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

Tuesday, November 17, 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. **Regular Item**

   a. Resolution of Commendation for Outgoing Director Jed Smith

      RECOMMENDATION: Recognize Outgoing Director Jed Smith for his years of service as District Director on the Marin Municipal Water District Board of Directors

5. **Directors' and General Manager's Announcements** (5:10 p.m. – Time Approximate)
6. **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.

7. **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. November 4, 2026 Board of Directors' Regular Meeting Minutes

      RECOMMENDATION: Accept the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting held on November 4, 2026

   b. General Manager's Report October 2026

      RECOMMENDATION: Approve Report

   c. Land and Water Conservation Fund Application for the Lake Lagunitas Outdoor Education

      RECOMMENDATION: Approve a resolution to pursue a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant for the Lake Lagunitas Outdoor Education Project

   d. Amendment No. 1 to Legal Services Agreement with Wood, Smith, Henning, Berman LLP for Legal Defense Representation Services

      RECOMMENDATION: Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Legal Services Agreement with Wood, Smith, Henning, Berman LLP authorizing up to an additional $150,000 for Legal Defense Representation Services

   e. Purchase of SCADA Equipment to Replace Outdated Equipment at Ignacio Water Quality Station

      RECOMMENDATION: Approve the purchase of replacement SCADA equipment from Graybar to replace the outdated SCADA equipment at the Ignacio Water Quality Station for a total amount not to exceed $163,200.09 and authorize the General Manager to execute a purchase order

f. Purchase of Valve Extension Rod for New 24" Plug Valve on North Marin Line Stabilization Project

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the General Manager to execute a purchase order with MRC Global for a 24-inch plug valve extension rod for the North Marin Line Stabilization Project in the amount of $22,999.00

g. Agreement with 365 Data Centers for Co-location Services

RECOMMENDATION: Approve an extension to the District's agreement with Stonecourt 365 Holdigs, Inc. (DBA 365 Data Centers) for co-location services through June 30, 2028, for a total amount of $101,382 and authorize the General Manager to finalize and execute the extension

h. Agreement with DLT Solutions, LLC (MA – 6612) for AutoDesk Infrastructure Design and Modeling Software Suite Subscriptions

RECOMMENDATION: Approve an agreement (MA – 6612) with DLT Solutions, LLC for computer aided design (CAD) and hydrology modeling software subscriptions for an amount of $100,843

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

a. El Niño Preparedness

RECOMMENDATION: Receive a presentation on the District's El Niño preparation activities

b. ACWA Vision for Our Water Future

RECOMMENDATION: Approve a resolution and letter of support for the Association of California Water Agencies *Vision for Our Water Future*

9. **Future Board and Committee Meetings and Upcoming Agenda Items**

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a. Upcoming Meetings

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

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

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

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Posted: 11-13-2026

MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO.

Resolution of Commendation
Jed Smith

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT HONORING JED SMITH FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE AS A DISTRICT DIRECTOR

WHEREAS, throughout his time on the Board, Jed Smith has worked tirelessly to promote the mission of Marin Water; and

WHEREAS, he has served with distinction as Director for a total of four years; and

WHEREAS, he has attentively represented community members within the District's Division IV service area; and

WHEREAS, during his years of service, he has faithfully served the Finance & Administration Committee and Communications & Water Efficiency Committee; and

WHEREAS, he represented the District at the One Tam Executive Committee, Lagunitas Creek Technical Advisory Committee, Sonoma County Water Agency Water Advisory Committee and Tomales Bay Foundation; and

WHEREAS, he served as President of the Board in 2026 and Vice President in 2025; and

WHEREAS, he will be especially remembered for championing water efficiency programs and advanced metering infrastructure, supporting watershed protection initiatives, providing leadership to ensure the smooth execution of the new 15-year Sonoma Water Agreement, collaborating to advance the strategic plan update, advocating for federal and state grant funding to advance important District projects, championing sound fiscal stewardship that rebuilt reserves, and fostering strong relationships with elected representatives, stakeholders, staff and the community; and

WHEREAS, his collaborative approach, thoughtful leadership and dedication to community engagement have enriched the work of the Board and the District; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors recognizes Jed Smith's achievements and his contributions to Marin Water and the greater Marin community; and expresses its appreciation and gratitude for those contributions and wishes him well in all the years to come.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of November 2026, by the following vote of the Board of Directors.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

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Larry Russell, Vice President
President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

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Terrie Gillen, CMC
Board Secretary

STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type:	Board of Directors
Title:	November 4, 2026 Board of Directors' Regular Meeting Minutes
From:	Terrie Gillen, Board Secretary
Through:	Shaun Horne, General Manager
Meeting Date:	November 17, 2026

TYPE OF ITEM: X Action Information

RECOMMENDATION: Accept the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting held on November 4, 2026

SUMMARY: The Board of Directors held their regular bi-monthly meeting on November 4, 2026. The minutes from that meeting are attached for your approval.

DISCUSSION: None.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft November 4, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION	DIVISION MANAGER	APPROVED
Communications & Public Affairs Department	Terrie Gillen **Terrie Gillen** **Board Secretary**	Shaun Horne **Shaun Horne** **General Manager**

Attachment 1

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

Wednesday, November 04, 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

Closed Session to immediately follow Open Session
Marin Water Mt. Tam Conference Room, 220 Nellen Avenue, Corte Madera, CA 94925

Public Participation:
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AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

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

   DIRECTORS PRESENT
   Ranjiv Khush
   Matt Samson
   Larry Russell (*arrived at 5:01 p.m.*)
   Jed Smith

   ABSENT
   Diana Maier

2. Adoption of Agenda

Director Khush motioned to adopt the agenda, and Director Samson seconded it.

There were no public comments.

Voting Yea: Directors Khush, Samson, and Smith

Motion passed.

Vice President Russell arrived at the meeting.

3. Regular Items

a. Recognizing Former General Manager Ben Horenstein for His Years of Service

RECOMMENDATION: Approve resolution recognizing Ben Horenstein for his years of service as General Manager of the Marin Municipal Water District (*Resolution No. 8846*)

The Board recognized Mr. Horenstein for his leadership serving the District.

Director Samson motioned to approve the resolution of commendation. Director Khush seconded the motion.

Voting Yea: Khush, Russell, Samson, and Smith

There was one public comment.

4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

There were two (2) public comments.

5. Directors' and General Manager's Announcements

- Director Khush reported that he attended the ACWA Region 1 Tour and Discussion of the Russian River Watershed.

- Director Samson reported that he attended the North Bay Watershed Association (NBWA) and announced grant opportunities that NBWA was providing.

6. Board Committee Reports

- Both Planning Committee Chair Russell and Finance & Administration Committee Vice Chair Smith provided reports from the Planning Committee Meeting and Finance & Administration Committee meetings last month.

- Director Khush reported that he and Vice President Russell attended the Sonoma Water Advisory Committee/Technical Advisory Committee Meeting and provided highlights from the meeting.

7. Consent Items

a. October 20, 2026 Board of Directors' Regular Meeting Minutes

RECOMMENDATION: Accept the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting held on October 20, 2026

b. Award Two On-Call Capital Construction Contracts

RECOMMENDATION: Approve a resolution awarding Contract No. 2081 to Corcus Construction Inc., for an amount up to one million dollars ($1,000,000) and Contract No. 2082 to Maggiora & Ghilotti, Inc. for an amount up to one million dollars ($1,000,000) for 2026 On-Call Capital Construction work, and rejecting a bid protest submitted by Piazza Construction *(Resolution No. 8847)*

c. Award of Contract No. 2060 Fire Flow Improvement Program Hillside Avenue Pipeline Replacement Project (F26001)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve a resolution awarding Contract No. 2060, Fire Flow Improvement Program Hillside Avenue Pipeline Replacement Project, to Maggiora & Ghilotti, Inc. in the amount of $3,678,910 (*Resolution No. 8848*)

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

There were no public comments.

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

Motion passed.

8. Regular Items

a. Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Opt-Out Program and Adoption of Manual Meter-Reading Service Fee

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a resolution approving the development of an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Opt-Out Program and adopting a Manual Meter-Reading Service Fee (*Resolution No. 8849*)

Water Resources Director Paul Sellier and AMI Program Manager Craig Lauridsen presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

There was one (1) public comment.

Director Khush motioned to adopt the resolution. Director Samson seconded the motion.

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

Motion passed.

b. Rate Setting Update for Capital Improvement Program

RECOMMENDATION: Receive staff update on the rate setting process in relation to the Capital Improvement Program

Engineering Director Alex Anaya and Engineering Planning Manager Elysha Irish presented this item.

Discussion followed.

There were four (4) public comments.

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

9. Future Board and Committee Meetings and Upcoming Agenda Items

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a. Upcoming Meetings

The board secretary announced that there was a change to the meetings list, which was the scheduled North Bay Watershed Association's meeting was cancelled.

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

There were no public comments.

The Board recessed to Closed Session and left the Board Room to go to the Mt. Tam Conference Room.

a. Conference with Real Property Negotiations
(California Government Code §54956.8)

Property: 67 Tamalpais Road, Fairfax

Agency Negotiations: Shaun Horne, General Manager

Negotiating Parties: Stephen Altman

Under Negotiation: Both Price and Terms

b. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

(Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to §54956.9(b))

Unknown number of potential cases

The Closed Session was adjourned at 8:45 PM, and the Board returned to the Board Room.

11. Reconvene to Open Session; Closed Session Report Out

The Board reconvened to Open Session, and Board President Smith reported that no reportable action occurred at the Closed Session.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Board of Directors' meeting adjourned on November 4, 2026, at 8:49 PM.

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Board Secretary

MARIN WATER

STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type:	Board of Directors
Title:	General Manager's Report October 2026
From:	Shaun Horne, General Manager
Meeting Date:	November 17, 2026

TYPE OF ITEM: X Action Information

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Report

SUMMARY:

A. HIGHLIGHTS:

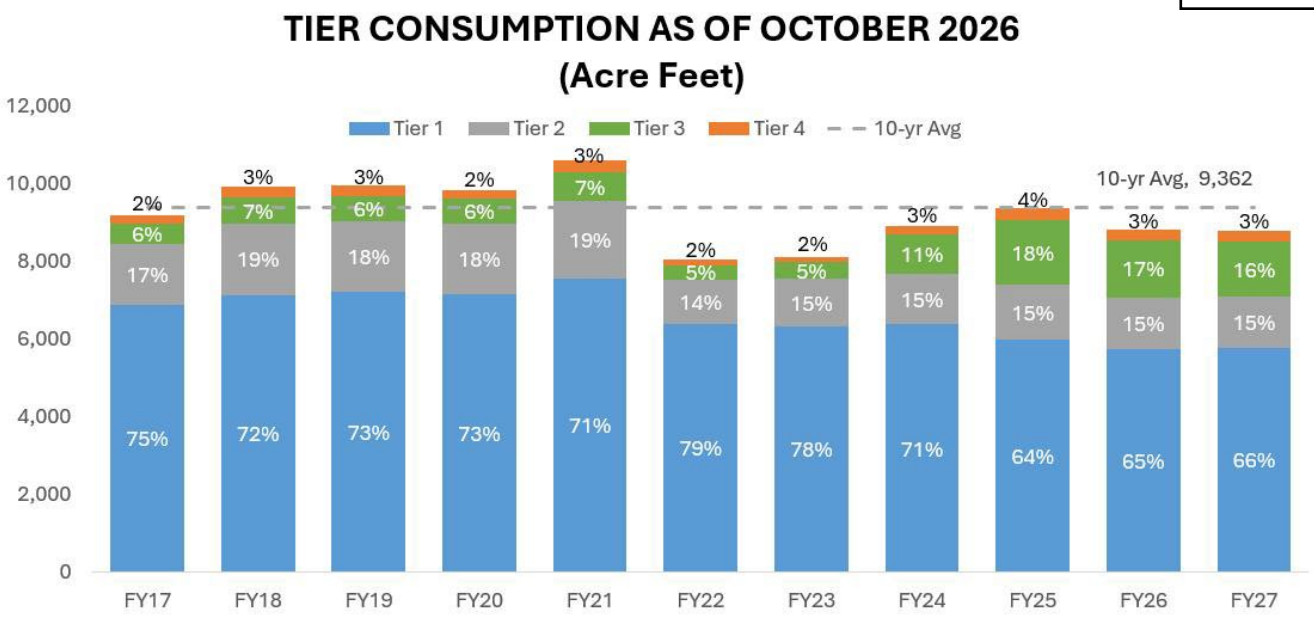
- The daily average net production for the month of October 2026 was 21.5 MGD compared to 19.0 for the month of October 2025.
- Staff held the Seeger Dam Spillway Modernization kickoff meeting with the consultant team and began development of the work plan to address the Division of Safety of Dams' December 1, 2026 deadline. Staff anticipate completing the work plan in the next few weeks and are planning to submit the work plan to DSOD ahead of their December 1 deadline. Staff have also scheduled a meeting with DSOD on December 10 to discuss the work plan and next steps for the development of the design alternatives.
- Staff have completed the 60% design on the Miracle Mile West Pipeline Replacement Project, which will replace approximately 5,550 linear feet of leak-prone lock convers pipe dating back to 1883. Replacement of this 143-year-old pipe will improve overall system resiliency and reliability to the system while reducing the risk of major traffic disruptions due to main breaks along this corridor. Staff anticipate completing design to advertise in December 2026.
- Staff responded to 1,080 underground service alert tickets and marked out approximately 48,865 feet (~9.25 miles) of pipe in the month of October, helping ensure that District underground infrastructure is not damaged by contractors or homeowners during excavation work.
- Staff installed a new Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) at the North Redwood Drive Pump Station. The VFD controls pump output to efficiently regulate water flow to meet system demand. This pump station is responsible for pumping intertie water.
- Staff performed maintenance at the Mine Ridge Pump Supplemental Regulator, which supports system fire flow operations. Deterioration of the existing steel piping at the site was reported with a site assessment, requiring coordination and preparation between departments for the

installation of a new fabricated section of steel piping. The work involved the removal of a large inground concrete vault and the installation of a new fabricated section of steel piping. The newly installed piping ensures reliability of the supplemental regulator, ensuring operational readiness with increased demand capability.

- Staff successfully completed the Phoenix Bypass transition, reconfiguring the system from potable water conveyance to the Bon Tempe Clearwell, to raw water transfer operations from Phoenix Lake to the Bon Tempe Treatment Plant. This provides the ability to lower reservoir levels ahead of the anticipated El Nino winter season. The transition required reconfiguring specialized spool assemblies that maintain a physical air-gap separation between the raw and potable water systems, protecting water quality while allowing the shared pumping infrastructure to operate safely in different configurations.
- Staff identified and corrected a control issue at the Fairfax Transmission Line during routine valve testing. The repair restored proper operation in hydraulic mode. Hydraulic mode ensures the valve will function properly during a power outage.
- Staff enhanced communication reliability and security through the installation of a radio repeater at Friar Tuck Tank. This upgrade strengthens communications from the Lockwood and Knight drive service area.
- Trail work has started on Azalea Hill. To prepare for this work, the vegetation team conducted phenology checks, collaborated with the consultant on seed collection, reflagged rare plant populations, and acted as bio monitors during the trail construction. This work is guided by the 2005 Road and Trail Management Plan and the 2019 Azalea Hill IS/MND.
- The Natural Resource Technician and the Environmental Planner established photo monitoring points for the French broom treatment. These points were established for the PMT French Broom mitigation.
- The Natural Resource Technician and the Environmental Planner determined and proposed a site for willow mitigation for the Soulajule culvert replacement project. During a site visit, an ideal planting spot was determined along with what stand of willows the stakes will be sourced from.
- Natural Resource staff and aides virtually attended the Cal-IPC conference over the course of three days. The conference was informative, providing insight on high alert invasive plants, effective EDRR protocols, and funding sources for weed management areas.
- The Natural Resources department has started to collaborate with the Marin County Agriculture Commissioner to participate in a weed management area around the Soulajule reservoir.
- Staff completed 7 armored crossing installations and a culvert replacement in Upper Eldridge Grade.
- Maintenance crews completed the 25-acre Lag Meadows prescribed burn unit in coordination with Marin County Fire Department.
- Maintenance work continues the Cataract and Azalea Hill Trails, and staff led a volunteer trail event on the Taylor Trail in conjunction with Redwood Trails Alliance.
- Staff made concrete spall repairs to Peter's Dam spillway and are coordinating redwood log removals prior to upcoming rains that may impact spillway function.
- Crews from Forster & Kroeger have begun culvert winterization and ditch maintenance in anticipation of the upcoming El Nino event.
- Phase 1 of the Lagunitas Creek Enhancement Project was completed on schedule and within

budget.

- Fisheries continued conducting annual PIT tagging of juvenile salmonids throughout the Lagunitas Creek watershed.
- Fisheries worked with HR to update and advertise the position description for Aquatic Ecologist.
- After selecting and interviewing candidates from two large pools of applicants, both the Vegetation Ecologist and Project Coordinator positions have been filled by Rosa Schnieder and Elizabeth Neill, respectively. Both individuals are expected to start December 14th.
- On 10/30, the NRPM met with two MCF Staff to review sections of the Pine Mountain Fire Road proposed for a road-to-trail conversion in the RTMP Update preferred scenario. MCF staff expressed their concern about needed emergency access but seemed agreeable to the proposed approach. An additional site visit to review other roads near Sky Oaks is scheduled for 11/20.
- As part of the e-bike pilot program, in-person surveys were created to evaluate visitor sentiment about e-bikes on existing watershed roads where conventional bikes and vehicles are permitted. Four days of surveys were conducted each fall, over two years. We collected responses from 483 individuals last October and 483 individuals this October.
- October's Trail Stewardship event brought together 14 volunteers to repair and build steps and improve erosion control on the Taylor Trail.
- AmeriCorps led climate resiliency field trips with San Francisco State University and College of Marin. Participants discussed the ecological and cultural importance of fire while walking around the recent broadcast burn sites.


TIER CONSUMPTION AS OF OCTOBER 2026
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AWARDED GRANTS					
PROJECT	FUNDER	FUNDING OPPORTUNITY	DESCRIPTION	STATUS	AWARD AMOUNT
Marin City and Canal Pipeline Replacement Project	DWR	Prop.1. Round 2 IRWM Disadvantaged Community	Replacing aging transmission lines and laterals in Marin City and San Rafael's Canal District	Awarded; in progress and ahead of schedule. All funds have been spent down and final invoice submitted. Staff is working with DWR to complete closeout activities.	$6,408,000
Forestry Corps	CCNB		Workforce development; state funding directly to CCNB to fund crews working on the watershed	Awarded; in progress and on-track.	$500,000
Lagunitas Creek Salmonid Spawning Gravel Improvement Project - Phase 2 Design	CDFW	Fisheries Restoration Grant Program (FRGP)	Lagunitas Creek Coho Habitat Enhancement Plan - 100% Designs for Phase 2 Sites (7, 8, 9, 10, 11); CEQA	Awarded; in progress and on-track.	$599,689
Lagunitas Creek Salmonid Spawning Gravel Improvement Project	DWR	Riverine Stewardship Program (RSP)	This project will inject 1,700 tons of clean river-run gravel just below Peters Dam and Kent Lake at two sites within Lagunitas Creek and is part of our larger effort to restore 4 miles of Lagunitas Creek to its historical geomorphic condition.	Awarded; in progress and on-track.	$1,990,000
Lagunitas Creek Salmonid Spawning Gravel Improvement Project	USBR		Gravel augmentation for Lagunitas Creek Sites 1-3	Awarded; in progress and on-track. No-cost extension was executed to extend through 2026 construction.	$1,400,000
Rain Water Harvesting Project	MCSTOPP		Barells for customers	Awarded; in progress and on-track.	$15,032
Water Conservation: turf rebates	USBR	Water and Energy Efficiency Grant (WEEG)	Turf rebates	Awarded; in progress and on track	$722,925
Lagunitas Creek Salmonid Spawning Gravel Improvement Project	CDFW	Prop 1	Lagunitas Creek Restoration Sites 1-6	Awarded; in progress and on track	$4,659,898
Azalea Hill Trail Restoration	California State Parks	Recreational Trails Program (RTP)	Azalea Hill Restoration	Awarded; closeout package and final invoice have been approved and final payment has been received, effectively closing out this grant.	$952,657
One Tam Regional Forest Health Project	CA WCB		BFFIP implementation. $4,260,000 total award; $2,880,000 District award.	Awarded; in progress and on-track.	$2,880,000
Water Resources - Modeling	USBR	WaterSMART Aplied Science	Funding for weather modeling to inform water resources management	Awarded; in progress.	$150,628.00
One Tam Regional Forest Health Project Phase II	CAL FIRE	California Climate Investments Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Forest Health Program 2023-2024	BFFIP Implemenation. $6,966,078 total award; $3,520,000 District award.	Awarded; in progress and on-track.	$3,520,000
Sky Oaks Facilities Assessment and Conceptual Plan	Marin Community Foundation	Mt. Tamalpais Fund	Sky Oaks Facilities Assessment and Conceptual Plan	Awarded; in progress and on-track.	$200,000
Lagunitas Creek Salmonid Spawning Gravel Improvement Project	Wildlife Conservation Board	Restoration	Funding for construction of Phase 2A in 2027	Secured	$1,109,000
Water Supply	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Water Resources Development Act 2022	$2M for Marin Water is written into the current FY26 Army Corps funding bill.	Secured; Marin Water was written into the FY26 Army Corps workplan. Staff have begun coordinating with USACE SF.	$2,000,000
			TOTAL FUNDED:		$27,107,829

PENDING (SUBMITTED) GRANTS					
PROJECT	FUNDER	FUNDING	DESCRIPTION	STATUS	AMOUNT
Water Supply	USACE	FY27 Congressionally Directed Spending Requests	Staff is purusuing funding through the congressional directed spending request process for the offices of Rep. Huffman, Sen. Padilla, and Sen. Schiff.	Rep. Huffman: Declined Sen. Padilla: Pending Sen. Schiff: Pending	$3M
One Tam Block Grant	California Natural Resources Agency	Block/Regional Grant	One Tam block grant request to CNRA to increase the pace and scale of forestry work between FY26 and FY32. Total request across One Tam agencies is $28,378,435. MMWD's request of $10,371,070 would enable us to complete an estimated 2,700 additional treatment acres during the project period. Submitted 7/2/25.	Pending	$10,371,070
Cash for Grass Turf Replacement	USBR	WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency	Funds requested to support the FY28-FY29 Cash for Grass rebates.	Pending; staff submitted a full proposal on 6/1/26	$83,250
Beneficial Gravel ReUse	CDFW	Fisheries Restoration Grant Program (FRGP)	Approximately 50% of historic anadromous salmonid habitat in the Lagunitas Creek watershed lies above Seeger Dam (Nicasio Reservoir) and Peters Dam (Kent Lake). These dams and past land management practices have reduced spawning gravel needed for endangered CCC coho salmon and threatened CCC steelhead. Marin Water has monitored these species for over 25 years and implemented restoration efforts, including gravel augmentation. This project will create a long-term plan for beneficial gravel reuse in the watershed.	Staff submitted a concept proposal on 3/2 and a full proposal on 6/2. Staff met with CDFW FRGP program staff on 7/9 to review the project.	$400,000
BFFIP	CAL FIRE	Forest Health Program	Funds for active restoration and reforestation activities aimed at providing for more resilient and sustained forests. As in past Forest Health phases, the District will apply as part of the One Tam collaborative.	One Tam submitted a pre-proposal 3/28/26 and was invited to submit a full proposal. The full proposal is pending and was submitted on 6/27/26.	$7,893,175
Pump Station Hardening	CAL FIRE	Wildfire Prevention Grants	Funds requested for hazardous fuels reduction at 35 District pump stations to protect critical water supply infrastructure and reduce wildfire risk in the wildland-urban interface. Treatments will include vegetation thinning, ladder fuel reduction, hazardous tree removal, and debris clearing within defensible space zones surrounding pump stations. The project will improve resilience of water infrastructure serving approximately 200,000 residents and thousands of structures in Moderate, High, and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.	Pending; staff submitted full proposal 7/8	$200,000
ARC	USBR	WaterSMART Drought Response	Up to $1.5M for projects designed to improve drought resilience by developing effective water management strategies and drought contingency plans. $13.5M total available with 20 awards expected. District proposal requested $1.5M for construction costs.	ied; staff is meeting with USBR to get feedb	$1,500,000
Co-Benefits of One Tam Vegetation Treatments	CAL FIRE	Forest Health Research Grant Program	This solicitation will fund collaborative research that supports forest health and greenhouse gas reduction at landscape scales through improved forest and vegetation management across California. Our proposed project is a cross-jurisdictional field study of the effects of One Tam's vegetation treatments on multiple indicators of forest health co-benefits in priority forest types in Marin County. Leading indicators of improved forest health that may respond rapidly to vegetation treatments include metrics representing tree vigor, native plant recruitment, soil health, and wildlife habitat, and these same metrics are also leading indicators of expected co-benefits, including carbon sequestration, biodiversity, cultural value, economic and recreation, and water quality and quantity benefits.	Denied; staff will continue to search for research funding	$750,000
Seeger Dam Modernization	USACE	Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development	The Annual Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development provides an opportunity for communities to inform Congress about their interest in a new congressional authorization – or modifying an existing authorization – for specifically authorized Civil Works water resources studies, projects, and environmental infrastructure programs. This Annual Report provides Congress with a list of potential studies and projects to newly authorize and a list of existing study, project, and programmatic authorities to modify. This is the first step in the Watre Resources Development Act (WRDA) process.	Pending; submitted 8/31/26	$27,500,000
Beneficial Gravel ReUse	USBR	WaterSMART Enhancing Water Resources	The WaterSMART Enhancing Water Resources Projects funding opportunity supports collaboratively developed projects that benefit multiple water users, improve water supply reliability, and enhance watershed health. Note: this funding opportunity was previously known as Environmental Water Resources Projects.	Pending; submitted 9/9/26	$3,000,000
BFFIP	CAL FIRE	Regional Wildfire & Landscape Resilience	The CAL FIRE Regional Wildfire and Landscape Resilience Grants fund collaborative, multi-benefit projects—such as hazardous fuels reduction, prescribed burns, and reforestation—to reduce wildfire risk and improve ecosystem health. The District will apply as part of the One Tam collaborative. CAL FIRE Regional Landscape Grants Program received 42 concept proposals for this solicitation, totaling $401,130,604.33. One Tam is one of only 7 collaboratives selected to submit full proposals. The Regional Grants Program has $30 million to award; total request for 7 finalist organizations: $80,473,347.	One Tam submitted a concept proposal on 6/30/26 and a full proposal on 10/6/26. Total One Tam request: $19,827,674.40.	$19,827,674

OPEN FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES					
PROJECT	FUNDER	FUNDING OPPORTUNITY	DESCRIPTION	STATUS	TIMELINE
Lake Lagunitas Outdoor Education	California State Parks	Land and Water Conservation Fund	The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Local Agency Competitive Program provides federal funding to help California cities, counties, special districts, tribes, and other eligible public agencies acquire or develop parkland and outdoor recreation facilities that improve public health, recreation access, and quality of life. There is a total of $27M in available funds for this solicitation.	In progress	Closes January 14, 2027

DISCUSSION:

B. SUMMARY:

AF = Acre Feet

Mg/L = milligrams per liter

MPN = most probable number

MPY = mils per year

MG = million gallons

NTU = nephelometric turbidity units

1. Water Production:

	FY 2026/27		FY 2025/26	
	(million gallons)	(acre-feet)	(million gallons)	(acre-feet)
Potable				
Total production this FY	2,741	8,412	2,816	8,643
Monthly production, October	666	2,044	588	1,804
Daily average, October	21.49	65.94	18.97	58.21
Recycled				
Total production this FY	119.18	365.75	114.39	351.05
Monthly production, October	24.02	73.71	14.33	43.98
Daily average, October	0.77	2.38	0.46	1.42
Raw Water				
Total production this FY	37.11	113.88	34.14	104.76
Monthly production, October	7.11	21.82	2.28	7.00
Daily average, October	0.23	0.70	0.07	0.23
Imported Water				
Total imported this FY	1,151	3,533	1,185	3,637
Monthly imported, October	298	915	250	768
Reservoir Storage				
Total storage, October	20,367	62,504	20,603	63,229
Storage change during October	-728	-2,235	-452	-1,386
Stream Releases				
Total releases this FY	995	3,054	881	2,704
Monthly releases, October	320	981	198	609

2. Precipitation:

	FY 2026/27 (in.)	FY 2025/26 (in.)
ALPINE	2.10	4.94
BON TEMPE	0.99	3.25
KENT	0.85	5.37
LAGUNITAS	0.91	3.52
NICASIO	0.61	2.36
PHOENIX	0.39	3.03
SOULAJULE	0.52	2.35

Average to date = 3.62 inches

3. Water Quality:

Laboratory	FY 2026/27	FY 2025/26
Water Quality Complaints:		
Month of Record	13	10
Fiscal Year to Date	57	49
Water Quality Informational Inquiries:		
Month of Record	12	9
Fiscal Year to Date	32	41

The WQ Lab ensured that the water supplied met or surpassed water quality regulations by collecting and analyzing 1,467 analyses on treatment plants and distribution system samples.

Mild steel corrosion rates averaged 3.11 (0.34 – 5.25) MPY. The AWWA has recommended an operating level of <5 MPY with a goal of <1 MPY.

Complaint Flushing: No flushing events were performed for the month on record.

Disinfection Program: No new pipeline was disinfected during the month of October. Performed chlorination on 38 water storage tanks to ensure compliance with bacteriological water quality regulations.

Tank Water Quality Monitoring Program: Performed 63 water quality-monitoring events on storage tanks for various water quality parameters this month to help ensure compliance with bacteriological water quality regulations.

Summary:

The Lab analyzed 1,467 treatment plants and distribution water samples, and the water quality department treated 38 tanks for low chlorine and checked an additional 63 tanks for low chlorine residual in October 2026.

4. Water Treatment:

	San Geronimo		Bon Tempe		Ignacio	
Treatment Results	Average	Monthly Goal	Average	Monthly Goal	Average	Monthly Goal
Turbidity (NTU)	0.05	≤ 0.10	0.03	≤ 0.10	0.06	≤ 0.10
Chlorine residual (mg/L)	2.74	2.75 *	2.71	2.75 *	2.80	2.75 *
Color (units)	0.3	≤ 15	0.2	≤ 15	0.1	≤ 15
pH (units)	7.9	7.8*	7.8	7.8*	8.0	8.1**

* Set monthly by Water Quality Lab

** pH to Ignacio is controlled by SCWA

5. Capital Improvement:

a. Pine Mountain Tank Phase 2 – New Water Tanks Project (D21043): The Pine Mountain Tunnel Tanks Replacement Project is a multi-year two-phased project that will replace the existing Pine Mountain Tunnel. The current project (Phase 2) will construct two 90-foot inside diameter pre-stressed concrete potable water storage tanks, install yard piping and control systems, and complete final site grading.
   - Project Budget: $19,142,500
   - Monthly Activities: The contractor completed the formwork and steel reinforcement for both tank foundations and are scheduled to pour concrete in early November. Tank formwork, reinforcement, and concrete work will continue through January 2027 before the project is suspended for the Northern Spotted Owl nesting season. Project completion is estimated in 2029.

b. Kastania Pump Station Rehabilitation Project Phase II (D21027): This project will install a single, new high efficiency pump and motor and will incorporate various new drainage features at Kastania Pump Station. The project will also install a new 16" pressure relief valve and 8,000-gallon pressure relief discharge tank at Ignacio Treatment Plant.
   - Project Budget: $3,733,577
   - Monthly Activities: The contractor continues to perform the initial phase of the project, which includes procuring equipment and materials for installation. Project completion is estimated Summer 2027.

c. Bolinas Road Pipeline Replace Project (D18026): This project will install approximately 4,350 feet of new 10", 8", 6" and 4" welded steel pipe to replace leak prone cast iron pipe that's over 100 years old.
   - Project Budget: $3,300,855
   - Monthly Activities: The District continues working with various partnering jurisdictions to reinitiate the project. The excavations performed previously have been backfilled and repaved for the winter season. The District anticipates restarting the project March 2027.

d. Tocaloma Pump Station Rehabilitation Project (D20008): This project is a component of the District's Capital Improvement Program and rehabilitates the Tocaloma Pump Station. The project consists of various facility improvements including constructing a new seismically resilient and fire-hardened electrical control building, installing new electrical switchgear, replacing five (5) pumps and motors, installing variable frequency drives for each pump, and replacing critical valves and appurtenances.
   - Project Budget: $12,085,685
   - Monthly Activities: The contractor continues to prepare and submit project submittals for District review and procure material and equipment. Material procurement will continue through 2027 as the pumps, drives, and switchgear is fabricated. The estimated beginning of field work is early 2028, and the estimated completion date is December 2028.

e. Scenic Avenue Tank Replacement Project (D25025): This project is a component of the District's Capital Improvement Program and replaces an existing 20,000-gallon redwood tank in San Anselmo with a new seismically resilient bolted steel tank.
   - Project Budget: $715,024
   - Monthly Activities: The contractor continues to prepare initial project submittals, and material and water tank procurement. Construction mobilization date is estimated Spring 2027 upon tank fabrication and delivery.

f. Miracle Mile East Pipeline Replacement Project (D26016): This project is a component of the District's Capital Improvement Program and replaces approximately 1,840 feet of aged leak-prone piping on Fourth Street, also known as the "Miracle Mile," near the Second and Fourth Street intersection.
   - Project Budget: $1,489,000
   - Monthly Activities: The contractor performed preliminary utility potholing and will begin field work in November. Work is currently anticipated to be performed during daytime

working hours, but night work may be required by the city. The work is anticipated to occur through the winter and completed early 2027.

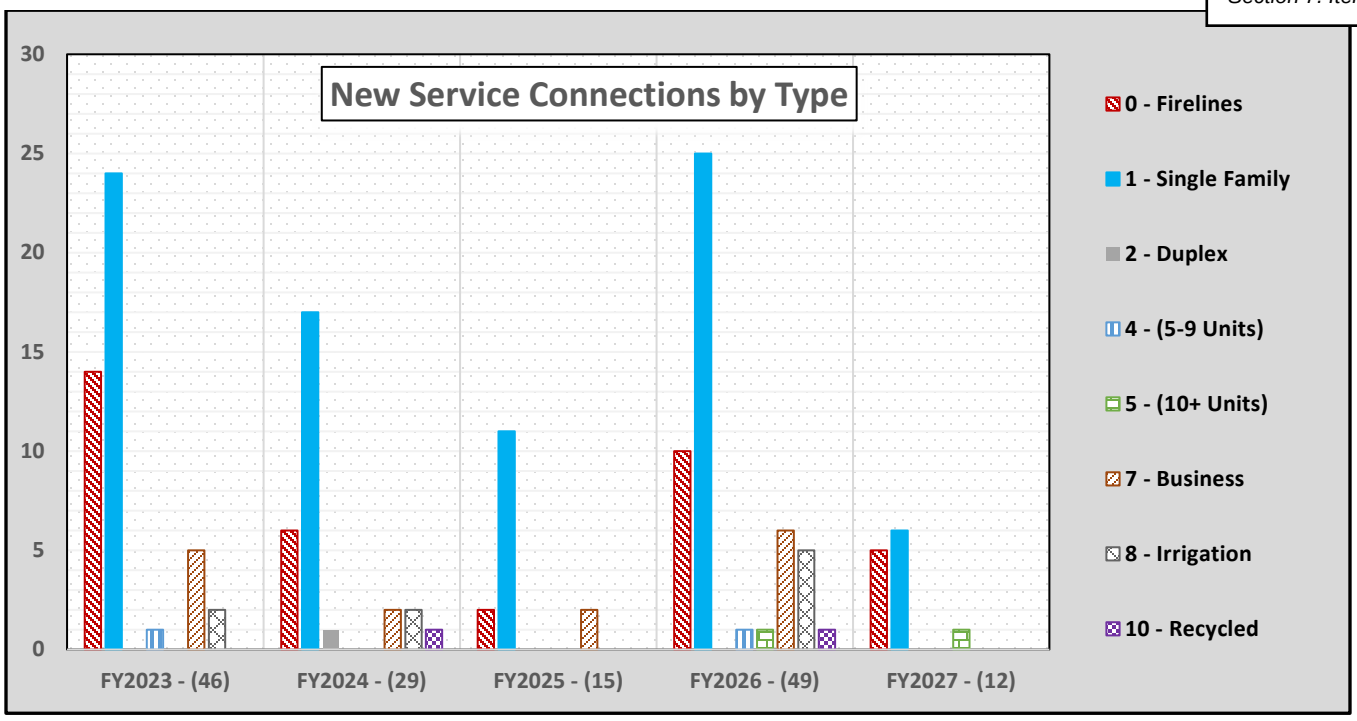
g. Pump Station Fire Hardening Improvement Project (D26028): This project improves various District facilities to harden them from risks associated with wildfires. The project prioritizes improvements within Defensible Space Zones 0 and 1, which are most vulnerable to wildfire impacts. The proposed actions 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 the facilities with 180-minute fire-rated doors, adding 1/8-inch fire-rated screens to existing vents, and sealing gaps around utility penetrations with approved non-combustible materials.
   - Project Budget: $507,000
   - Monthly Activities: The District held a preconstruction meeting with the contractor, and contractor is preparing project submittals and planning for mobilization. Project completion is anticipated in the winter 2026/2027.

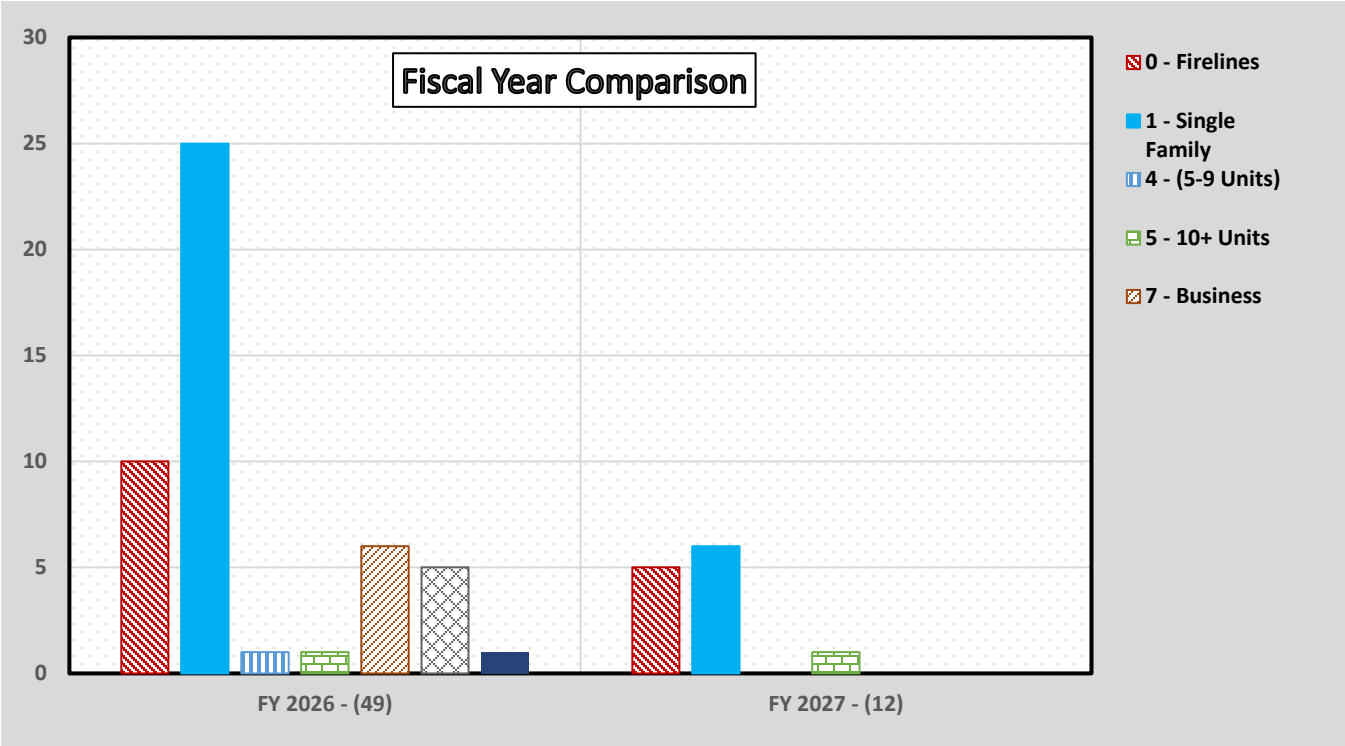
h. North Marin Line Stabilization Phase 1: Shafter Valve Relocation Project (D26022): The North Marin Line Stabilization Project is a two-phase that will improve one of the two existing creek crossings to modern seismic standards and eliminate the other through the relocation of a control valve and approximately 1,700 feet of raw water transmission main. Phase 1 of the Project will relocate and replace an existing 1957 (68-year-old) control valve, which is critical to the District's transmission system and necessary for regulating flow from both Kent and Nicasio Reservoir, two key sources of raw water to the San Geronimo Treatment Plant. Phase 1 (this project) will also install approximately 160 feet of new 24-inch welded steel pipe on Lower Peters Dam Road and Sir Francis Drake Boulevard.
   - Project Budget: $1,383,465
   - Monthly Activities: The contractor is preparing submittals for contractor-furnished materials. While the Contractor may perform initial potholing this year, most of the field work is anticipated to begin Summer 2027. Project completion is estimated Fall of 2027.

i. Palm Avenue Pipeline Replacement Project (F26002): The Palm Avenue Pipeline Replacement Project (Project) is a component of the District's Fire Flow Improvement Program. This Project will install approximately 1,730 feet of new 6-inch and 8-inch welded steel pipe to replace the old, leak-prone, fire flow deficient piping installed as early as 1937.
   - Project Budget: $1,008,410
   - Monthly Activities: The Contractor mobilized to the project site and is currently installing the new water main. Project completion is estimated by the end of this year, 2026.

6. <u>Other:</u>

Pipeline Installation	**FY 2026/27**	**FY 2025/26**
Pipe installed during October (feet)	1075	11
Total pipe installed this fiscal year (feet)	1224	5,878
Total miles of pipeline within the District	908	908
** Reflects adjustment for abandoned pipelines*		
Pipe Locates (1,080 Responses)	**FY 2026/27**	**FY 2025/26**
Month of October (feet)	48,865	42,770
Total this fiscal year (feet, excluding Oct 2026)	136,497	149,302
Main Line Leaks Repaired	**FY 2026/27**	**FY 2025/26**
Month of October	22	11
Total this fiscal year (7/1/26-10/31/26)	68	53
Services	**FY 2026/27**	**FY 2025/26**
Service upgrades during October	14	12
Total service upgrades this FY	64	68
Service connections installed during October	1	3
Total active services as of November 1st, 2026	60,687	60,654
(Total Including firelines)	62,094	62,044


New Service Connections by Type
30
25
20
15
10
5
0
FY2023 - (46)
FY2024 - (29)
FY2025 - (15)
FY2026 - (49)
FY2027 - (12)
0 - Firelines
1 - Single Family
2 - Duplex
4 - (5-9 Units)
5 - (10+ Units)
7 - Business
8 - Irrigation
10 - Recycled


Fiscal Year Comparison
30
25
20
15
10
5
0
FY 2026 - (49)
FY 2027 - (12)
0 - Firelines
1 - Single Family
4 - (5-9 Units)
5 - 10+ Units
7 - Business

7. Recruitments and Hires:

The District recruited for the following positions:

1. Assistant Utility-Maintenance Worker
2. Director of Watershed Resources
3. Heavy Equipment Operator
4. Mechanical & Electrical Maintenance Worker III or IV
5. Warehouse Worker I/II

The District hired new employees for the following positions:

1. Distribution System Operator

Employees promoted through competitive process:

1. General Manager
2. Water System Technician

8. Demand Management:

	Sep-26	FY 26/27 TOTAL	FY 25/26 TOTAL	FY 24/25 TOTAL
WATER-EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS				
Water-Use Site Surveys				
Conservation Assistance Program (CAP) Consultations				
Residential properties resi 1-2 (single-family)	80	242	872	692
Residential properties resi 3-5 (multi-family units)	0	0	10	10
Non-residential properties resi 6-7 (commercial)	2	6	16	1
Dedicated irrigation accounts resi 8-10 (large landscape)	0	0	8	7
Marin Master Gardeners' Marin-Friendly Garden Walks				
Residential garden walks	15	58	152	147
Public Outreach, Education, Customer Service				
Public outreach events (number of people attending)	1	2	8731	3870
Public education events (number of participants)	2,500	2519	239	265
Department customer calls/emails	627	1754	5944	6124
Outreach to new Marin Water customers (letters sent)	109	383	2019	1483
School Education				
School assemblies				
Number of activities	0	0	14	19
Number of students reached	0	0	4883	7212
Field trips				
Number of activities	2	2	15	22
Number of students reached	33	33	334	471
Classroom presentations				
Number of activities	2	2	17	13
Number of students reached	49	49	565	390
Other (e.g. Earth Day booth events, school gardens)				
Number of activities	0	0	4	2
Number of students reached	0	0	160	225
Incentives				
Rain Barrel/Cisterns approved	1	1	4	14
Rain Barrel/Cisterns gallons	50	50	3980	13650
Rain Barrel Give-a-way (Gallons)	2450	3900	15900	33550
"Cash for Grass" Lawn Replacements total properties approved	6	31	89	81
"Cash for Grass" (Best Practices) square ft. lawn replaced	0	966	4571	17699
"Cash for Grass" (Standard) square ft. lawn replaced	3671	32110	89970	51049
"Cash for Grass" (MCSTOPP) square ft. lawn replaced	0	2200	7961	3555
Number of Laundry-to-Landscape Systems (kits) approved	0	1	2	0
Hot water recirculating system rebates	0	0	6	6
Pool Cover rebates	0	3	6	25
Number of Smart Home Water Monitor "Flume Direct Distribution" redeemed	20	70	388	456
Number of Smart Controllers MW rebates approved	3	13	29	37
Number of Smart Controllers "Rachio Direct Distribution" approved	10	35	127	184
Custom Rebate - Commercial and Multi-Family	0	1	1	1
Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)				
AMI leak letters sent to customers (>200 GPD)	163	342	1184	1319
ORDINANCES				
Water Waste Prevention				
Water Waste Reports Received	11	38	114	177
Water Waste Notifications Sent	3	10	23	34
Landscape Plan Review				
Plans submitted	3	16	120	90
Plans exempt	0	1	31	15
Plans completed	2	2	36	23
Plans in workflow (pass & fail)	11	34	204	139
Tier 4 Exemption				
Inspections that resulted in a pass	0	0	0	1

9. Watershed Protection:

New Ranger More than Halfway Through the Field Training Program

Ranger Garrett Anderson has successfully completed more than half of the District's Field Training Program. He continues to make excellent progress and is on track to become our next solo patrol ranger.

Rangers Assist Lagunitas Meadow Prescribed Burn

Rangers assisted Resource Management staff and the Marin County Fire Department during the 25-acre prescribed burn at Lagunitas Meadow. Their responsibilities included mop-up operations and post-burn patrols, especially after other crews had departed, to identify and address hotspots and residual smoke. Rangers also provided information to visitors and responded to public inquiries about the burn.

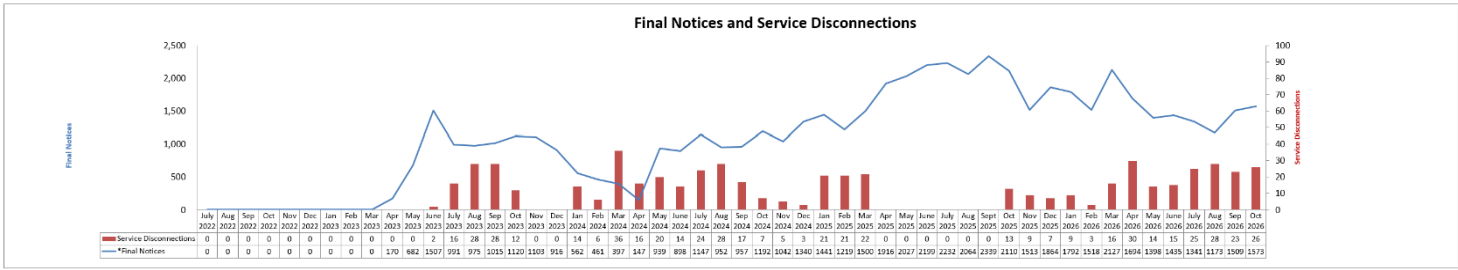


Ranger Pannara extinguishes a hotspot near the Alex Foreman Trail.

RANGER ACTIVITIES	
Law Enforcement	**#**
MMWD Ordinance Violations	
Warnings	62
Citations	19
Dog Off Leash	34(W) 1 (C)
Bike on Trail	3 (W 2 (C)
Illegal Trail Building Incidents	13
On Watershed After Closing	6 (W)
Illegal Camp	1(W)
Prohibited Activities	4(W)
Penal Code Violations	**#**
Vandalism	13
Theft	2
Vehicle Code Violations	**#**
Vehicle Code Violations	2
Fish and Wildlife	**#**
License Checks	4
Warning for Fishing Violations	1
Other	
Misc. Law Enforcement Calls	9
Preventive Search and Rescue	9
Suspicious Circumstances	3
Search and Rescue	1
Humane/Animal Related	1
Medical/Fire	**#**
Fire Service	6
Medical Calls	5
Prescribed Burn	1
General	**#**
Visitor Assists	67
Assist MMWD groups	42
Dam Checks	36
Ranger Callouts	1
Watershed Observation Reports	**#**
Received	1
Additional Patrols	
Foot	72 miles
Bike	31miles
ATV/UTV	71 miles
LIDAR patrols	4

10. Shutoff Notices and Disconnections:

*Final Notices
Service Disconnections
* Includes 10 day and final notices



	July 2022	Aug 2022	Sep 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2022	Dec 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	May 2023	June 2023	July 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	May 2024	June 2024	July 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sept 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026	June 2026	July 2026	Aug 2026	Sep 2026	Oct 2026
Service Disconnections	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	16	28	28	12	0	0	14	6	36	16	20	14	24	28	17	7	5	3	21	21	22	0	0	0	0	0	13	9	7	9	3	16	30	14	15	25	28	23	26
*Final Notices	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	170	682	1507	991	975	1015	1120	1103	916	562	461	397	147	939	898	1147	952	957	1192	1042	1340	1441	1219	1500	1916	2027	2199	2232	2064	2339	2110	1513	1864	1792	1518	2127	1694	1398	1435	1341	1173	1509	1573

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ATTACHMENT(S): None.

DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION	DIVISION MANAGER	APPROVED
Office of the General Manager	_____	
	Shaun Horne **General Manager**	**Shaun Horne** **General Manager**

STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type:	Board of Directors
Title:	Land and Water Conservation Fund Application for the Lake Lagunitas Outdoor Education
From:	Carl Sanders, Natural Resources Program Manager
Through:	Shaun Horne, General Manager
Meeting Date:	November 17, 2026

TYPE OF ITEM: X Action Information

RECOMMENDATION: Approve a resolution to pursue a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant for the Lake Lagunitas Outdoor Education Project

SUMMARY: The District recently developed conceptual plans for the Lake Lagunitas Outdoor Education Project to improve visitor experience and educational opportunities at the existing Lake Lagunitas Picnic Area. To support implementation, staff is preparing a grant proposal for California State Parks' Land and Water Conservation Fund. A Board resolution approving the application submittal including a commitment for matching funds for 50% of the project total are required at the time of submission.

DISCUSSION: At the April 1, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting, the Board approved a grant award of $200,000 from the Mt. Tamalpais Watershed Fund to advance a Watershed Facilities Assessment and Conceptual Plan. The Board subsequently approved entering into a Project Agreement with the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy (GGNPC) for project management support at the August 19, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting. The GGNPC, as part of the One Tam collaborative, has helped the District and other public land management agencies on similar planning efforts in the past; previous Mt. Tamalpais Watershed plans include concept plans for the Lake Lagunitas Picnic Area and West Peak.

District staff worked with GGNPC to develop a request for proposals for an architectural firm and selected PROTOinc and Roth/LaMotte Landscape Architecture (RLLA) to develop high-level assessments and visions for Task 1: the Sky Oaks Watershed Headquarters, Task 2: housing opportunities for seasonal staff, and Task 3: an outdoor education space. Staff presented initial assessments and high-level concepts to the Watershed Committee on September 17, 2026 and recommended that Task 1 be integrated into the broader District facilities planning effort, Task 2 be concluded, and Task 3 be advanced for further design.

Staff is working with GGNPC and RLLA to advance conceptual designs for educational and visitor improvements to the Lake Lagunitas Picnic Area. To support implementation, staff recommends submitting a grant proposal to the California State Parks Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) funding opportunity. Staff estimates a total project cost of $900,000, which would be funded with $450,000 in grant funds and $450,000 in matching funds. To satisfy the matching requirement, staff is recommending a disbursement from the Mt. Tamalpais Watershed Fund in the amount of $450,000 contingent on receiving an LWCF grant award. The District created the Mt. Tamalpais Watershed Fund in 1996 to give watershed visitors the opportunity to help protect the mountain through a tax-deductible donation and to provide support for the watershed management activities of the Mount Tamalpais watershed and other District watershed lands.

LWCF provides federal funding administered by the California Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) in partnership with the National Park Service (NPS) and helps public agencies implement projects that create or improve outdoor recreation and education opportunities. LWCF applications require a 50% cost-share, completed CEQA, and a Board resolution at the time of submission. The deadline for the current 2027 LWCF opportunity is January 14, 2027.

Staff presented on this grant opportunity at the October 27, 2026 Planning Committee meeting.

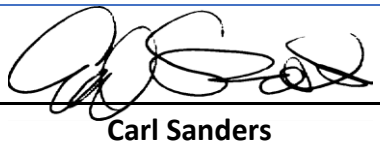
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: The Lake Lagunitas Outdoor Education Project as proposed is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), and 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land). The project involves improvements to the existing Lake Lagunitas Picnic Area, including parking lot repaving, installation of an outdoor log-circle classroom, shade structures, portable restrooms, picnic tables, and associated minor grading, site, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements.

The proposed improvements would be concentrated within the existing developed recreational area and would not substantially expand existing uses. The project would not result in significant impacts to sensitive environmental or historical resources, contribute to significant cumulative impacts, or result in significant environmental effects due to unusual circumstances.

FISCAL IMPACT: LWCF grants require a 50% cost-share. Staff estimates a total project cost of $900,000, which would be funded with $450,000 in grant funds and $450,000 in matching funds. To satisfy the matching requirement, staff is recommending a disbursement from the Mt. Tamalpais Watershed Fund in the amount of $450,000 contingent on receiving an LWCF grant award. The current balance of the fund is $720,789.44.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Proposed Resolution
2. CEQA Notice of Exemption (NOE)

DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION	DIVISION MANAGER	APPROVED
Watershed		
	Carl Sanders **Acting Watershed** **Resources Director**	**Shaun Horne** **General Manager**

Attachment 1

Resolution No. (*Number*)

RESOLUTION OF THE MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND FOR THE LAKE LAGUNITAS OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Congress under Public Law 88-578 has authorized the establishment of a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant-In-Aid program, providing matching funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for acquiring lands and developing Facilities for public outdoor recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Parks and Recreation is responsible for administration of the program in the State, setting up necessary rules and procedures governing applications by local agencies under the program; and

WHEREAS, the applicant certifies by resolution the approval of the application and the availability of eligible matching funds prior to submission of the application to the State; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marin Municipal Water District Board of Directors hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application for Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance for the proposed Lake Lagunitas Outdoor Education Project;
2. Certifies that the applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in the Grant Administration Guide;
3. Agrees to abide by 54 U.S.C. §200305(f)(3) which requires, “No property acquired or developed with assistance under this section shall, without the approval of the Secretary, be converted to other than public outdoor recreation use. The Secretary shall approve a conversion only if the Secretary finds it to be in accordance with the then-existing comprehensive statewide outdoor recreation plan and only on such conditions as the Secretary considers necessary to ensure the substitution of other recreation properties of at least equal fair market value and of reasonably equivalent usefulness and location.”;;
4. Certifies that said agency has matching funds from eligible source(s) and can finance 100 percent of the project, which up to half may be reimbursed;
5. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines; and
6. Appoints the General Manager as agent of the applicant to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, contracts, amendments, payment requests, and compliance with all applicable current state and federal laws which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

Approved and Adopted on the 17th of November, 2026.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Marin Municipal Water District Board of Directors following a roll call vote:

Ayes _____
Noes _____
Absent _____

_____
(Clerk)

Notice of Exemption

Attachment 2

Filing Requested By and When Filed Return To:

Marin Municipal Water District
220 Nellen Ave
Corte Madera, CA 94925
Attn: Carl Sanders, Director of Watershed Resources

Project Title: Lake Lagunitas Outdoor Education Project

Project Location: Lake Lagunitas Picnic Area, Mount Tamalpais Watershed **Project Location – County:** Marin

Project Description: The Project consists of improvements to the existing Lake Lagunitas Picnic Area to enhance outdoor educational and recreational opportunities. Proposed improvements include repaving the existing parking lot, installation of an outdoor log-circle classroom, shade structures, portable restrooms, picnic tables, and associated minor grading, site, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements. The improvements would be concentrated within the existing developed recreational area and would support existing recreational and educational uses of the site.

Public Agency Approving Project: Marin Municipal Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Marin Municipal Water District

CEQA Exemption Status: Categorical Exemptions pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), and 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land).

Reason for Exemption: The Project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Sections 15301, 15303, and 15304 of the CEQA Guidelines. Section 15301 applies to the maintenance and minor alteration of existing recreational facilities, including repaving the existing parking lot, with negligible or no expansion of use. Section 15303 applies to the installation of small educational and recreational structures, including the outdoor classroom and shade structures. Section 15304 applies to minor grading and site preparation associated with the proposed improvements.

The Project would be concentrated within an existing developed recreational area and would not substantially expand existing uses. Based on the District's environmental review, the Project would not result in significant impacts to sensitive environmental or historical resources, contribute to significant cumulative impacts, or result in significant environmental effects due to unusual circumstances. The Project would not affect scenic resources within an officially designated state scenic highway or occur on a listed hazardous waste site. Accordingly, none of the exceptions to categorical exemptions under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply.

Project Approval: The Marin Municipal Water District Board of Directors approved the Lake Lagunitas Outdoor Education Project, which represents project approval as defined by Section 15352 of the CEQA Guidelines, at its regularly scheduled meeting on 11/04/2026.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Carl Sanders, Marin Municipal Water District **Telephone:** 415-945-1189

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Carl Sanders, Director of Watershed Resources **November 17, 2026**

STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type:	Board of Directors
Title:	Amendment No. 1 to Legal Services Agreement with Wood, Smith, Henning, Berman LLP for Legal Defense Representation Services
From:	Molly MacLean, General Counsel
Through:	Shaun Horne, General Manager
Meeting Date:	November 17, 2026

TYPE OF ITEM: X Action Information

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Legal Services Agreement with Wood, Smith, Henning, Berman LLP authorizing up to an additional $150,000 for Legal Defense Representation Services

SUMMARY: The law firm of Wood, Smith, Henning, Berman LLP (Wood Smith) was retained as Legal Defense counsel to the District, and the Board of Directors approved a legal services agreement with the firm on July 1, 2025. The District's General Counsel's Office is now recommending a first amendment to that agreement authorizing up to an additional $150,000 so Wood Smith may continue to provide these legal services to the District on an as-needed basis.

DISCUSSION: On May 8, 2025, the District issued a Request for Qualifications for Legal Defense Representation Services and received five responses, all of which were evaluated by the General Counsel and Staff Attorney. Following interviews of two finalists, Legal staff was impressed with the firm of Wood Smith. While this firm has a deep bench and locations nationwide, the attorneys identified to provide litigation support services to the District are mainly located in the Petaluma Office. The firm offers competitive rates and attorneys with the necessary experience, as well as the motivation, to provide legal services for the District. On July 1, 2025 the Board of Directors approved an Legal Services Agreement with Wood Smith in an amount not to exceed $150,000.

Since being retained by the District, the firm has provided outside Legal Defense Representation Services in the complex *Delta Grinding Company, Inc. v. Town of Fairfax, Marin Municipal Water District, et al*. litigation. In addition to providing legal representation in this matter, the firm has been instrumental in locating, vetting and securing necessary experts to represent the District's interests and positions in the litigation. In addition to the legal services payments, the District has also reimbursed the firm for the costs of the expert witnesses retained by the firm through the legal services agreement.

To ensure that the District has sufficient funding for Wood Smith to continue providing outside Legal Defense Representation Services and compensate the experts witnesses that it has retained for the ongoing litigation, the General Counsel's Office recommends that the Board of Directors approve a First Amendment to the existing Legal Services Agreement authorizing up to an additional $150,000.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT: The proposed amendment would authorize expenditures of up to an additional $150,000. Funding for these as-needed services will be included in the District General Counsel's Office budget in fiscal years 2027 and 2028 and would be identified as needed in future budget requests.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Amendment No. 1

DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION	DIVISION MANAGER	APPROVED
General Counsel	**Molly MacLean** **General Counsel**	**Shaun Horne** **General Manager**

Attachment 1

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO
AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN
MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT and Wood, Smith, Henning & Berman LLP
(Miscellaneous Agreement No. MA - 6437)

This Contract Amendment ("Amendment") is entered into by and between Marin Municipal Water District ("District") and Wood, Smith, Henning & Berman LLP ("Consultant").

For good and valuable consideration the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

Section 1. Recitals:

A. District and Consultant entered into an Agreement for specialized legal representation for assistance with inverse condemnation, dangerous condition of public property, tort claims, personal injury claims, and other liability claim related matters, dated July 2, 2025 ("Agreement") for an initial not to exceed amount of $150,000.

B. The parties now desire to enter into this Amendment to increase the not to exceed amount by an additional $150,000 in order to permit the utilization of additional legal services being provided under the Agreement.

Section 2. Terms:

A. Amendment to Agreement: This Amendment modifies the Agreement. Except for the modifications contained herein, all the terms of the Agreement shall apply.

B. Terms:

1. **Amend Section 2 entitled "Compensation", subsection (d)** to read as follows:

Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement to the contrary, the total maximum compensation to be paid for the satisfactory accomplishment and completion of all services to be performed hereunder shall in no event exceed the sum of three hundred and thousand ($300,000).

In witness whereof, the Parties hereby execute this Amendment No. 1 as of the last date written below.

Wood, Smith, Henning & Berman LLP

Dated: _____ By: _____
Stewart Reid, Firmwide Managing Partner

MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

Dated: _____ By: _____
Jed Smith, Board President

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
Molly MacLean, District General Counsel

STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type:	Board of Directors
Title:	Purchase of SCADA Equipment to Replace Outdated Equipment at Ignacio Water Quality Station
From:	Darren Machado, Director of Operations
Through:	Shaun Horne, General Manager
Meeting Date:	November 17, 2026

TYPE OF ITEM: X Action Information

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the purchase of replacement SCADA equipment from Graybar to replace the outdated SCADA equipment at the Ignacio Water Quality Station for a total amount not to exceed $163,200.09 and authorize the General Manager to execute a purchase order

SUMMARY: As automated control technology advances for water treatment plants, equipment must be upgraded to maintain functionality, efficiency and availability. Most controls upgrades are in the form of electrical components, which must be replaced more often than traditional water infrastructure like pipes or valves due to shorter lifecycles and becoming functionally obsolete. The Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system that District Operators use to run the Ignacio Water Quality Station is hosted on numerous Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs) and support equipment. To perpetuate reliability, replacement of existing controls equipment is planned. This includes replacement of PLCs, Input-Outputs, operator displays, power supplies and other appurtenant devices that enable operators to monitor facility conditions, receive alarms and control equipment.

DISCUSSION: The Ignacio Water Quality Station is a chemical feed and water quality monitoring station. This facility receives potable Sonoma County water, adds chemicals to match the water quality characteristics of the District's system, and pumps the water south for use within the District's service area. The Ignacio Water Quality Station was originally constructed in 1976, with a major rehabilitation in 1996.

While initial operation of the Ignacio Water Quality Station was once done completely by treatment plant operators, technology developed over the last 50 years has reduced the manual operations processes by using programmable equipment and remote monitoring. Currently, processes can be automated using sensors that monitor flow, pressure, voltage, current, electrical charge, chemical residual or other water quality characteristics. Operators interact with Ignacio Water Quality Station through a SCADA system, which is customized software that allows operators to interface with the remote sensors.

The SCADA software is implemented through the installation of Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) and Input-Output (I/O) equipment that are utilized to provide communication between the Operator and the remote equipment. Programming was introduced to the Ignacio Water Quality Station in 1996. The existing PLCs and appurtenant hardware have been discontinued, and replacement parts for the units will soon become unavailable.

The Ignacio Water Quality Station relies on continuous monitors to control chemical feeds and other equipment remotely. The PLC is controlled from Bon Tempe and/or San Geronimo Treatment Plant through the SCADA system. To perpetuate reliability, replacement of existing controls equipment is planned. This includes replacement of PLCs, Input-Outputs, operator displays, power supplies and other appurtenant devices that enable operators to monitor facility conditions, receive alarms and control equipment. Installation will be completed by District staff over several days during planned shutdowns.

Staff recommends the Board approve the purchase of replacement equipment in support of the SCADA Upgrade Project from Graybar for the Ignacio Water Quality Station in an amount not to exceed $163,200.09 and authorize the General Manager to execute a purchase order.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding for this operational maintenance item was identified in the 2026/2027 Capital Budget. The cost of the equipment purchase is not to exceed $163,200.09.

ATTACHMENT(S): None.

DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION	DIVISION MANAGER	APPROVED
Operations	Darren Machado **Darren Machado** **Operations Director**	Shaun Horne **Shaun Horne** **General Manager**

STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type:	Board of Directors
Title:	Purchase of Valve Extension Rod for New 24" Plug Valve on North Marin Line Stabilization Project
From:	Alex Anaya, Director of Engineering
Through:	Shaun Horne, General Manager
Meeting Date:	November 17, 2026

TYPE OF ITEM: X Action Information

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the General Manager to execute a purchase order with MRC Global for a 24-inch plug valve extension rod for the North Marin Line Stabilization Project in the amount of $22,999.00

SUMMARY: The existing 24-inch plug valve controls the release of water from Kent Reservoir and is operated remotely through an electric actuator connected to the District's SCADA system. The existing valve was installed in 1956 and has reached the end of its expected service life.

As part of the North Marin Line Stabilization Project, the valve will be relocated and replaced at a more accessible location to facilitate future operation and maintenance. This purchase provides an extension rod that will allow the valve to be operated from the ground surface without requiring an underground concrete vault.

DISCUSSION: In March 2026, staff purchased a new 24-inch plug valve from MRC Global for $83,201.88 under the General Manager's purchasing authority, which is limited to purchases of up to $100,000. Subsequent project design considerations determined that the new valve would need to be directly buried rather than installed within an underground concrete vault.

To accommodate this revised installation, staff recommend purchasing an additional valve actuator extension rod for $22,999.00. The extension rod will extend the valve's operating mechanism to the ground surface, allowing staff to operate the valve without accessing an underground vault. This configuration eliminates the need for a concrete vault while maintaining access to the valve's operating mechanism.

The combined cost of the original valve purchase and the extension rod is $106,200.88. Because this amount exceeds the General Manager's $100,000 purchasing authority, Board authorization is required.

Staff recommends that the Board authorize the General Manager to execute a purchase order with MRC Global for the extension rod in the amount of $22,999.00, bringing the total purchase cost for the valve and associated extension rod to $106,200.88.

Budget:

Valve Original Purchase Amount:	$83,201.88
Requested Valve Extension Rod Purchase	$22,999.00
Total Valve Cost (including original purchase)	$106,200.88
Budget Category:	A1A03

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT: The total cost of the 24-inch plug valve and extension rod is $106,200.88, inclusive of assembly, testing, shipping, and taxes. Funding for this purchase is included in the adopted Two-Year Capital Improvement Budget for Fiscal Year 2026.

ATTACHMENT(S): None.

DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION	DIVISION MANAGER	APPROVED
Engineering	**Alex Anaya** **Engineering Director**	**Shaun Horne** **General Manager**

STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type:	Board of Directors
Title:	Agreement with 365 Data Centers for Co-location Services
From:	Bret Uppendahl, Finance Director
Through:	Shaun Horne, General Manager
Meeting Date:	November 17, 2026

TYPE OF ITEM: X Action Information

RECOMMENDATION: Approve an extension to the District's agreement with Stonecourt 365 Holdigs, Inc. (DBA 365 Data Centers) for co-location services through June 30, 2028, for a total amount of $101,382 and authorize the General Manager to finalize and execute the extension

SUMMARY: The 365 Data Center facility in Rancho Cordova, CA houses critical IT infrastructure on which much of the District's primary production IT services are hosted. This remote data center, which was formerly owned by Sunguard, has been utilized by the District since 2012. Originally used as a remote disaster recovery site, in 2021 the District IT team migrated much of the production workload on our systems from the Administration Building to this co-location facility around the same time that physical servers were migrated to a virtual platform.

DISCUSSION: The District's remote data center is currently hosting most of IT's production services and workloads. This includes all SAP production, development, and sandbox servers; the AutoCAD Vault supporting Engineering Design; all Enterprise Resource Planning support services, including Single-Sign-On servers, LiquidUI, and RSITE tax services; all proprietary internet facing services for backflow and encroachment permits; as well as numerous IT infrastructure services supporting identity management, certificate management and cloud federation. Nearly 80% of all virtual machines running in the District's IT infrastructure are housed at the 365 Data Center facilities.

This renewal will cover all co-location services including cabinet space, power, HVAC, network connectivity and WAN interconnect services and will expire on June 30, 2028. The total amount for these services will be $101,382.

On August 18, 2026, the Board of Directors approved an agreement with 365 Data Centers for co-location services through July 31, 2027. Staff recommends that the Board approve an extension to the agreement with 365 Data Centers for co-location services through June 30, 2028 for a total amount of $101,382 and authorize the General Manager to finalize and execute the extension.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding for the expenditures detailed above is available within the Information Technology Department's approved operational budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27 and will be included in the Operating budget for FY 2027-28.

ATTACHMENT(S): None.

DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION	DIVISION MANAGER	APPROVED
Finance	**Bret Uppendahl** **Finance Director**	**Shaun Horne** **General Manager**

STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type:	Board of Directors
Title:	Agreement with DLT Solutions, LLC (MA – 6612) for AutoDesk Infrastructure Design and Modeling Software Suite Subscriptions
From:	Bret Uppendahl, Finance Director
Through:	Shaun Horne, General Manager
Meeting Date:	November 17, 2026

TYPE OF ITEM: X Action Information

RECOMMENDATION: Approve an agreement (MA – 6612) with DLT Solutions, LLC for computer aided design (CAD) and hydrology modeling software subscriptions for an amount of $100,843

SUMMARY: The AutoDesk software suite, including AutoCAD, Vault, InfoWater, and AEC, are subscriptions currently utilized by the Engineering Division and Corrosion Control Department to design, model, and manage water infrastructure drawings. The software currently supports the planning, engineering, and analysis of water distribution systems, helping ensure reliable service, optimize system performance, and support future growth and capital improvement projects.

This agreement will consolidate and renew the existing subscriptions for InfoWater Vault, Architecture Engineering & Construction Collection (AEC), and AutoCAD software. All subscriptions will be co-terminus with a contract completion date of December 7, 2027.

DISCUSSION: DLT Solutions has been a trusted reseller of the AutoDesk software specializing in working with the public sector. The Engineering Division and Corrosion Control department both utilize the AutoDesk software suite for infrastructure drawing design and modeling, which includes licenses for Vault, AutoCAD, AEC, and InfoWater.

InfoWater Pro is a hydraulic modeling and water system analysis platform that integrates with the District's GIS infrastructure to simulate the performance of water distribution networks. It is used to evaluate pressure zones, fire flow capabilities, water demand, pipe sizing, system reliability, water quality, and simulate emergency scenarios.

Autodesk Vault is used to securely manage the Engineering Department's documents, drawings, and project data. It provides version control, centralized file storage, and workflow management; helping

teams collaborate more effectively, maintain data accuracy, and ensure that the most current design information is available throughout the project lifecycle.

Autodesk Civil 3D, included under AEC, is used for the design and engineering of water distribution infrastructure, including pipelines, pump stations, storage reservoirs, and site grading. It provides advanced drafting, surveying, and GIS integration capabilities that help engineers create accurate construction plans, manage utility networks, and support capital improvement projects.

Lastly, AutoCAD LT is used by corrosion control to view drawings and enable coordination between engineering and operations.

Staff recommends that the Board approve the agreement MA – 6612 to renew and consolidate annual AutoDesk software subscription services through DLT Solutions, LLC through December 7, 2027 for a total amount of $100,843.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding for this annual software subscription suite is included in the approved FY 2026-27 Information Technology operating budget. The cost of the agreement to consolidate the renewal of these existing software subscriptions is a total amount of $100,843.

ATTACHMENT(S): None.

DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION	DIVISION MANAGER	APPROVED
Finance	**Bret Uppendahl** **Finance Director**	**Shaun Horne** **General Manager**

STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type:	Board of Directors
Title:	El Niño Preparedness
From:	Brett Pedisich, Safety & Emergency Response Manager BKP
Through:	Shaun Horne, General Manager
Meeting Date:	November 17, 2026

TYPE OF ITEM: Action X Information

RECOMMENDATION: Receive a presentation on the District's El Niño preparation activities

SUMMARY: A strong El Niño event has developed in the Pacific Ocean and is forecasted to peak between October and December 2026, with potential impacts extending through March 2027. For California, this increases the probability of a wetter-than-average winter, including the potential for extreme rainfall events that could lead to flooding, landslides, mudslides, and impacts to critical infrastructure. Staff will provide a presentation on the District's El Niño preparation activities.

DISCUSSION: El Niño is the warm phase of the El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO), characterized by warmer-than-average ocean temperatures in the central and eastern tropical Pacific. These conditions can alter the Pacific jet stream and storm tracks, increasing the potential for wetter and more active winter weather in California. For the 2026-27 winter, the National Weather Service California El Niño Information & Preparedness Guide reports that El Niño is continuing to strengthen. On September 21, 2026, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a statewide State of Emergency in response to the developing El Niño, mobilizing state resources and accelerating preparedness efforts for potential flooding, landslides, coastal impacts, and other winter storm-related hazards. For California, this increases the probability of a wetter-than-average winter, including the potential for extreme rainfall events. Historically, the relationship between El Niño and increased precipitation is strongest in Southern California and less consistent in Northern California.

The District has undertaken extensive preparations to reduce potential impacts from the forecasted El Niño winter season, including infrastructure maintenance and improvements, culvert replacement projects, operational adjustments, storm-response supply staging, and deployment of an employee emergency notification system. The District is also coordinating with partner agencies, assessing flood vulnerabilities at critical facilities, and validating emergency communication and response procedures. Overall, while specific local impacts cannot be predicted with certainty, the District is proactively preparing for the possibility of a historically wet winter season. These preparedness actions are intended to maintain safe and reliable drinking water operations, protect District facilities and

infrastructure, support employee safety, and reduce impacts to customers during severe weather events.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ATTACHMENT(S): None.

STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type:	Board of Directors
Title:	ACWA Vision for Our Water Future
From:	Carl Sanders, Natural Resources Program Manager
Through:	Shaun Horne, General Manager
Meeting Date:	November 17, 2026

TYPE OF ITEM: X Action Information

RECOMMENDATION: Approve a resolution and letter of support for the Association of California Water Agencies *Vision for Our Water Future*

SUMMARY: The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) has developed *Vision for Our Water Future* (Vision), a member-driven initiative intended to inform California's next Administration on statewide water priorities and the actions necessary to secure a reliable, affordable, and resilient water future. The Vision advances four priority areas: 1) Lead on Water, 2) Protect Affordability, 3) Deliver Critical Infrastructure, and 4) Modernize Water Management. These priorities align closely with Marin Water's ongoing efforts to improve water supply reliability, invest in critical infrastructure, enhance climate resilience, and maintain affordable water service for customers.

Staff recommends adopting a resolution and authorize submission of a letter of support endorsing ACWA's Vision for Our Water Future. Adoption of the resolution would demonstrate the District's support for statewide policies and investments that strengthen California's water system and reinforce the critical role local water agencies play in delivering safe and reliable water supplies.

DISCUSSION: In April 2026, ACWA launched *Vision for Our Water Future* as a statewide framework for addressing California's evolving water challenges and advancing coordinated action among state, regional, federal, and local partners. The Vision was developed to help guide engagement with California's next Governor and Administration and emphasizes the need for executive leadership, sustainable investment, and coordinated implementation to improve water supply reliability and climate resilience.

The Vision recognizes water as foundational to California's economy, communities, environment, agriculture, housing development, and climate resilience, and calls for strong leadership, sustained investment, modernization of water management, and critical infrastructure improvements. The Vision is founded on the principle that water underpins nearly every aspect of California's future, including housing production, economic growth, agricultural productivity, environmental stewardship, public

health, and climate adaptation. As California faces increasing challenges associated with drought, flooding, wildfire, aging infrastructure, and changing hydrologic conditions, the Vision calls for a modern water system that is resilient, coordinated, and flexible enough to meet the needs of communities, businesses, agriculture, and ecosystems.

The Vision's four priority areas are consistent with many of Marin Water's strategic objectives. The first priority, *Lead on Water*, seeks to elevate water as a statewide priority through coordinated leadership and agency alignment. The second priority, *Protect Affordability*, advocates for reliable and sustainable funding partnerships to reduce pressure on local ratepayers and accelerate project delivery. The third priority, *Deliver Critical Infrastructure*, focuses on strengthening California's water backbone, safeguarding existing supplies, and advancing regional water reliability projects. The fourth priority, *Modernize Water Management*, promotes regulatory improvements, streamlined permitting, operational flexibility, and investments in science, data, and technology to support efficient water management and infrastructure implementation.

Supporting the Vision would communicate the District's support for a collaborative, science-based approach to addressing California's long-term water challenges and demonstrate alignment with other local public water agencies advocating for reliable, affordable, and resilient water supplies. Support would not commit the District to any specific project or financial obligation.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT: Not applicable.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Proposed Resolution

DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION	DIVISION MANAGER	APPROVED
Watershed	**Carl Sanders** **Acting Watershed Resources Director**	**Shaun Horne** **General Manager**

Attachment 1

MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT SUPPORTING THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES' VISION FOR OUR WATER FUTURE

WHEREAS, in April 2026, the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) launched Vision for Our Water Future, a member-driven initiative to identify statewide water priorities to inform engagement with California's next Administration; and

WHEREAS, the Vision for Our Water Future priorities are a set of recommendations for the next governor, emphasizing the importance of strong leadership, sustainable investment and coordinated action across all levels of government to secure California's water future, and

WHEREAS, the first priority is to lead on water and elevate water as foundational to California's economy, agriculture, communities, environment and climate resilience through sustained leadership and coordinated state action; and

WHEREAS, the second priority is to ensure safe and reliable water remains affordable through sustained and predictable funding partnerships and streamlined investment delivery; and

WHEREAS, the third priority is to strengthen and modernize California's water infrastructure, including both built and natural systems, to improve reliability and resilience; and

WHEREAS, the fourth priority is to improve regulatory, operational and scientific frameworks to enable efficient project delivery and adaptive water management; and

WHEREAS, local water agencies play a critical role in delivering safe and reliable water supplies and are essential partners in implementing statewide solutions; and

WHEREAS, supporting the Vision recommendations demonstrates a unified commitment to collaborative, science-based and practical policies that advance a secure and resilient water future for California's communities, farms, economy and environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marin Municipal Water District Board of Directors hereby:

1. Expresses support for ACWA's Vision for Our Water Future recommendations and affirms its commitment to working collaboratively to advance reliable, affordable and resilient water supplies.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17 day of November, 2026, by the following vote of the Board of Directors.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

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Jed Smith
President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

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Terrie Gillen, CMC
Board Secretary

MARIN WATER

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)**
Thursday, Nov. 19, 2026 9:30 a.m.	Finance & Administration Committee Meeting	
Thursday, Dec. 10, 2026 9:30 a.m.	Planning Committee Meeting/ Special Meeting of the Board of Directors	Ceremonial Swearing-in of New Director Erika Lovejoy and Incumbents Director Khush and Director Samson, Miracle Mile Phase II, and 2027 Board and Committees Meeting Calendar
Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2026 5:00 p.m.	Board of Directors' Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting	Reorganization of District Board Leadership, and Rate Update
Thursday, Dec. 17, 2926 9:30 a.m.	Watershed Committee Meeting/ Special Meeting of the Board of Directors	Roads & Trails Management Plan Update, and Annual BFFIP Update

External Meetings	
Meeting Date	**Meeting Type**
Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2026 3:00 p.m.	Tomales Bay Foundation Meeting
Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2026 Thru Thursday, Dec. 3, 2026	Association of California Water Agencies Fall Conference
Friday, Dec. 4, 2026 9:30 a.m.	North Bay Watershed Association