeline Replacement Project (FFIP)
Tuesday, Jul 28, 2026 12:00 p.m.	Special Meeting of the Board of Directors (Closed Session)	Public Employment

External July Meetings - TBD	
Meeting Date	Meeting Type