



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

Wednesday, November 04, 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

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

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

4. 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.

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. 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

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

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

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

b. Rate Setting Update for Capital Improvement Program

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

9. 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

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

Following announcement of Closed Session items and prior to recess into Closed Session, the public may speak up to three minutes on items to be addressed in Closed Session. The Board will convene to Closed Session in the Mt. Tam Conference Room after public comment.

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

Adjourn closed session and reconvene to open session in the Board Room and via Zoom.

11. Reconvene to Open Session; Closed Session Report Out

12. Adjournment (7:00 p.m. – Time Approximate)

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Posted: 10-30-2026

MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
RECOGNIZING GENERAL MANAGER BENNETT HORENSTEIN FOR EIGHT YEARS OF DEDICATED
SERVICE TO THE DISTRICT AND ITS CUSTOMERS

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2026, General Manager Bennett Horenstein will retire from the Marin Municipal Water District (Marin Water), having brought more than 30 years of water industry experience to Marin Water, where he modernized Marin Water operations, established a sustainable financial foundation, and advanced major capital investments to renew Marin Water’s 114-year-old water system; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Horenstein has led Marin Water with vision, integrity, and a steady hand, partnering with the Board to develop a Strategic Plan through 2028 that charted a clear course for Marin Water and aligned staff and resources around three enduring priorities: water supply reliability, financial sustainability, and service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Horenstein guided Marin Water through the historic drought of 2021-2022, the driest consecutive winters in roughly a century, when reservoir supplies fell to levels projected to run out as early as summer 2022; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, Marin Water developed its Water Supply Roadmap, a long-term plan to strengthen water reliability during future droughts and secure the community’s water future; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Horenstein’s direction, the Board adopted a new rate structure that increased Marin Water’s capital investment, advancing critical water infrastructure projects such as the Gibson Tanks and Advanced Metering Infrastructure, and planning for future water supply projects; and

WHEREAS, to offset the impact on ratepayers, the Board and General Manager secured a \$28 million authorization in the 2022 federal Water Resources Development Act to advance critical water supply projects, along with more than \$50 million in grants during his tenure to help fund important Marin Water projects; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Horenstein’s leadership, Marin Water renewed its water supply agreement with Sonoma Water for a new 15-year term through 2040, securing access to up to 14,300 acre-feet of water from the Russian River Watershed annually, adding flexibility for dry years, and committing a one-time \$12.5 million investment to regional water resiliency projects, while also laying the groundwork to study a new pipeline connection to store locally available winter water for future droughts; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Horenstein championed stewardship of the Mt. Tamalpais Watershed, advancing efforts to restore beneficial fire to the landscape, enhance fisheries habitat, and launch a public planning process to inform an update to the Watershed Roads and Trails Management Plan, strengthening the long-term health of the watershed for the community and the wildlife that depend on it; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Horenstein fostered a strong, positive relationship with the union, delivering successful outcomes for Marin Water staff, and championed employee recognition and appreciation through Division teambuilding, the RIPPLE committee, and his role as a super fan and steadfast supporter of the North Bay Tappers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Marin Municipal Water District hereby expresses its deepest gratitude and sincere appreciation to General Manager Bennett Horenstein for eight years of dedicated service, and wishes him open roads, scenic detours, and many good adventures ahead as he trades the boardroom for the road trip of a lifetime; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board extends its best wishes to General Manager Horenstein in his retirement, with hopes for continued health, happiness, and fulfillment in the years ahead.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of November, 2026, by the following vote of the Board of Directors.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Jed Smith
President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Terrie Gillen, CMC
Board Secretary



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: Board of Directors
Title: October 20, 2026 Board of Directors’ Regular Meeting Minutes
From: Terrie Gillen, Board Secretary
Through: Shaun Horne, General Manager
Meeting Date: November 4, 2026

TYPE OF ITEM: X Action Information

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

SUMMARY: The Board of Directors held their regular bi-monthly meeting on October 20, 2026. The minutes from that meeting are attached for your approval.

DISCUSSION: None.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- 1. Draft October 20, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

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



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MINUTES

LOCATIONS:

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

Outside location for Director Jed Smith: 105 Herring Pond Road, Plymouth, MA 02360

Closed Session to immediately follow Open Session

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Public Participation:

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AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Board Vice President Larry Russell facilitated the meeting on behalf of President Jed Smith and 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 Samson motioned to adopt the agenda. Director Khush seconded the motion.

There were no public comments.

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

Moton passed.

3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

There was one (1) public comment.

4. Directors’ and General Manager’s Announcements

- General Manager Shaun Horne reported on the prescribed fire on the watershed, and Director Samson thanked staff for the work done and added its importance to wildfire reduction.
- Director Khush reported that he and General Manager Horne attended Marin County's El Nino Preparedness Town Hall on October 19.

5. Board Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

6. Consent Items

- a. October 6, 2026 Board of Directors’ Regular Meeting Minutes
RECOMMENDATION: Accept the minutes of the Board of Directors’ meeting held on October 6, 2026
- b. General Manager's Report September 2026
RECOMMENDATION: Approve Report
- c. Second Amendment to District Lease No. 84, Ross Valley Sanitary District (RVSD) at Forbes Reservoir Site, San Rafael (APN 010-261-02)
RECOMMENDATION: Approve a Second Amendment to District Lease No. 84 with Ross Valley Sanitary District (RVSD) at Forbes Reservoir Site, San Rafael
- d. Second Amendment to Contract No. 1956 with Western States Oil Co. for Motor Fuels
RECOMMENDATION: Approve a Second Amendment to Contract No. 1956 with Western States Oil Co. for the purchase of motor fuels, exercising an option to extend the contract term for one (1) additional year in an amount not to exceed \$567,000 plus up to a 15% contingency; and Authorize the General Manager to execute the contract amendment

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

There were no public comments.

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

Motion passed.

7. Regular Items

- a. Lagunitas Creek Habitat Enhancement Project Update

RECOMMENDATION: Receive staff update on the current status of the Lagunitas Creek Habitat Enhancement Project planning and implementation

Acting Watershed Resources Directors Jonathan Koehler presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

There was one (1) public comment.

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

8. Future Board and Committee Meetings and Upcoming Agenda Items

- a. Upcoming Meetings

The board secretary announced upcoming meetings.

There were no comments.

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

There were no public comments regarding this closed session item.

At approximately 5:45 p.m., the Board left the Board Room and convened to Closed Session in 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

The Board adjourned the Closed Session and went to the Board Room.

10. Reconvene to Open Session; Closed Session Report Out

Vice Board President Russell reported that at 6:30 p.m., the Closed Session adjourned with no reportable action.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Board of Directors' regular bi-monthly meeting adjourned on October 20, 2026, at 6:32 p.m.

Board Secretary



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: Board of Directors
Title: Award Two On-Call Capital Construction Contracts
From: Alex Anaya, Director of Engineering
Through: Shaun Horne, General Manager
Meeting Date: November 4, 2026

TYPE OF ITEM: X Action Information

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

SUMMARY: The Planning Committee reviewed and commented on this item on September 22, 2026.

On October 13, 2026, the District received and opened six (6) bids for the 2026 On-Call Capital Construction Contract to perform various as-needed maintenance, repair, or rehabilitation work associated with District water system facilities, roadway infrastructure, hillside slopes, and related works.

Two contractors, Corcus Construction Inc. and Maggiora & Ghilotti Inc., submitted the lowest responsive bids in the amounts of a 14.75% and 15% respectfully for labor markup of force account work. Three (3) bidders were found non-responsive due to failing to designate subcontractors expected to perform work in the contract specifications. One bidder was found non-responsive due to failing to provide a sealed bid. Both requirements were explicitly defined in the bidding documents. Notwithstanding these requirements, Piazza Construction submitted a letter requesting that the District reconsider its finding that Piazza’s bid was nonresponsive for failure to list any subcontractors.

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve a resolution awarding Contract No. 2081 to Corcus Construction Inc., and Contract No. 2082 to Maggiora & Ghilotti, Inc. for amounts not to exceed one million dollars each for the 2026 On-Call Capital Construction Contracts, and rejecting the bid protest submitted by Piazza Construction.

DISCUSSION: These two proposed contracts will serve as a component of the District’s Capital Improvement Program to perform construction work on an “as-needed” basis, typically consisting of smaller projects that can be completed within one or two months.

Occasionally, the District identifies a need for a project that was not included in the original planned capital program. Examples of these projects may include small pipeline replacement projects (up to 200 or 300 total linear feet) when the occurrence of emergency pipe breaks increases in frequency for a given pipe segment or the installation or replacement of large transmission line valves requires resources beyond internal District capacity to perform the work. When these unforeseen projects arise, they often require significant project delivery efforts to prepare unplanned capital construction contracts through formal bid processes, which detracts from ongoing projects. As the District continues to grow its capital program, these two proposed on-call contracts will allow District staff to direct minor construction or repair work that exceeds the capacity of District staff without redirecting resources from ongoing planned capital projects.

Once a project is identified, individual installations or repairs will be reviewed in the field by District staff and Contractor, and a scope of work will be agreed upon. The District Engineer will issue a task order to the available Contractor that includes the scope of work, applicable District technical specifications and/or drawings, and a Notice to Proceed for the Contractor to begin. At the end of each workday, the District Engineer and Contractor will agree upon labor, materials, and equipment used in the direct performance of the work. Once the work is complete for each specific project, the Contractor will submit completed Daily Extra Work Reports (DEWR) for the District’s review and approval.

Executing two on-call contracts will allow the District to have two standby contractors available to perform these smaller as-needed projects. Utilizing two on-call contracts provides the District the opportunity to complete more work in a timely manner. Additionally, having two contracts with on-call contractors affords the District more opportunity to begin work in an urgent manner if one of the Contractors is consumed with current work.

The mechanism for competitive bids is the Contractor labor mark-up associated with force account work, pursuant to Article 42 of the District Standard Specifications and the District DEWR. Staff proposes award of separate contracts to the two lowest responsive and responsible bidders. Compensation for each on-call effort is based on time and expense tracking of direct costs for labor and equipment used to perform the work at a minimum rate equal to the Department of Industrial Relations “Prevailing Wage Rate” for labor and Caltrans “Equipment Rental Rates” for equipment.

Examples of the construction and repair work to be performed under this contract include, but are not limited to the following: the installation of PVC and welded steel water main piping, valves, fittings, appurtenances and copper or high density polyethylene water services, minor work at District water tanks and pumping stations, welding, coating and painting, structural steel work, general carpentry, asphalt concrete pavement, striping and concrete flatwork, hillside slope stabilization and retaining structures, wood or metal fencing, and other related work.

On October 13, 2026, the District received and opened six (6) bids for the Project. Bid results are provided in Table 1. Two contractors, Corcus Construction Inc. and Maggiora & Ghilotti Inc., submitted the lowest responsive bids in the amounts of a 14.75% and 15% respectfully for labor markup of force account work. Three (3) bidders were found non-responsive due to failing to designate subcontractors expected to perform work in the contract specifications. One bidder was found non-responsive due to failing to provide a sealed bid. Both requirements were explicitly defined in the bidding documents and the requirement to list any possible subcontractors that would be needed to perform the work was reiterated in responses to inquiries posted to the bidding webpage for all bidders to review.

On October 20, Piazza Construction submitted a bid protest claiming that subcontractors could not be identified because specific task orders had not yet been issued and future work scopes were unknown. The solicitation required compliance with the Subletting and Subcontracting Fair Practices Act and required designation of subcontractors anticipated at the time of bid submission. The District expressly clarified, before bid opening, that bidders were required to identify every subcontractor they expected to perform work described in the specifications exceeding the applicable threshold amount. The contract specifications expressly contemplated specialty work, including welded steel piping and welding-related construction activities. Failure to identify a subcontractor constituted a representation that the bidder would self-perform that work. However, District records establish that Piazza Construction has consistently utilized specialty welding subcontractors on recent District projects involving welded steel piping work and therefore reasonably anticipated the use of such subcontractors during performance of this contract.

The omission of a welding subcontractor constituted a material failure to comply with the solicitation's subcontractor listing requirements. The omission rendered the bid non-responsive and cannot be waived or corrected after bid opening without compromising the integrity of the competitive bidding process and undermining the purposes of California's subcontractor listing statutes. Waiver of this omission would materially prejudice bidders that complied with the subcontractor listing requirements and would be inconsistent with the District's obligation to administer the procurement in a fair, uniform, and impartial manner.

Therefore, staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve a resolution awarding Contract No. 2081 to Corcus Construction Inc., and Contract No. 2082 to Maggiora & Ghilotti, Inc. for 2026 On-Call Capital Construction Contracts, and rejecting a bid protest submitted by Piazza Construction.

Table 1. Bid Results
On-Call Capital Construction Contract

Bid Rank	Contractor Name	Bid Amount (Labor Markup)
1.	Corcus Construction, Inc.	14.75%
2.	Maggiora & Ghilotti Inc.	15%
3.	Q. A. Constructors, Inc.	Non-responsive
4.	Piazza Construction	Non-responsive
5.	North Bay Excavation	Non-responsive
6.	W.R. Forde Associates, Inc.	Non-responsive

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

Budget (3 Fiscal Years):	
CN 2081 Not to Exceed Amount:	\$1,000,000
CN 2082 Not to Exceed Amount:	\$1,000,000
Materials and Professional Fees:	\$300,000
District Labor/Inspection:	\$400,000
Total Budget:	\$2,700,000
Budget Category:	Work will be charged to various budget categories

Contract Implementation:

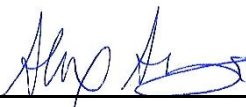
Contract Advertisement:	September 29, 2026
Bid Opening:	October 13, 2026
Contract Award:	November 4, 2026
Contract Completion Date:	June 30, 2029
Duration:	3 years

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Staff has found that the types of work to be completed under the proposed contracts are categorically exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15302(c), Replacement or Reconstruction. The anticipated work will also consist of construction repair work and is not generally anticipated to include the new construction or expansion of District facilities and, therefore, qualifies for exemption pursuant to Section 15302(c). To the extent the proposed work involves the replacement of less than a mile of pipeline within the right of way, the work would also be statutorily exempt pursuant to the California Public Resource Code Section 21080.23.

FISCAL IMPACT: The total cost impact associated with the two proposed On-Call Capital Construction contracts is estimated at \$2,700,000 over three fiscal years. The work performed under these contracts are funded by adopted capital budgets and will be appropriated to the specific budget categories as individual projects are identified.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- 1. Proposed Resolution

DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION	DIVISION MANAGER	APPROVED
Engineering	<div> Alex Anaya Engineering Director</div>	<div> Shaun Horne General Manager</div>

MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**RESOLUTION NO.****A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
APPROVING AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT NO. 2081 TO CORCUS
CONSTRUCTION INC. AND CONTRACT NO. 2082 TO MAGGIORA & GHILOTTI INC.,
AND REJECTING A BID PROTEST SUBMITTED BY PIAZZA CONSTRUCTION**

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2026, the District advertised the 2026 On-Call Capital Construction Contract to perform various as-needed maintenance, repair, or rehabilitation work associated with District water system facilities, roadway infrastructure, hillside slopes, and related works; and

WHEREAS, the advertisement identified that the two lowest responsive bidders would be awarded a contract, providing the District opportunity to complete more work in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the District received and publicly opened six (6) bids on October 13, 2026, of which Corcus Construction Inc. and Maggiora & Ghilotti Inc., submitted the lowest responsive bids in the amounts of a 14.75% and 15% respectfully for labor markup of force account work; and

WHEREAS, three (3) bidders were deemed non-responsive to the requirements of the advertisement for failing to designate subcontractors expected to perform work in the contract specifications, and one (1) bidder was found non-responsive due to failing to provide a sealed bid; and

WHEREAS, Piazza Construction submitted a bid protest claiming that subcontractors could not be identified because specific task orders had not yet been issued and future work scopes were unknown; and

WHEREAS, staff has recommended that the Board of Directors reject this bid protest on the basis that Piazza's bid failed to comply with the Subletting and Subcontracting Fair Practices Act and the Designation of Subcontractors section of the bid contract, for which the District issued formal clarifications to all bidders before the time of bid identifying the need to list all possible subcontractors for any part of the work described in the specifications exceeding the applicable threshold amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESOLVES that:

1. The bid of 14.75 percent labor markup submitted by Corcus Construction for the 2026 On-Call Capital Maintenance and Repair Contract under Contract No. 2081 was the lowest responsive and responsible bid submitted therefore, and said bid is hereby accepted.
2. The bid of 15 percent labor markup submitted by Maggiora & Ghilotti, Inc. for the 2026 On-Call Capital Construction Contract under Contract No. 2081 was the second lowest responsive and responsible bid submitted therefor, and said bid is hereby accepted.
3. The Contracts be awarded to said two lowest bidders, and the General Manager is authorized and directed to execute said contracts for a not to exceed amount of \$1,000,000 on behalf of the District upon receipt of proof of insurance and the executed contracts for the work from said bidders, with payment bonds to be issued in connection with each piece of work to be performed under the contracts.
4. The Board accepts that findings above as pertain to the requirements to list subcontractors in the bids submitted and on that basis the bid protest submitted by Piazza Construction is hereby rejected.
5. Upon complete execution of said Contracts, the bonds and/or checks of the other bidders are to be returned to said other bidders, and all bids other than those of Corcus Construction Inc. and Maggiora & Ghilotti Inc. are to be rejected.
6. The types of work to be completed under this Contract is categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15302(c), Replacement or Reconstruction inasmuch as the work will consist of maintenance and repair work, and will not include the new construction or expansion of District facilities.
7. To the extent that work completed under this Contract involves the replacement of less than one mile of pipeline within the right of way, the work is also statutorily exempt pursuant to the California Public Resource Code Division 13 Environmental Quality Section 21080.23.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of November, 2026, by the following vote of the Board of Directors.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Jed Smith
President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Terrie Gillen, CMC
Board Secretary



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: Board of Directors

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

From: Alex Anaya, Director of Engineering

Through: Shaun Horne, General Manager

Meeting Date: November 4, 2026

TYPE OF ITEM: X Action Information

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

SUMMARY: This item was reviewed by the District Planning Committee on September 22, 2026. The Fire Flow Improvement Program Hillside Avenue Pipeline Replacement Project will replace approximately 7,900 feet of undersized cast iron and galvanized threaded pipe installed as early as 1902 along various streets in the Towns of San Anselmo and Fairfax in the County of Marin, California.

DISCUSSION: The Hillside Avenue Pipeline Replacement Project (Project) is a component of the District’s Fire Flow Improvement Program. This project will install approximately 7,900 feet of new pipe including 8-, 6- and 4-inch welded steel pipe and 6-inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe to increase firefighting ability and improve seismic resilience of the system.

The project will take place in the locations described in Table 1 and shown on the map provided in Attachment 1.

Table 1

STREET	LENGTH (ft)	INSTALLATION DATE	EXISTING SIZE AND TYPE*
Francis Ave	1000	1953	4" CI
Lansdale Ave	1950	1912	4" GTP
Alder Court	200	1920	2" GTP
Baywood Court	525	1965	4" and 6" CI
Forrest Ave	1050	1959	4" GTP and 6" CI
Glen Road	275	1965	6" CI
Hillcrest Court	825	1932	4" CI
Olive Ave	600	1908	4" GTP
Hillcrest Ave	275	1902	4" GTP

Hillside Ave	1200	1902	4" GTP
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*CI = Cast Iron, ** GTP = Galvanized Threaded Pipe

These street segments were evaluated for the installation of recycled water piping. The nearest recycled water pipeline is approximately 5.1 miles away, located on the intersection of San Pedro Road and Sequoia Road in the community of Los Ranchitos. The closest wastewater treatment plant, Central Marin Sanitary Agency, is located 4.8 miles away, however, this facility is not equipped to provide tertiary recycle water.

On October 8, 2026, the District opened five (5) bids for the Fire Flow Improvement Program Hillside Ave Pipeline Replacement Project, as shown in Table 2. Maggiora & Ghilotti, Inc. submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid in the amount of \$3,678,910. Therefore, staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve a resolution awarding Contract No. 2060 to Maggiora & Ghilotti, Inc. in the amount of \$3,678,910 and authorize the General Manager to execute any necessary amendments to Contract No. 2060, which do not exceed \$185,000.

Table 2
Bid Results
Hillside Avenue Pipeline Replacement Project

Bid Rank	Contractor Name	Bid Amount
1.	MAGGIORA & GHILOTTI, INC.	\$3,678,910
2.	ARGONAUT CONSTRUCTORS, INC.	\$4,275,178
3.	TEAM GHILOTTI, INC.	\$4,321,747
4.	W.R. FORDE ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$4,350,600
5.	BUENO PLUMBING	NON-RESPONSIVE

Engineer's Estimate: \$4,150,000

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

Budget:

Contract Award:	\$ 3,678,910
Contingency (5%):	\$ 185,000
Materials:	\$ 790,000
District Labor/Inspection:	\$ 365,000
Total Budget:	\$ 5,018,910
Budget Category:	A2A

Project Implementation:

Project Advertisement:	September 24, 2026
Bid Opening:	October 8, 2026
Project Award:	November 4, 2026
Estimated Completion Date:	October 16, 2027
Duration:	346 days

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: The Director of Engineering has found that the project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Sections 15301 and 15302 of the CEQA Guidelines. The Project involves the replacement and rehabilitation of aging water distribution pipelines to improve system reliability and fire flow within the existing service area, with negligible or no expansion of existing use or capacity. Construction would involve trenching, backfilling, and restoration of disturbed surfaces to their pre-project condition.

FISCAL IMPACT: The total cost to complete the Fire Flow Improvement Program Hillside Avenue Pipeline Replacement Project is estimated as \$5,036,910, inclusive of District Labor, materials and contingencies. Funding for this project is included in the Adopted 2 Year Capital Improvement Budget (FY 2026-2027) and will be funded by the Fire Flow Program.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- 1. Proposed Resolution
- 2. Site Map
- 3. Notice of Exemption

DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION	DIVISION MANAGER	APPROVED
Engineering	<div> Alex Anaya Engineering Director</div>	<div> Shaun Horne General Manager</div>

MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**RESOLUTION NO.****A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
APPROVING AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT NO. 2060 TO MAGGIORA &
GHILOTTI INC. FOR THE FIRE FLOW IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM HILLSIDE AVENUE
PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2026, the District advertised Contract No. 2060, Fire Flow Improvement Program Hillside Avenue Pipeline Replacement Project (F26001), which will replace approximately 7,900 feet of piping; and

WHEREAS, the District received and publicly opened five (5) bids on October 8, 2026, of which the Maggiora & Ghilotti, Inc. bid of \$3,678,910 was the lowest responsive and responsible bid.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESOLVES THAT:

1. The bid of \$3,678,910 submitted by Maggiora & Ghilotti, Inc. for the Fire Flow Improvement Program Hillside Avenue Pipeline Replacement Project under Contract No. 2060 ("Contract") was the lowest responsive and responsible bid submitted therefor, and said bid is hereby accepted.
2. A Contract for this project be awarded to said low bidder, and the General Manager is authorized and directed 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 bidder.
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 \$185,000.
4. Upon complete execution of said Contract, the bonds and/or checks of the other bidders are to be returned to said other bidders, and all bids other than that of Maggiora & Ghilotti, Inc. are to be rejected.
5. The Project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15301 and 15302 of the CEQA Guidelines, as the Project involves the replacement of an existing water pipeline with negligible or no expansion of capacity.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of November, 2026, by the following vote of the Board of Directors.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Jed Smith
President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Terrie Gillen, CMC
Board Secretary

FFIP - HILLSIDE AVENUE PRP SAN ANSELMO AND FAIRFAX, CA



Notice of Exemption

Attachment 3



Filing Requested By and When Filed Return To:

Marin Municipal Water District
220 Nellen Ave
Corte Madera, CA 94925
Attn: Alex Anaya, Director of Engineering

Project Title: Fire Flow Improvement Program Hillside Avenue Pipeline Replacement Project (F26001)

Project Location: Town of Fairfax and Town of San Anselmo

Project Location – County: Marin

Project Description: The Project involves the replacement of approximately 7,900 linear feet of existing water pipelines with new 4-, 6-, and 8-inch welded steel pipe and 6-inch PVC pipe as part of the District's Fire Flow Improvement Program. The existing cast-iron and galvanized threaded pipelines, some dating to 1902, are undersized and aging. The proposed improvements will replace existing water distribution infrastructure to improve system reliability, reduce the potential for leaks and failures, and provide adequate fire flow to the existing service area.

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; and 15302, Replacement or Reconstruction.

Reason for Exemption: The Project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Sections 15301 and 15302 of the CEQA Guidelines. The Project involves the replacement and rehabilitation of aging water distribution pipelines to improve system reliability and fire flow within the existing service area, with negligible or no expansion of existing use or capacity. Construction would involve trenching, backfilling, and restoration of disturbed surfaces to their pre-project condition.

Project Approval: The Marin Municipal Water District Board of Directors approved the award of a contract for project construction, which represents project approval as defined by Sections 15301 and 15302 of the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, at their regularly scheduled meeting on November 4, 2026.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Alex Anaya, Marin Municipal Water District

Telephone: (415) 945-1588

Alex Anaya, Director of Engineering

Date

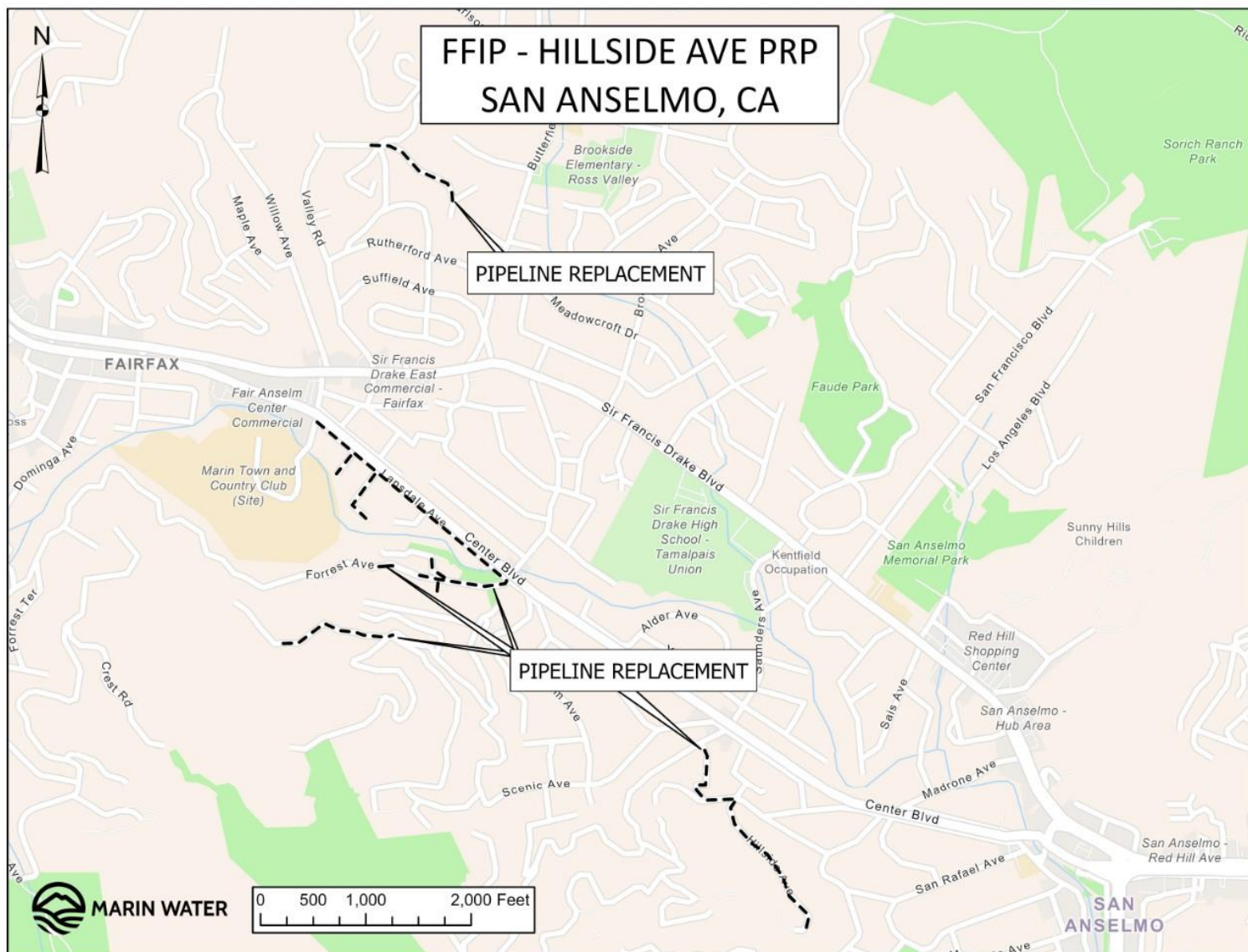


Figure 1. Site Map for the Fire Flow Improvement Program – Hillside Ave Pipeline Replacement Project.



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: Board of Directors

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

From: Paul Sellier, Director of Water Resources

Through: Shaun Horne, General Manager

Meeting Date: November 4, 2026

TYPE OF ITEM: X Action Information

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a resolution approving the development of an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Opt-Out Program and adopting a Manual Meter-Reading Service Fee

SUMMARY: On May 26, 2026, the Board of Directors approved a set of agreements with Badger Meter, Inc. for the acquisition of an AMI system. The agreements have been finalized, and initial AMI equipment deliveries have arrived. The District’s new AMI system will provide near real-time water use data and allow for improved leak detection, which will significantly enhance the District’s water efficiency efforts, and provide customers with the ability to track their water use and set automated leak alerts. In preparation for full deployment, staff is recommending that the Board of Directors adopt a Resolution that allows existing single-family and duplex residential customers with the option to opt-out of AMI and adopts a Manual Meter-Reading Service Fee to help recover the cost of bimonthly manual meter-reading for opt-out customers.

DISCUSSION: A large majority of the District’s current water meters are read manually on a bimonthly schedule to bill each customer for their water use. The District is moving forward with a significant investment in an AMI system, which will essentially eliminate the need to regularly read meters and therefore improve billing and operational efficiency. As AMI is installed across each billing route, these meters will no longer need to be read manually. District staff recognizes, however, that some customers may not welcome the installation of AMI at their property. So, staff is proposing that the Board of Directors approve the development of an AMI Opt-Out Program that will allow existing single-family and duplex residential customers to opt-out of having AMI installed at their property.

The proposed AMI Opt-Out Program would allow existing single-family and duplex residential customers the option to submit an application to opt-out of AMI at their property provided staff is able to determine that the meter location, accessibility, safety considerations, meter configuration, service requirements, or other operational circumstances would not preclude manual meter-reading. The opt-

out customer must continue to provide access to the water meter for inspection, maintenance, repair, replacement, and manual meter reading or be subject to exclusion from the AMI Opt-Out Program. The Customer would be allowed to request reinstatement of AMI at any time.

District customers who choose to opt-out of AMI will, however, require a meter reader to make a bimonthly visit to the meter and there will be additional administrative tasks as the water usage information will be processed differently from most customers. Both the bimonthly visit and the administrative tasks will generate business costs for the District. Staff is therefore also proposing that the Board adopt a Manual Meter-Reading Service Fee to recover the cost of individual bimonthly manual meter-reading services provided to opt-out customers. The purpose of the reoccurring Manual Meter-Reading Service fee is to recover the cost of manually reading opt-outs as these customers will be spread across the service area and will require specific office and field staff time that is not necessary when collecting reads through the District’s AMI system. Based on a 2018 fee study that was updated to reflect 2026 costs, the total cost to obtain a single meter read is \$92.42. However, the actual cost to read all opt-outs will fluctuate depending on how many opt-out customers reside within any geographic area. District staff is estimating that the actual cost will likely be around \$60 per manual meter-read. District staff is proposing conservatively that the Board of Directors adopt a Manual Meter-Reading Service Fee of \$40 bimonthly, which may be reevaluated from time to time to reflect actual costs. Staff is proposing that the Manual Meter-Reading Service Fee be added to the opt-out Customer’s bimonthly bill. If there are two consecutive billing periods of non-payment, the District would find that the opt-out election is no longer valid and would install the AMI endpoint at this customer’s meter.

Currently, pursuant to District code section 6.01.090, District customers may request an adjustment of their bill in case of loss of water due to circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the customer. A customer participating in the opt-out program will not receive services or benefits that depend upon AMI communication or interval water-use data, including automated meter reads, customer water-use data provided through an AMI customer portal, and automated leak notifications. A customer choosing to opt-out of the District’s AMI system is voluntarily foregoing the ability to become aware of water loss through system alerts. Due to this fact, staff proposes that customers who seek to participate in the AMI Opt-Out Program are not eligible for an adjustment of their bill for water loss under District Code section 6.01.090.

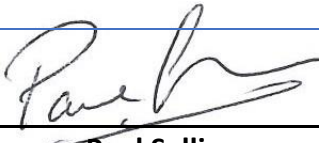
Staff intends to make an ambitious effort at customer education and outreach to promote the benefits of AMI and highlight how customers can use this technology to track their water use and set automated leak alerts. While most customers will benefit from AMI, adopting an AMI Opt-Out Program will provide customers with an option.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Not Applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT: While there will be some administrative staff time needed to develop and implement the new AMI Opt-Out Program, most of ongoing program costs are related to the need for manual meter-reading service, which would be partially recovered through the adoption of the Manual Meter-Reading Service Fee.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Proposed Resolution approving the development of an AMI Opt-Out Program and adoption of a Manual Meter-Reading Service Fee

DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION	DIVISION MANAGER	APPROVED
Water Resources	 Paul Sellier Water Resources Director	 Shaun Horne General Manager

MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**RESOLUTION NO.**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
APPROVING THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADVANCE METER INFRASTRUCTURE OPT-OUT PROGRAM
AND ADOPTING A MANUAL METER-READING SERVICE FEE**

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2026, the Marin Municipal Water District (District) Board of Directors approved a set of agreements with Badger Meter, Inc. for the acquisition of an advance meter infrastructure (AMI) system, including the acquisition of remote meter data collection equipment that will provide near real-time water use data and allow for improved leak detection; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the current District meters require manual meter-reading at each meter by District staff occurring on a bi-monthly basis, which is less efficient than AMI meters and does not provide near real-time data regarding water leaks; and

WHEREAS, despite the advantages that AMI will provide both the District and customers in terms of increased efficiencies and water savings from early leak detection, some District customers may object to the installation of AMI technology at their property, and in response, staff is proposing that the Board approve the development and implementation of an AMI Opt-Out Program to allow existing single family and duplex residential customers to opt-out of the installation of AMI at their property; and

WHEREAS, additional staff time would be necessary to administer the AMI Opt-Out Program including specifically the need to deploy staff into the field to manually read meters where AMI was not installed to ensure the collection of bi-monthly data necessary to bill each opt-out customer; and

WHEREAS, District staff has studied the cost of providing manual meter-reading service to individual customers based on a 2018 study that was updated to reflect 2026 costs and found that the total cost to obtain an individual meter read is \$92.42, which actual cost may fluctuate depending on the number of opt-out customers within a geographic area; and

WHEREAS, based on the recently updated fee study and an estimate of the number of opt-out customers, staff has found that the actual cost to the District of conducting manual meter-reading for opt-out customers is \$60, which amount does not include all administrative costs related to the AMI Opt-Out Program; and

WHEREAS, District staff is proposing conservatively that the initial Manual Meter-Reading Service Fee be set at \$40 bimonthly for each customer choosing to enter the AMI Opt-Out Program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to District code section 6.01.090, District customers may request an adjustment of their bill in case of loss of water due to circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the customer; and

WHEREAS, a customer choosing to opt-out of the District’s AMI system is voluntarily foregoing the ability to become aware of water loss through prompt District AMI system alerts, which choice is not beyond the reasonable control of such customer and therefore customers who seek to participate in the AMI Opt-Out Program should not be eligible for an adjustment of their bill for water loss under District Code section 6.01.090.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marin Municipal Water District Board of Directors hereby approves the establishment of an AMI Opt-Out Program to allow those existing single-family and duplex residential customers to choose to opt-out of the District’s AMI system and further directs the General Manager to establish an AMI Opt-Out Program setting forth deadlines for application and such other reasonable requirements as the General Manager may deem necessary to implement the District’s AMI Opt-Out Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors has reviewed staff’s study on the cost of providing manual meter-reading service to those customers who choose to opt-out of the District’s AMI system and based on those findings does hereby adopt a Manual Meter-Reading Service Fee to be charged to each customer requiring manual meter-reading due to the customer’s choosing to opt-out of the District’s AMI system under the AMI Opt-Out Program, which fee shall initially be set at \$40 bimonthly, and which may be reevaluated from time to time to reflect the actual costs of providing this service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby recognizes that early leak detection is a significant benefit of the District’s AMI system and one of the tools that the District seeks to deploy to enhance water savings from delay in detecting private-side water leaks and based upon these findings does hereby direct that the AMI Opt-Out Program provide that customers choosing to opt-out of the District’s AMI system should be ineligible for adjustment of their bills for water loss under District Code Section 6.01.090.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4h day of November, 2026, by the following vote of the Board of Directors.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Jed Smith

President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Terrie Gillen, CMC
Board Secretary



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type:

Board of Directors

Title:

Rate Setting Update for Capital Improvement Program

From:

Alex Anaya, Director of Engineering

Through:

Shaun Horne, General Manager

Meeting Date:

November 04, 2026

TYPE OF ITEM:

Action

X

Information

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

SUMMARY: The Districts Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is essential in ensuring ongoing resiliency and system reliability of all the District’s water infrastructure. Renewal and replacement of aging infrastructure is necessary to ensure continued delivery of water across the service area. Staff will present an overview of the capital program over the past four years and the upcoming four years.

DISCUSSION: The Districts Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is essential in ensuring ongoing resiliency and system reliability of all the District’s water infrastructure. Renewal and replacement of aging infrastructure is necessary to ensure continued delivery of water across the service area. The increased rates over the past four years has allowed the District to start making investments in large capital assets including starting construction of the Pine Mountain Tunnel Replacement (Gibson Tanks) Project, Tocaloma Pump Station, Kastania Pump Station along with making substantial design and planning progress on other critical projects such as the facility assessments of the Administration, Corporation Yard and Warehouse, Hind Tanks Replacement, and the SoulaJue Pump Station Electrification.

These investments have not only made measurable headway in reducing some of these larger capital project backlogs but have also helped reduce the overall risk to the system by eliminating or reducing high risk, high consequence of failure in these critical assets. In addition, increases in our core capital work such as pipeline replacement have been made to start reducing the remaining aging pipelines that in many cases are leak prone and seismically deficient, ensuring that the system remains resilient and reliable during earthquakes, fires and other natural disasters.

While notable advancements in key areas have been made to the District’s infrastructure investments, a sizable portion of infrastructure across all asset categories remain to be rehabilitated or replaced. Staff will review how continued capital investments to the District’s aging infrastructure will ensure the

District can enhance its future water supply, reliably deliver water to its customers and systematically upgrade all asset categories in a thoughtful and sustainable manner.

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)
Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2026 9:30 a.m.	Planning Committee Meeting/Special Meeting of the Board of Directors	Gibson Tanks Project Update, and Electrical Vehicle Charging Station
Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2026 5:00 p.m.	Board of Directors' Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting	El Niño Preparedness Update, and Overview of ACWA's Vision for Our Water Future Initiative
Thursday, Nov. 19, 2026 9:30 a.m.	Finance & Administration Committee Meeting	Monthly Financial Report
Thursday, Dec. 10, 2026 9:30 a.m.	Planning Committee Meeting/Special Meeting of the Board of Directors	Miracle Mile Phase II, and ARC Update

External Meetings	
Meeting Date	Meeting Type
Friday, Nov. 6, 2026 9:30 a.m.	North Bay Watershed Association Meeting
Friday, Nov. 13, 2026 9:00 a.m.	Lagunitas Creek Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2026 Thru Thursday, Dec. 3, 2026	Association of California Water Agencies Fall Conference