

#### NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT

AGENDA - REGULAR MEETING January 7, 2014 – 7:30 p.m. District Headquarters 999 Rush Creek Place Novato, California

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Est. Time	Item	Subject
7:30 p.m.		CALL TO ORDER
	1.	APPROVE MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING, December 17, 2013
	2.	GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT
	3.	OPEN TIME: (Please observe a three-minute time limit)
		This section of the agenda is provided so that the public may express comments on any issues not listed on the agenda that are of interest to the public and within the jurisdiction of the North Marin Water District. When comments are made about matters not on the agenda, Board members can ask questions for clarification, respond to statements or questions from members of the public, refer a matter to staff, or direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. The public may also express comments on agenda items at the time of Board consideration.
	4.	STAFF/DIRECTORS REPORTS
		CONSENT CALENDAR
		The General Manager has reviewed the following items. To his knowledge, there is no opposition to the action. The items can be acted on in one consolidated motion as recommended or may be removed from the Consent Calendar and separately considered at the request of any person.
	5.	Consent – Approve Winter 2014 Novato Water Line Text and Layout
	6.	Consent – Approve Pilot Distribution Program for Ultra High Efficiency Toilets
8:00 p.m.		ACTION CALENDAR
	7.	Approve: AEEP/MSN B3 Tree Removal Contract
	8.	Approve: Change Order No. 6 – ESA for Biological Monitoring Services
	9.	<i>Approve:</i> Recycled Water Expansion Project – Approve Contract Amendment No. 2 – The Covello Group

- 10. *Approve:* Recycled Water Expansion South Service Area Phase 1b Project Approve Contingency Increase to \$210,100
- 11. *Approve:* Agreement with Nute Engineering for Preparation of the Marin County Club Golf Course Recycled Water Feasibility Study Update 2014
- 12. *Approve:* Revised Regulation 6

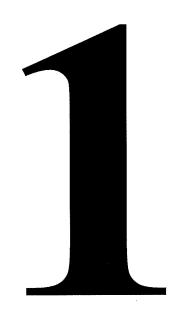
#### INFORMATION ITEMS

13. Preparing for Dry Year Conditions

All times are approximate and for reference only.

The Board of Directors may consider an item at a different time than set forth herein.

Est. Time	ltem	Subject
	14.	TAC Meeting – January 6, 2014
	15.	NBWA Meeting – January 3, 2014
	16.	City of Novato Paving Moratorium, Measure A Group 5
	17.	MISCELLANEOUS Disbursements CDPH Grant Letter
		<u>News Articles</u> : County retool of water policy Public Meeting slated on 15-Year Russian River Plan Robert Giacomini Dairy Honored for Love of its Land Dry year spurs new conservation orders for 2014 State Water Resources Board Approves Temporary Urgency Change Petition PD Editorial: Time for action on saving water Water officials cut Russian River releases from Lake Mendocino
9:30 p.m.	18.	ADJOURNMENT



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#### DRAFT NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS December 17, 2013

#### 6 CALL TO ORDER

President Rodoni called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of North Marin Water
District to order at 7:30 p.m. at the District headquarters and the agenda was accepted as
presented. Present were Directors Jack Baker, Rick Fraites, Stephen Petterle, and John
Schoonover. Also present were General Manager Chris DeGabriele, District Secretary Katie Young
and Auditor-Controller David Bentley. Chief Engineer Drew McIntyre was absent.

12 District employees Pablo Ramudo (Water Quality Supervisor) and Robert Clark 13 (Operations/Maintenance Superintendent) were in the audience.

#### 14 <u>MINUTES</u>

15 On motion of Director Schoonover, seconded by Director Baker and unanimously carried the 16 Board approved the minutes from the previous meeting as amended.

#### 17 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

#### 18 Aqueduct Tie-In

Mr. DeGabriele informed the Board that on Tuesday, December 10th, Ghilotti Construction 19 tied in the Aqueduct Energy Efficiency Project pipeline to the existing North Marin Aqueduct at two 20 locations. He noted that it was a 16 hour operation and it went well. Mr. DeGabriele informed the 21 Board that District crews were onsite to assist as necessary and the pipeline has been pressure 22 tested and will now begin the bacteriological testing before beginning service. Mr. DeGabriele 23 provided the Board with multiple photos of the project. He noted that another aqueduct shutdown 24 and tie-in, north of Birkenstock and south of Olompoli Park, is scheduled just after the first of the 25 26 year.

27 Director Baker asked if the bacteriological process has started.

Pablo Ramudo, Water Quality Supervisor, stated that the disinfection has started and the
 new pipeline will be chlorinated until December 30<sup>th</sup> and then fresh water will be brought in.

#### 30 <u>Construction Superintendent</u>

Mr. DeGabriele informed the Board that he appointed Tony Arendell as Doug Moore's successor. He stated that Tony has worked for the District for over 27 years and has held every 1 position in the field to date. He noted that Tony will report to the Chief Engineer and has a list of

- 2 requirements to complete the transition.
- 3 Director Baker asked what job he held prior to this.

Mr. DeGabriele stated that he has been one of the construction foremen since 2005 and is a dedicated employee. He stated that Tony Arendell is interested in relocating to Novato, he currently lives in Petaluma, but Mr. DeGabriele suggested he hold off on moving and concentrate on the transition of the job first.

#### 8 <u>Water Shortage</u>

9 Mr. DeGabriele informed the Board that PG&E has received approval to reduce in stream 10 releases out of Lake Pillsbury and reduce diversions into the Russian River. He noted that 11 diversions to the Russian River through the Potter Valley Project are now authorized to drop to 5 12 cubic feet per second. Mr. DeGabriele advised the Board that Sonoma County Water Agency plans 13 to petition the State Water Resources Control Board to reduce the flows in the Upper Russian River. 14 He stated that SCWA has counted over 2,700 Chinook salmon passing through the Mirabel rubber 15 dam but Steelhead come into the system later in the year.

Mr. DeGabriele advised the Board that SCWA has asked all water contractors to participate in some additional water conservation requirements and Mr. DeGabriele had suggested that the contractors restrict outdoor irrigation with potable water. Mr. DeGabriele stated that the TAC does not want to prohibit irrigation when plants do need water and they are trying to figure out how to convey the message.

21 Mr. DeGabriele provided a chart comparing rainfall the past two years with rainfall in 1976 22 and 1977.

Mr. DeGabriele informed the Board that Marin Municipal is authorizing their General Manager to take necessary drought actions if there is no rainfall by April 1<sup>st</sup>. He stated that MMWD storage is predicted to reach 40,000 AF on April 1<sup>st</sup> k and would then trigger mandatory 25% water conservation.

Mr. DeGabriele stated that the District is assuming Laguintas Creek will have dry year conditions as well and Robert Clark, Maintenance/Operations Superintendent, recommends flushing now and once the flushing program is done in West Marin, staff will start flushing in Novato. He informed the Board that water conservation staff is working with the Sonoma Marin Water Partnership on messaging and the District is going to issue another *WaterLine* newsletter after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. President Rodoni asked if Mr. DeGabriele was comfortable with the Board of Supervisors
 not taking action without involving the TAC and WAC.

3 Mr. DeGabriele stated that the Board of Supervisors will get input from the TAC and that 4 water demand is at its lowest point in the winter months, so outdoor irrigation is really the only issue.

#### 5 **OPEN TIME**

6 President Rodoni asked if anyone in the audience wished to bring up an item not on the 7 agenda and there was no response.

#### 8 STAFF / DIRECTORS' REPORTS

9 President Rodoni asked if staff or Directors wished to bring up an item not on the agenda10 and the following items were discussed:

President Rodoni stated that he has reviewed committee appointments and they will remain
the same as the previous year. He encouraged all Directors to take advantage of the alternate when
they can.

Director Schoonover thanked staff for an excellent holiday/retirement party for Doug Moore.
He stated that it was well attended and staff did a tremendous job.

16 Director Baker agreed with Director Schoonover regarding the holiday/retirement party and 17 said he had a great time and it was a nice evening seeing familiar faces.

18 Director Fraites stated he was sorry he couldn't make the party due to an illness.

#### 19 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

Mr. DeGabriele provided the Board with the Monthly Progress Report for November. He stated that the water production in Novato and West Marin was up significantly compared to last November. He advised the Board that the increased water use is directly attributed to rainfall, as last November the District had received 8.5" of rain, whereas through November 2013, only 1.5" has been recorded. The Board was informed that Recycled Water customers continue to receive some water and Stafford Treatment Plant remains available as an emergency supply, especially during the aqueduct shut downs.

Mr. DeGabriele advised the Board that Oceana Marin is in really good shape going into winter. He stated that District staff has worked 173 days through the end of November without a lost time accident or injury and that complaints are down considerably in November and year to date. He noted that that staff prepared a summary memo on the freeze that occurred a week ago, stating that there were 240 call outs from customers to assist with frozen pipes on their side of the meter.

- Mr. Bentley provided the Board with the Monthly Report of Investments. He stated that the
   District currently has \$16.1M in the bank and is earning 0.35% interest.
- President Rodoni stated that he heard Bio Marin was leaving Novato and asked Mr. Bentley
  if the agreement with the company was paid in full.
- 5 Mr. Bentley responded that Bio Marin had paid upfront for the agreement.

#### 6 CONSENT CALENDAR

On the motion of Director Petterle, seconded by Director Schoonover and unanimously
carried, the following item were approved on the consent calendar:

#### 9 DUMP TRUCK REPLACEMENT AUTHORIZATION

The Board authorized staff to solicit bids for the purchase of a new 2014 model year dump truck to replace truck #55, which was purchased in 2008. Truck #55 engine recently failed and it's not cost effective to make the necessary repairs.

#### 13 INFORMATION ITEMS

#### 14 PRESENTATION ON DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WATER QUALITY MONITORING AND SAMPLE

#### 15 **STATIONS**

Pablo Ramudo provided a presentation on the Distribution System Water Quality Monitoring
 and Sample Stations, including the regulations which require monitoring in the distribution system,
 their sampling requirements and a description of the District's network of dedicated sample stations
 including a map of their locations within different hydraulic zones.

Mr. Ramudo discussed the Total Coliform Rule stating that the purpose of this rule is to protect public health by ensuring integrity of the drinking water distribution system and monitoring for the presence of microbial contamination. He stated that the District must collect 70 samples a month, although normally between 75 and 95 samples are collected per month from 56 sample stations.

25 Director Baker asked how the staff decides certain locations for sample sites.

Mr. Ramudo responded that there are guidelines on how to pick sample sites making sure to sample widely where an average of the population is and that it is required to sample from each hydraulic zone.

Mr. Ramudo stated that of 56 sample sites for total coliform rule in the Novato system, 52 are dedicated sample stations and an additional 17 sample stations exist through the distribution system. He noted that of 7 sample sites for the total coliform rule in the Point Reyes system, 4 are 1 dedicated sample stations. Mr. Ramudo informed the Board that dedicated sample stations greatly

2 reduce risk of false positive results due to sampling error and contamination and it also reduces the

- 3 District's liability for potential damage to customer's property.
- 4 Director Baker asked with the new frontage road on HWY 101 if the sample stations will be 5 accessed from a safer location.
- 6 Mr. Ramudo stated that there are a couple of stations along HWY 101 that will be easily 7 accessible from the frontage road making it safer for employees.
- 8 President Rodoni asked what the cost of a sample station was.

9 Mr. Ramudo replied about \$3K and the District has budgeted six new sample stations every10 two years.

#### 11 MISCELLANEOUS

12 The Board received the following miscellaneous information: Disbursements, Freeze 13 Summary, and Board of Supervisors Letter.

The Board also received the following news articles: Heroes of Marin: Dietrich Stroeh, Environmental Stewardship, Update: Marin-Sonoma Narrows widening, Part 2, PG&E seeks reduction in releases to Eel River due to drought, Supervisor Kinsey elected head of state Coastal Commission, Sonoma County seeks state's OK to cut Russian River water releases, and Willits contemplates stricter water restrictions.

#### 19 ADJOURNMENT

20	President Rodoni adjourned the meeting at	8:18 p.m.
21 22		Submitted by
23 24 25		Katia Nauna
25 26		Katie Young District Secretary









#### MEMORANDUM

To:	Board of Directors	January 3, 2014
From:	Ryan Grisso, Water	Conservation Coordinator Rb
Subject:	Approve Text for Wa	ter Line, Volume 15, Issue 31 Is Io Board/Fall 2013 WaterLine Text 1013.doc
RECO	MMENDED ACTION:	Approve Winter 2014 Novato "Water Line" Text and Layout
FINAN	CIAL IMPACT:	\$6,500 (Included in FY 2013/2014 Budget)

Draft text and design for the Winter 2014 "Water Line", Volume 15, Issue 31 is attached for your review. This issue of water line will inform customers of the extremely dry weather conditions persisting since January 2013 causing severely low water storage levels in Lake Mendocino and low water storage levels in Stafford Lake, and advise customers of the need to reduce water use this winter. Due to the dry conditions and resulting water storage levels, customers will be asked to turn off all unnecessary outside irrigation using potable supply, fix any leaks promptly and participate in NMWD water conservation programs. The issue also solicits customer interest in a toilet giveaway for Spring 2014. Should any Board member have individual comments, please provide them to the General Manager at the January 7th Board Meeting. It is expected that the Winter 2014 Novato "Water Line" will be mailed in mid to late January 2014.

In addition to this issue of Water Line, the Water Agency's water contractors have committed to eliminating the use of potable water that is currently being applied to landscaping and a regional public information/education campaign will be launched through the Sonoma-Marin Saving Water Partnership to instruct the public to reduce water use.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Board authorize General Manager to approve final text and design of Winter 2014 Novato "Water Line", Volume 15, Issue 31.

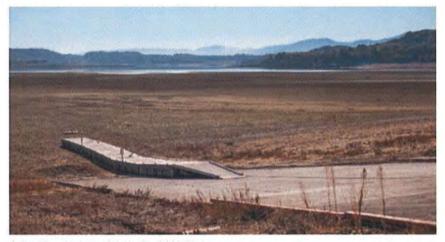
Approved by GM



## It's A Drought - Save Water!

ith extremely dry conditions persisting since January 2013, our region has experienced the driest calendar year on record and is currently in a drought. In winter months, 100% of Novato's water supply is delivered from Sonoma County Water Agency's (SCWA) Russian River system. Of particular concern is Lake Mendocino with a critically low water supply (39% of capacity). Lake Mendocino is a key drinking water source for the cities of Ukiah, Hopland, Cloverdale and Healdsburg, provides water for agriculture on the upper Russian River and to SCWA's Russian River water transmission system which serves Novato. Additionally, water releases from Lake Mendocino support in-stream flows in the Russian River for the threatened Chinook salmon and steelhead trout during the fall and winter seasons.

SCWA continues to work proactively with key stakeholders in the upper Russian River watershed to efficiently manage water resources. In mid December the SCWA asked the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) for authority to reduce in-stream releases in the upper Russian River. This action, now approved by the SWRCB, will help preserve water in Lake Mendocino.



Lake Mendocino - December 15, 2013

Locally, Stafford Lake at 31% of capacity is typically filling in winter months to meet summer needs. NMWD does have the ability to "back feed" Russian River water into Stafford Lake this spring so it can be available for summer use. Fortunately, Lake Sonoma, which water enters the Russian River below Healdsburg, holds ample water supply (68% of capacity). The decision to "back feed" will likely be made within the next month.

NMWD's expansion of recycled water use in Novato will also help preserve available potable water supply further this year. While there are currently no mandatory water use restrictions, customers are urged to turn off all unnecessary outside irrigation, fix any leaks promptly and participate in NMWD water conservation programs.

For more information on water supply, drought conditions and water saving tips, please visit www.nmwd.com, www.savingwaterpartnership.org and www.scwa.ca.gov.



Call today to schedule your Free Water Smart Home Survey: 707-547-1909

## Ultra High Efficiency Toilet Giveaway

MWD will be distributing (FREE) Ultra High Efficiency Toilets as a part of pilot program in spring 2014. The free toilets are available only to customers who are replacing toilets installed prior to the year 2000. Toilets previously rebated or provided by NMWD will not be eligible for replacement with the new Ultra High Efficiency Toilets. Post inspection to verify installation will be required.

NMWD is collecting a list of interested customers and will schedule a distribution date once enough eligible customers reply. Reply to rgrisso@nmwd.com or call (415) 897-4133 ext 8711 to get your name on the list.

Niagara Stealth 0.8 gallons per flush



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#### **High-Efficiency Toilet Rebate**

Don't flush money away. Now you can get a rebate when you replace your non-water-conserving toilet with a High-Efficiency Toilet (HET). HETs use 20% less water than standard ultra-low flush toilets, so not only will you save water, but you'll save money, too. HETs eligible for rebate must be EPA WaterSense approved models. Call for rebate values and participation details or visit www.nmwd.com.

#### Water Smart Home Survey

NMWD offers free Water Smart Home Surveys as the cornerstone of trhe Water Smart Savings Program. This free service includes indoor and outdoor water efficiency checks, a landscape irrigation system efficiency test and a leak detection test.

Our friendly, knowledgeable survey technicians can show how you can easily conserve more water and save money, Best of all, your appontment can be scheduled at a time that is convenient for you. How to Participate? Call (707) 547-1909 to set up your free appointment.

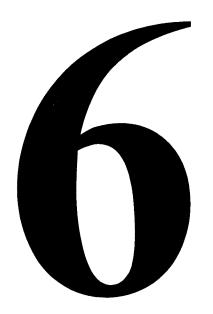
#### **High-Efficiency Clothes Washer Rebate Program**

High Efficiency clothes washers can save up to 50% of the water used and 65% of the energy used compared to conventional top-loading clothes washers. NMWD currently offers a rebate to customers when they purchase a qualifying high-efficiency clothes washer. Call for rebate value and participation details, or visit www.nmwd.com.

#### **Cash for Grass**

As part of the Water Smart Savings Program, you can get cash back when you remove your regularly mowed and irrigated lawn and re-landscape with District approved low-water use plants or District approved synthetic turf. Pre-inspection and re-landscaping plan approval required. Call for rebate values and complete program participation details or visit www.nmwd.com.





#### MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Directors January 3, 2014

RG Ryan Grisso, Water Conservation Coordinator From:

Pilot Distribution Program for Ultra High Efficiency Toilets Subject:

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve Pilot Distribution Program for Ultra High Efficiency Toilets \$20,000 (Included in FY 2013/2014 Budget) FINANCIAL IMPACT:

#### Background

At a previous Board meeting, staff was directed to investigate additional water conservation programs promoting further water savings. Water conservation expenditures are currently expected to be below budget at the end of this fiscal year enabling a mid-year adjustment to expand programs funded by the water conservation budget. In addition to the herein referenced Pilot Distribution Program, a recycled water onsite retrofit program will be discussed in more detail as part of the midyear report at a February 2014 Board meeting.

#### Pilot Distribution Program

Due to the drought and a winter Water Line planned to be issued in January, there is an excellent opportunity to initiate and advertise a new ultra high efficiency toilet (UHET) distribution program for FY14. The proposed pilot UHET distribution program (Pilot Distribution Program) is comprised of a giveaway of 100 toilets with a follow-up performance and satisfaction survey and possible future toilet distributions later in spring 2014. The Niagara Stealth Ultra High Efficiency Toilets (Stealth) are proposed for this distribution. These fixtures use 0.8 gallons per flush have elongated bowls and meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. The Stealth has received excellent performance feedback and can be purchased directly by NMWD through the manufacturer for approximately \$150/toilet. The advantage of distributing the Stealth is the 0.8 gallons per flush level which is a significant water use reduction from the 1.6 gallons per flush models which is the federally mandated toilet flush volume and the 1.28 gallons per flush Water Sense approved High Efficiency Toilet (HET), which has now become prevalent in the marketplace. This additional water savings warrants the additional \$50 cost above the NMWD current HET rebate.

The Pilot Distribution Program will provide a free toilet to replace toilets installed prior to the vear 2000 (the first year of the NMWD toilet rebate program). Customers will be asked to call or email to be considered/reviewed for eligibility, placed on an interested customer list, and then contacted with the date and time of the distribution (likely on a weekday morning). This will allow staff to have better control over the distribution and result in a more streamlined and organized distribution as compared to the large scale toilet distribution conducted in 2007. The customer will be provided Approved by GM (D

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three weeks to install the toilet and call for a post inspection. Pick up and recycling of the older toilets is not an option at this time. If the customer fails to install the new HET and call within the three week period, the customer will receive a \$150 charge per toilet on their next water bill.

The timing is right for disseminating Pilot Distribution Program information to the public through the winter 2014 *Water Line*. The water use reduction feature of the 0.8 gallons per flush toilet UHET makes it an attractive program. Initiating this program in pilot form will also help determine if 0.8 gallons per flush toilets will satisfactorily perform for NMWD customers. Staff recommends Board approval of the Pilot UHET Distribution Program.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Board approve and authorize implementation of the Pilot Ultra High Efficiency Toilet Distribution Program.



#### MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Directors

From: Drew McIntyre, Chief Engineer A Carmela Chandrasekera, Associate Engineer

Subject: NMWD AEEP/MSN B3 Tree Removal Project: Award Contract to The Professional Tree Care Company

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve award of the contract to The Professional Tree Care Company and authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement with same

FINANCIAL IMPACT: \$179,975 plus \$18,000 contingency (10%)

#### **Background**

The AEEP/MSN B3 Tree Removal project includes the cutting down of ~300 trees along the Hwy 101 corridor from the south end of San Antonio Road in Marin County to Kastania Road in Sonoma County (see site map in Attachment 1). This work is primarily required by the Caltrans Marin Sonoma Narrows B3 Freeway Widening Project. The bulk of the project costs will be covered by Caltrans as part of the Utility Agreement between Caltrans and North Marin Water District. The Board authorized bid advertisement for the project on December 3, 2013. The advertised date for this project was December 9, 2013 with a bid opening on December 30, 2013. The District advertised the project in the Marin IJ and mailed contract documents to twenty-five (25) interested contractors and builders exchanges in the greater bay area. Eight (8) contractors attended the pre-bid meeting on December 19, 2013. The bid period was for approximately three (3) weeks and included two addendums. Three bids were received ranging from a low of \$179,975 to a high of \$297,000.

	CONTRACTOR	BID
1.	The Professional Tree Care Company (Berkeley)	\$179,975
2.	Bay Area Tree Specialist (San Jose)	\$250,000
3.	Arbor Works (Dublin)	\$297,000

The Engineer's Estimate was \$185,000. The bid span between the Number 1 and Number 2 low bidders was \$70,225 (for a variance of 39%).

#### **Bid Evaluation**

The Professional Tree Care Company (TPTCC) of Berkeley, California, submitted the lowest responsive bid of \$179,975 which is \$5,025 (3%) below the Engineer's construction cost estimate of \$185,000. TPTCC's bid is 39% below the next lowest bidder (Bay Area Tree Specialist). A bid evaluation was performed and is summarized in Attachment 2. The attached

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analysis shows that TPTCC's bid is both responsive and responsible. References were checked by CSW/Stuber-Stroeh and they confirmed that TPTCC has the relevant experience to perform the work.

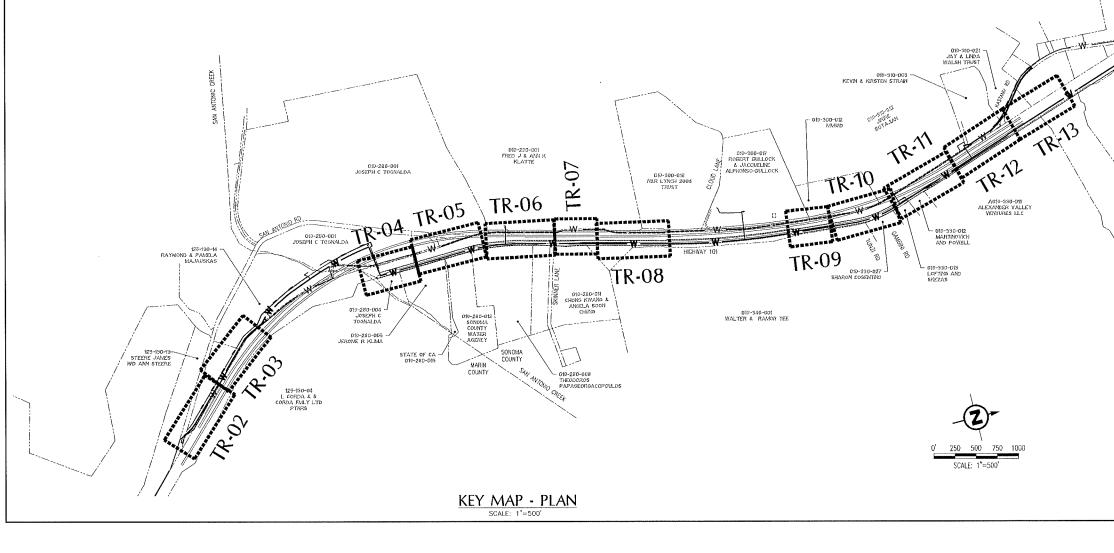
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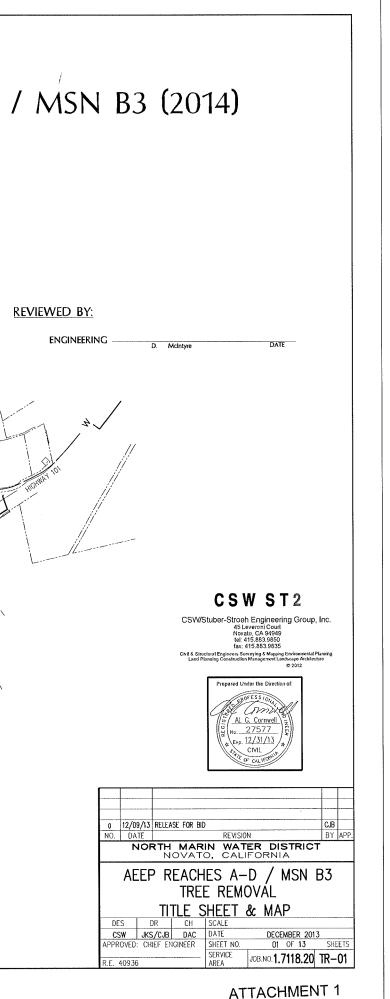
That the Board approve award of the contract to The Professional Tree Care Company and authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement with The Professional Tree Care Company.

# NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT Aqueduct energy efficiency project - reaches A, B, C, and D / MSN B3 (2014) TREE REMOVAL

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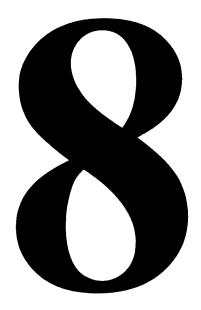
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2	1	LS	Temporary fencing in environmentally sensitive areas (TFESA)		\$NA	\$9,000	\$NA	\$5,000	\$NA	NR
			Tree removal – Reaches C & D Sta 6532+00 thru 6541+50							
3	15	EA	14" thru 20"		\$375	\$5,625	400	\$6,000		NR
4	2	EA	21" and larger		\$500	\$1,000	800	\$1,600		NR
,			Tree removal – Reach B Sta 6561+00 thru 6688+00							
5	134	EA	4" thru 10"		\$200	\$26,800	400	\$53,600		NR
6	100	EA	11" thru 20"		\$475	\$47,500	600	\$60,000		NR
7	38	EA	21" thru 30"		\$975	\$37,050	1,000	\$38,000		NR
8	7	EA	31" thru 47"		\$3,000	\$21,000	3,000	\$21,000	····	NR
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#### MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Directors

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January 3, 2014

From: Drew McIntyre, Chief Engineer

Subject: Approve: Change Order No. 6 - Environmental Science Associates (ESA) for Biological Monitoring Services (AEEP/MSN B3 Tree Removal Contract) R:Folders by Job No/7000 jobs/7127/ESA RW CEQA Work/Board Memos/7127 ESA Change Order No. 6 BOD MEMO 1-14.docx

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:** The Board authorize the General Manager to execute Change Order No. 6 to ESA to perform biological monitoring services

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** \$30,000 increase plus \$3,000 contingency (10%)

#### Background

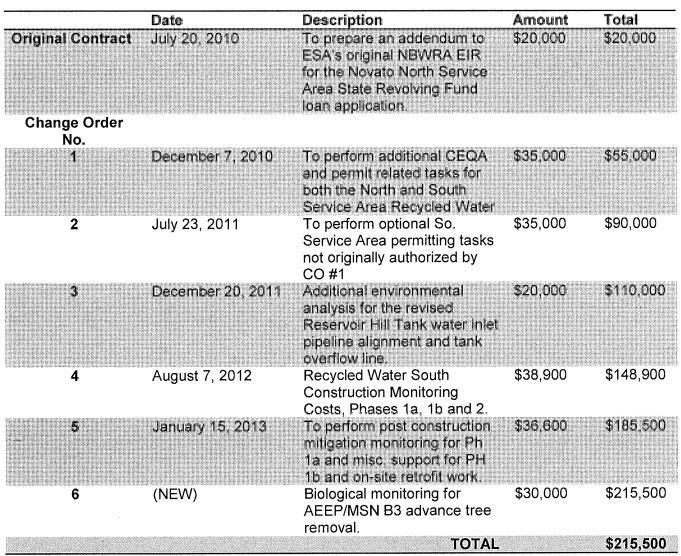
At the January 17, 2013 meeting, the Board approved Change Order No. 5 to ESA for \$36,600 to perform post construction mitigation monitoring for the Recycled Water South Phase 1a and 1b projects. With approval of the advance tree removal contract for Caltrans' MSN B3 and NMWD's Aqueduct Energy Efficiency Projects, a condition of the regulatory permits is to have a biological monitor on-site primarily to insure that no red-legged frogs are negatively impacted as a result of the tree removal project.

#### Change Order No. 6

Since the District already has ESA under contract for various environmental consulting work, staff requested that ESA provide a cost proposal to provide a biological monitor for the advance tree removal work (Attachment 1). ESA's scope of work is based on 4 hours per day for an assumed duration of 6 weeks. The estimated cost of \$30,000 includes contractor coordination/training, pre-construction surveys, construction monitoring and project management/reporting.

A tabulation of historical change orders as well as new Change Order No. 6 is provided in Table 1.





#### RECOMMENDATION

The Board authorize the General Manager to execute Change Order No. 6 to ESA to perform biological monitoring services for the AEEP/MSN B3 Tree Removal project in the amount of \$30,000.

ESA

1425 N. McDowell Boulevard Suite 200 Petaluma, CA 94954 707.795.0900 phone 707.795.0902 fax

December 30, 2013

Drew McIntyre North Marin Water District 99 Rush Creek Place Novato, CA 94945

#### Subject: Proposal to Provide Environmental Monitoring Services: North Marin Water District Aqueduct Energy Efficiency Project – Tree Removal

Dear Drew

Environmental Science Associates (ESA) is pleased to present this scope of work for Compliance Monitoring Services for the North Marin Water District's Aqueduct Energy Efficiency Project. Our scope of work has been developed based upon discussions with staff and review of project documents..

Based upon our understanding of the proposed tree removal and monitoring requirement established in current and pending regulatory permits, our biological resource monitoring effort includes contractor training, preconstruction surveys and daily monitoring for California red-legged frog along portions. Our scope of work assumes a work period of 6 weeks, with an allocation of 4 hours of monitoring per day. The actual level of monitoring required during construction will depend upon several variables, including: contractor performance, presence of sensitive species, and construction schedule. As such, our scope of work represents an order of magnitude cost estimate. ESA is available to work with the NWWD to refine our level of effort throughout project implementation to maximize available resources. All work will be completed on a time and materials basis in accordance with our current agreement with NMWD.

ESA appreciates the opportunity to continue to provide environmental services in support of North Marin Water District, and looks forward to the successful implementation of this project. If you have any questions, please contact either myself at 707-795-0904, or Katie Baker at (707) 795-0950.

Sincerely,

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James E. O'Toole Vice President



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## Scope of Work and Staffing Plan

ESA's Project Director, **Jim O'Toole**, will provide project oversight and assist the project team in maintaining consistency with CEQA, NEPA and permitting requirements. Our Construction Manager, **Even Holmboe**, will provide scope of work and billing oversight, review of the monitoring documentation and Project deliverables, and provide technical oversight of the monitoring staff, as necessary. ESA will be mobilized in the field for preconstruction surveys and construction monitoring. ESA's construction monitoring staff meets the "qualified biologist" requirements identified in regulatory permits for the project.

As shown in the attached cost estimate, ESA is prepared to perform the proposed services for a total of **\$29,893** on a time and materials basis, with invoices submitted monthly. Actual monitoring effort and staff requirements may be increased or decreased, and will depend upon several factors, including contractor performance and schedule. Therefore, our scope of work provides an order of magnitude cost estimate based upon project understanding. In the event that additional monitoring resources are necessary, ESA will provide a scope modification for consideration by NMWD in advance of the additional work. Additional services not included in this proposal would be performed as requested on a time-and-materials basis.

## Task 1.1: Contractor Coordination and Training

This scope assumes attendance at the Pre-Construction Contractor meeting and presentation at pre-construction contractor environmental awareness training sessions. Our scope of work assumes pre-construction meeting preparation, attendance and initial contractor training. During the Pre-Construction Contractor meeting, ESA will discuss the field limitations relative to sensitive species and answer any questions from the construction management/contractor team. The environmental awareness training will highlight information relative to conditions included in the suite of regulatory permits from USFWS Biological Opinion, Corps Section 404 Nationwide Permit, RWQCB Section 401 Water Quality Certification, and CDFG Streambed Alteration Agreement. To facilitate environmental training related to sensitive species identification and avoidance, ESA will prepare training materials, including: copies of permits, hardhat stickers, and training tri-fold. Initial training will be scheduled with NMWD, ESA, and the contractor prior to construction activities. Additional training (up to two hours in the field) will be provided onsite as part of monitoring efforts.

## Task 1.2: Pre-Construction Surveys - California red-legged frog and nesting birds

ESA will conduct pre-construction California red-legged frog surveys within potential habitat locations along the construction corridor. Our scope of work assumes time for site review/coordination and field work and survey write up. Surveys are to be completed within 14 days prior to the start of construction related activities (including site mobilization), and then again 48 hours prior to construction activities. In the event active bird nesting or CRLF are observed within the project area, ESA will coordinate with NMWD and its contractors to develop the appropriate strategy, and consult with wildlife agencies (USFWS, CDFG) as necessary.



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## Task 1.3: Construction Monitoring - Wetlands and California red-legged frog

As appropriate to comply with NMWD and Caltrans permits, ESA will assist with identification of wetland or sensitive areas in the field prior to construction and coordinate with the contractor to avoid sensitive areas and/or delineated wetlands areas in accordance with permit requirements. Our scope of work assumes one 8 hour day for contractor coordination and review and identification of field conditions.

Although the pre-construction surveys will likely have negative results, monitoring is required to fully comply with the Biological Opinion, and as such, our scope assumes 30 days of monitoring. This scope assumes a 4-hour work day for a single biological monitor. This assumption may be adjusted if the rate of construction is increased or decreased. Our scope of work also provides for senior oversight of construction monitoring.

## Task 1.4: Project Management and Reporting (Project Completion Report)

This task includes attendance at two District and contractor meetings, as appropriate, day-to-day coordination, and preparation of project completion report summarizing daily logs and identifying project compliance status at end of monitoring. Our scope of work assumes one round of comments by NMWD.

*Deliverables:* Worker Environmental Training tri-fold handout; Technical Memo regarding pre-construction survey results and clearance; monitoring logs; final project completion report.

Schedule: Pre-construction surveys will begin 2 weeks prior to start of construction.

#### TABLE 1: PRICING PROPOSAL ESA Labor Detail and Expense Summary

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#### Subconsultant Costs (see Attachment B for detail)

TOTAL PROJECT PRICE



## Item #9

#### MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Directors From: Drew McIntyre, Chief Engineer

January 3, 2014

Subject: Recycled Water Expansion Project – Approve Contract Amendment No. 2 - The Covello Group R\Folders by Job No\6000 jobs\6056\Construction Management\Covello\6056 Covello Contract Change Order BOD Memo 1-14.doc

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve Amendment No. 2 to The Covello Group's Contract for Construction Management of the Recycled Water Expansion Project

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT: \$9,500

At the December 4, 2011 meeting, the Board approved Amendment No. 1 between The Covello Group (Covello) and the District primarily to add additional construction management services for the South Service Area Phase 2 construction project. With approval of Amendment No. 1, Covello's budget is \$889,919. On June 13, 2013, staff informed the Board that Covello was also tasked to review NMWD's front-end specifications in advance of the District's Aqueduct Energy Efficiency Project. It was hoped that this additional level of effort (approximately \$17,300) could be covered by excess funds in Amendment No. 1. However, Covello's level of effort related to the Phase 1b close-out has increased necessitating a second Amendment to cover remaining front-end specifications review costs (see Attachment A). Note: Covello is also working under direct contract to District legal counsel regarding work related to Disney claim resolution (billings to-date total approximately \$13,000).

#### **Recommendation**

Approve Amendment No. 2 to The Covello Group's Contract for Construction Management of the Recycled Water Expansion Project in the amount of \$9,500.



December 24, 2013

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Mr. Drew McIntyre North Marin Water District 999 Rush Creek Place Novato, CA 94948

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#### NMWD Job No. 5 6055.00 **Project: Budget Amendment Request** Subject:

Dear Mr. McIntyre:

This correspondence provides a summary of Covello Group's (Covello) budget and invoices for the referenced NMWD Project. The Project includes Covello's Construction Management Services on multiple segments of the District's Recycled Water Pipeline (for both the North and South Service Areas). The updating of the District's Front End Specifications was also performed under this Project.

Covello has performed these services since May 2011 and at this time forecasts the need for a budget amendment totaling \$9,500. The enclosed spreadsheet summarizes the budget and invoices to date; the forecast to complete column is our current estimate of the resources necessary to complete all services for the Construction Management activities and the Front End Specifications. It is our goal to complete all of these services in by the end of January 2014.

Sincerely,

The COVELLO GROUP, Inc.

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Enclosure

#### North Marin Water District NMWD Job No. 5 6055.00 Covello Project No. 2011.010 24-Dec-13

#### Budget Summary Status and Contract Amendment Request

			Invoices					
Description	Approved Budget	01-May-11 thru 31-Oct-13	01-Dec-13 Invoice (services thru 30- Nov-13)	Total	Budget Balance	Forecast to Complete	Final Budget Forecast	
North Service Area CM	\$604,533.00	\$616,590.82	\$0.00	\$616,590.82	-\$12,057.82	\$0.00	\$616,590.82	
South Service Area CM	\$285,386.00	\$252 <i>,</i> 310.59	\$8,693.81	\$261,004.40	\$24,381.60	\$4,280.00	\$265,284.40	
Front End Specifications	\$0.00	\$15,207.50	\$690.00	\$15,897.50	-\$15,897.50	\$1,400.00	\$17,297.50	
Total	\$889,919.00	\$884,108.91	\$9,383.81	\$893,492.72	-\$3,573.72	\$5,680.00	\$899,172.72	

Minimum Budget Amendment

\$9,253.72

Recommend Amendment Amount

\$9,500.00

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#### MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Directors

From: Drew McIntyre, Chief Engineer David Jackson, Associate Engineer

Date: January 3, 2014

Re: Recycled Water Expansion South Service Area Phase 1b Project – Approve Contingency Increase to \$210,100 R:\Folders by Job No\6000 jobs\6056\Board Memos\6056 Phs 1b Approve Contingency BOD Memo 1-14.docx

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**Approve contingency increase to \$210,100**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**Increase of \$10,100 above 8% Board approved contingency

The purpose of this memo is to retroactively request Board approval of Change Order No. 31 to Disney Construction (Attachment A). Staff inadvertently approved this Change Order prior to obtaining Board approval since the sum of the approved cumulative change orders exceed the Board approved contingency limit. Execution of the aforementioned Change Order exceeded the Board approved 8% contingency of \$200,000 by \$10,011.40. The resulting project change order percentage is now 8.3%. District staff and the construction manager (The Covello Group) have reviewed and negotiated the above change order. A description of the changes requiring additional funds is provided as follows:

Change Order No. 31 - Additional Striping (\$11,243.00)

This change order is for additional striping (painting of road markings) in areas that were damaged or excavated during construction. The additional striping covered by this change order was for areas not in the original contract that were damaged due to changes in the alignment of the pipeline.

This change order was included in and does not change the estimated Recycled Water South project total project cost that was provided to the Board at the August 20<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. A complete list of change orders for the project are summarized on Attachment B.

#### **Dispute Resolution Status**

In May 2013, Disney forwarded a letter to the Covello Group (NMWD's Construction Manager) requesting \$562,618 for additional compensation on the Phase 1b project. At that time, NMWD staff and legal counsel reviewed the request and concluded that suitable documented substantiation had not been provided to support the claim. During the last half of 2013, District legal counsel and Disney legal counsel have had periodic discussions regarding settlement of the dispute through a formal mediation process (in accordance with contract documents). To date, there is no formal mediation scheduled. However, there have been some recent signs for potential informal mediation without the use of a hired third party mediator. More information will be provided at a later date as appropriate.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Approve contingency increase to \$210,100.

## CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER No. 031

## North Marin Water District Recycled Water Expansion South Service Area Phase 1b Project No. 5 6056.10

## Item: Additional Striping

#### DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE:

This change compensates the Contractor for all additional striping completed on the project outside of the original scope of work, as detailed in the attached marked-up Weatherly Striping Proposal dated 2/21/13.

REFERENCES: Weatherly Striping Proposal dated 2/21/13, as marked-up by CM

COST OF CHANGE: \$ 11,243.00

#### CONTRACT TIME ADJUSTMENT: 0 Calendar days

This change order constitutes full and complete compensation for all labor, equipment, materials, overhead, profit, any and all Indirect costs and time adjustment required to perform the above described change. By execution of this change order the Contractor accepts the Contract price change and the Contract Completion Date change, if any, and expressly waives any claims for additional compensation, damages or time extensions, in connection with the above referenced changes.

ACCEPTED:

**Disney Construction Inc.** Project Manager. Bv

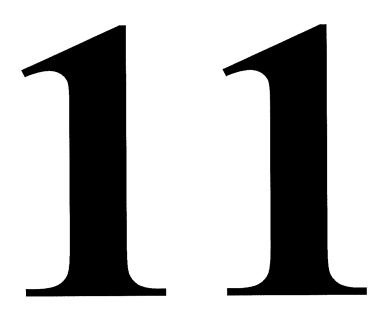
2 Date:

North Marin Water District Chief Engineer: By: Date.

RECOMMENDED FOR ACCEPTANCE:

The Covello Group Construction Manager By: Date:

5.6056.12: Phase 1b Change O	rders	December 27, 2013			
No Description		Amount	Executed		
1 Davis Bacon Wage Rates	\$	-	Yes		
2 Delete C1 & C2 Lines	\$	(57,868.00)	Yes		
3 Add R Line	\$	60,224.00	Yes		
4 Add Sill Plate Anchors	\$	5,003.96			
5 Existing Thrust Block 5/10 - 14	\$	7,932.29			
6 Irrig not Marked	\$	15,643.74			
7 Unmarked Lines at C	\$	3,160.85	Yes		
8 Irrig & Street Light not Marked	\$	11,707.32	Yes		
9 Traffic Light Loop Replacement	\$	5,024.86	Yes		
10 Jt Trench Interference at Hamilton	\$	4,045.62	Yes		
11 Add 2" Saddle B2 Line	\$	6,806.88	Yes		
12 Alignment Change B1	\$	11,025.66	Yes		
13 No Change Order	\$	-	105		
14 Add Grind & Overlay	\$	81,415.95	Yes		
15 Reservoir Perimeter Gutter	\$	13,655.72	Yes		
16 Tank Screens and Plates	\$	2,349.66	Yes		
Reservoir Hill grass cutting and Owl	delay \$	1,061.74	Yes		
18 Line E Bay Mud Stabilization	\$	2,512.41	Yes		
19 Abdn Metal Conduit	\$	2,522.23	Yes		
20 Repair Telemetry Conduit on Bolling	\$	2,112.41	Yes		
21 Jeffco Saturday Work	\$	671.90	Yes		
22 Miscellaneous sidewalk and gutter rep		10,689.10	Yes		
23 Rock Excavation Balance	\$	(8,690.50)	Yes		
Additional Hydro Testing; retest lines	R1, B2, C & \$	674.77	Yes		
No Change Order	\$	-	105		
26 Sta 0+00 Palm Water Marked in Wro		1,435.26	Yes		
No Change Order	\$	-	103		
28 No Change Order	\$	-			
29 No Change Order	\$	-			
Maintain PG&E Power Line Plates	\$	2,556.89	Yes		
Additional Striping (was 25)	\$	11,243.00	Yes		
No Change Order	\$	-	res		
<sup>33</sup> Unilateral: F-line Utility Conflict, Gas	<i>i</i>	13,093.68	Yes		
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Blowoff at Bolling Circle, Gooseneck	Details,				
Invoice Damages Service on Bolling C	Circle				
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Item #11

## MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Directors

From: Drew McIntyre, Chief Engineer

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January 3, 2014

Re: Approve Agreement with Nute Engineering for Preparation of the Marin County Club Golf Course Recycled Water Feasibility Study Update - 2014 R:NON JOB NO ISSUES\Consultants\NUTE\FY13-14\Nute Contract for MCC RW Feas Study BOD Memo 1-14.doc

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement with Nute Engineering for preparation of Marin County Club Golf Course Recycled Water Feasibility Study Update.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT: None – applicant funded

At the February 18, 2003 meeting, the Board authorized a change order to Nute Engineering's 1991 Water Recycled Study in the amount of \$9,500 for preparation of a Marin County Club (MCC) Golf Course Recycled Water Feasibility Study. The MCC Recycled Water Feasibility Study was subsequently approved by the Board at the September 7, 2004 meeting. At that time staff also received Board authorization to proceed with preparation of the Water Service Agreement with MCC for supplemental golf course irrigation. Said Water Service Agreement was subsequently approved by the Board at the April 5, 2005 meeting. Almost ten years has elapsed since the original feasibility study report and MCC is now requesting an update to incorporate recent recycled water expansion in the Novato north and south service areas (as well as the planned central service area expansion) and develop new updated costs associated with potential expansion of recycled water to MCC Golf Course.

## Background

Marin County Club is located at 500 Country Club Drive, south of Ignacio Blvd. in the southern Novato Zone 2 hydraulic zone (see maps in Attachment A). The 72 acre golf course and club house facilities were originally constructed in 1958 and a Water Service Agreement to provide a 1.5" domestic meter for the club house and pool was approved by the Board the same year. In 1999, an additional 1.5" domestic water service and 4" fire service was approved by the Board the same goard for the MCC clubhouse/pool and renovation project. On April 5, 2005, the Board approved a Water Service Agreement that entitled MCC to 58 equivalent dwelling units (EDUs) of water from an existing 1" service located on Verde Drive. This service was originally installed on August 10, 1977 to provide 3 EDUs to supplement MCC's locally supplied on-site irrigation water.

MCC has six man-made lakes throughout the golf course along the Arroyo San Jose water course. The combined seasonal storage within the six lakes is relatively small (24 acre feet or approximately eight million gallons). This volume represents approximately 12% of a normal year irrigation water requirement. In addition to these six on-site lakes, MCC also has

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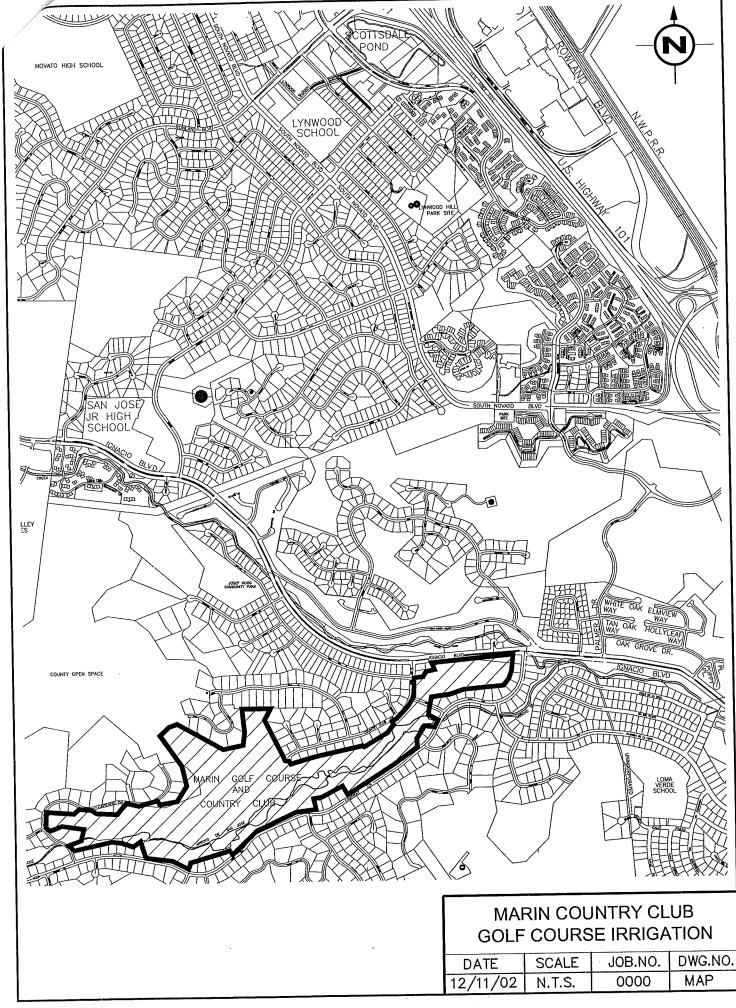
an on-site well which consistently produces about 65 gallons per minute (gpm) throughout the summer. Existing local supply is adequate to supply approximately 90% of the golf course irrigation demand during normal rainfall years and significantly less during major drought years.

## Nute Contract

Since Nute prepared the original feasibility study for MCC and was the engineer who developed NMWD's Recycled Water Master Plan, staff believes that the attached proposal by Nute Engineering (Attachment B) represents the most efficient and cost effective manner in which to prepare the MCC Recycled Water Feasibility Study Update. Nute Engineering's fee to prepare this study is \$10,000. Work will not begin until MCC provides the requested \$10,000 engineering advance.

## RECOMMENDATION

That the Board authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement with Nute Engineering in the amount of \$10,000 for preparation of Marin County Club Golf Course Recycled Water Feasibility Study Update.

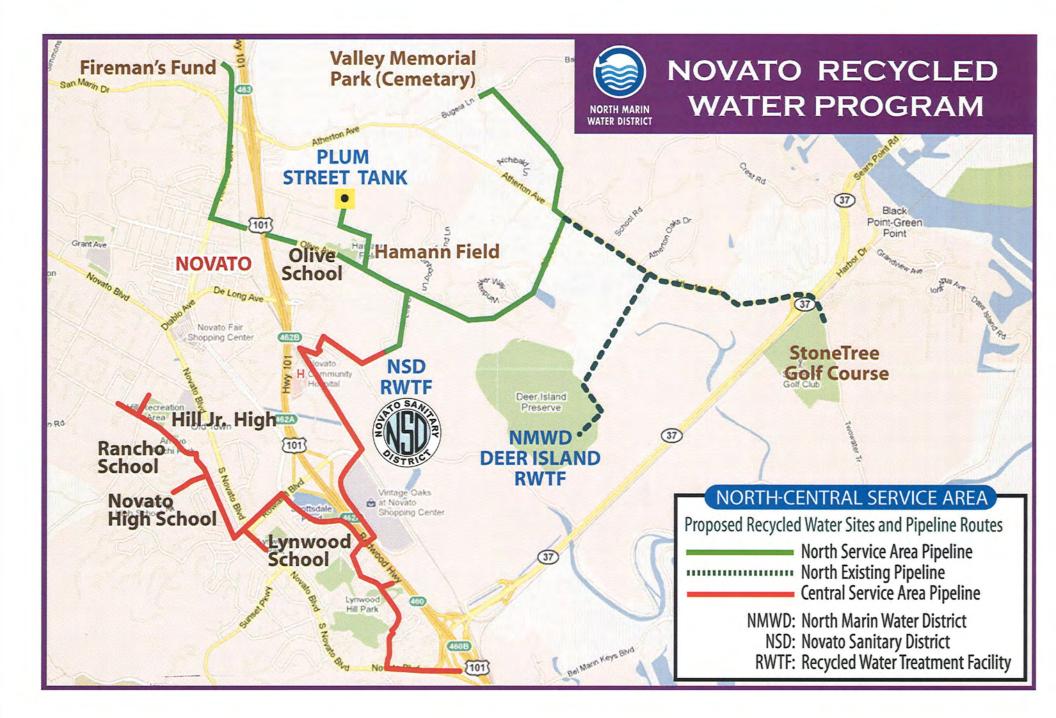


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ATTACHMENT A



September 19, 2013

Mr. Drew McIntyre, Chief Engineer North Marin Water District 999 Rush Creek Place Novato, CA 94948

## Re: Proposal to Update the Feasibility Study to Provide Recycled Water to the Marin Country Club Golf Course

Dear Drew:

As you requested we are pleased to provide the following proposal for preparation of an update to the study of the Feasibility of Providing Recycled Water to the Marin Country Club (MCC) Golf Course, which was prepare by our firm in 2004.

## BACKGROUND

The MCC maintains an eighteen hole golf course in the Ignacio area of Novato. For the most part of the year irrigation water is supplied from MCC's own sources. Which include a well and a significant amount of runoff and spring water which is captured in their six storage ponds. These ponds are maintained for aesthetics as well as for water capture and storage prior to irrigation.

In years with low rainfall the MCC water supply becomes short at the end of the summer and early fall until the weather cools and rains resume. During some dry periods MCC has obtained a hydrant meter from NMWD to augment water in their ponds. MCC also takes measures to minimize their water usage to get through these dry periods.

Recently NMWD has developed two recycled water distribution systems, one serving the north Novato area and the other serving Hamilton in the south Novato area. Extension of the distribution system serving the central service area is now being planned. However, even with the planned central service area pipeline extension NMWD's Recycled Water distribution system will still be a long distance form the MCC golf course. If recycled water could be brought to the MCC golf course the water could be used for direct irrigation or to augment the water in the ponds.

Recycled water service to MCC and the Indian Valley College has been projected in the NMWD Recycled Water master planning. A pipeline extension to MCC would need to be routed in the most cost effective manner including maximizing the recycled water customer base.

In order to determine the feasibility of providing recycled water to the MCC golf course it will be necessary to estimate the cost of extending a recycled water line.

## **STUDY OBJECTIVE**

The objective of the feasibility study update as proposed herein will be to update the feasibility study for supplying recycled water to the Marin Country Club including determination of the potential recycled water demand, projection of the most feasible route and estimated cost for extending a recycled water pipeline to serve MCC.

## **SCOPE OF WORK**

The following is the scope of work for updating the feasibility study for providing recycled water to the MCC golf course:

- 1. Estimate the recycled water demand of the MCC golf course.
- 2. Evaluate possible pipeline routings to serve the MCC and other customers from the ends of the existing north and south recycled water distribution systems.
- 3. Investigate possible methods to supplement the irrigation water at the golf course including adding recycled water directly to one of the ponds or connecting directly to the irrigation system.
- 4. Update the potential recycled water demand of other customers in the Ignacio area.
- 5. Estimate the capital cost of extending a recycled water pipeline to serve the MCC.
- 6. Summarize the study findings in a written report to NMWD.
- 7. Attend one meeting to discuss the report.

## ASSUMPTIONS

In developing this study the following assumptions will be made:

- 1. NMWD will be developing a project to extend the recycled water pipeline to the South Novato Blvd area on the west side of Highway 101.
- 2. NMWD will provide an update of the non-potable water demands in the area which could be potentially served by a recycled water pipeline extension to MCC.

## **DELIVERABLES**

Ten printed copies of the written report will be provided together with an electronic file of the report and all exhibits.

## **ENGINEERING FEE**

The Nute Engineering billing rates are set forth in Attachment A and an estimate of the anticipated engineering hours necessary for the study described above is given in Attachment B. The proposed budget is \$10,000.

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Item #12

## MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Directors

From: Robert Clark, Operations / Maintenance Superintendent

Subj: Approval of Revised Regulation 6 x/maint sup/2014/bod/reg 6 bod final memo.doc

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

At the November 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting Staff provided the Board of Directors with the proposed update to Regulation 6 – Cross-Connection and Backflow Protection for Potable Water Service. Staff also requested our Attorney review the proposed revisions and provide comments. Having received suggestions for minor clarification points from our Attorney staff has incorporated those comments into the final draft included in attachment 1.

The revised Regulation 6 includes a reference to Title 17 of the California Department of Public Health Code of Regulations, a paragraph to describe noncompliance and device tampering penalties, a discussion of customer responsibilities and updated installation costs.

## RECOMMENDATION

Approve revised Regulation as shown.

January 3, 2014

## NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT

## **REGULATION 6**

## CROSS-CONNECTION AND BACKFLOW PROTECTION

## FOR POTABLE WATER SERVICE

## a. <u>General</u>

North Marin Water District furnishes potable water service under permits issued by the State of California Department of Public Health. In order to comply with the terms of these permits and all State regulations intended to protect the potable public water supply from contamination, an appropriate backflow preventer shall be installed at every service connection where one is required by regulations of the Department of Public Health set forth in Title 17 California Code of Regulations as sections 7583 through 7605. Some examples of State-mandated sites needing devices are: locations with an auxiliary water supply (such as a private well), locations handling pressurized fluids, locations served by recycled water, and locations with plumbing connections to non-potable piping. Specific requirements are found in the District's Cross-Connection Control and Backflow Protection Manual.

This regulation supplements and does not supersede local plumbing regulations, codes or ordinances, or State regulations related to water supply.

## b. Type of Backflow Preventer Required

The District shall determine the general type of preventer to be installed, giving consideration to the likelihood of backflow occurring, the type of contamination that may occur and applicable State regulations. The general type of backflow preventers the District may require in decreasing order of protection are: Air Gap (AG), Reduced Pressure Principle device (RPP) and double check valve (DCV). The District shall approve of the specific model of device prior to installation.

## c. Installation

The manner and location of installation <u>shall be in accordance with District standards and</u> <u>specifications</u>, and shall be subject to District approval. Backflow prevention devices may be installed by the District or others at the discretion of the customer. The District shall inspect all installations. Installation and inspection of all backflow devices shall be at the customer's expense.

## d. Inspection and Testing of Backflow Preventers

A certified inspection and performance test of all backflow preventers shall be performed annually or more often in those instances where successive inspections indicate repeated failure or on such other schedule approved by the Department of Public Health. Installed devices may be tested by the District or others at the sole discretion of the District. Inspection and testing will be at the customer's expense. Inspections will be conducted only by individuals certified by AWWA (American Water Works Association) as backflow prevention testers.

A report of a certified inspection will be submitted to the District within 30 days of notice that an inspection is due.

## e. Repairs or Replacement of Backflow Prevention Devices

Backflow devices that fail a performance test will be repaired or replaced by the customer except in the case of 3/4", 1" and  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " double check valve assemblies installed by the District. These assemblies (3/4", 1" and  $1\frac{1}{2}$ ") installed by the District will be repaired or replaced by the District. Repairs shall be made within 45 days of notice of device failure.

If a customer fails to make the necessary repairs within the 45-day notice period as required. District staff shall be entitled to make said repairs and include the actual cost of the District's repair work on the customer's next water bill.

## f. Charges for Installation Performed by District

The customer shall pay a charge for installation of backflow prevention devices in accordance with the following table:

If installed at time of initial meter set:

<u>Size</u>	Device	Charge
3/4"	DCV	<u>\$321.00</u>
1"	DCV	<u>\$352.00</u>
11⁄2"	DCV	<u>\$402.00</u>
3/4"	RPP	<u>\$451.00</u>
1"	RPP	<u>\$549.00</u>
11⁄2"	RPP	<u>\$667.00</u>

If installed on an existing meter, additional installation costs will be added.

Charges for larger assemblies shall be based on the actual cost of each installation.

Each customer having a backflow prevention device serviced by the District shall pay a bimonthly fee for servicing the device as shown in Regulation 54.

g. Noncompliance

If a customer fails to comply with this regulation by failure to install, test or correct deficiencies or by removal, tampering with or modifying a preventer, the District shall have the right to refuse or discontinue water service and, if it deems necessary, physically disconnect the customer's piping from the District's distribution system.

Any customer who willfully fails to install a backflow prevention device as required herein, or who willfully bypasses or alters such a device is guilty of a misdemeanor, and will be subject to prosecution and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding \$500.00 or by the imprisonment in the County jail for a period not exceeding six months or by both fine and imprisonment (California Health and Safety Code section 116820).

## h. Access for Inspection

North Marin Water District personnel and representatives of any governmental health agency shall have the right of ingress to and egress from the customer's premises at all reasonable hours without prior notification for the purpose of investigating compliance with this regulation and State Department of Public Health requirements.

## i. <u>Liability</u>

The District shall not be liable for any injury to persons or damage to property which may result directly or indirectly from the installation, malfunction, testing or repair of any backflow preventer.



#### MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Directors

January 3, 2014

From: Chris DeGabriele, General Manager  $U\!D$ 

Subject: Preparing for Dry Year Conditions t\gm\bod misc 2014\preparing for dry year conditions.doc

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Information Only **FINANCIAL IMPACT:** None at this time

Rainfall in Novato this fiscal year through December 31, 2013 is at 2.02 inches. On Lagunitas Creek rainfall at the Kent Lake rain gauge is 2.93 inches. On the Russian River Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA) has requested the State Water Resources Control board authorize reduced stream flows on the Upper Russian River equivalent to critical dry year conditions. Absent rainfall similar to the 1991 "Miracle March" it's likely that critical dry year conditions will prevail on the Russian River and on Lagunitas Creek for the summer season. A table of dry year rainfall totals is attached for your information (Attachment 1) and chart comparing rainfall in 1976/77 with 2012/13 (Attachment 2).

## Lagunitas Creek

Rainfall in the Lagunitas Creek watershed measured by Marin Municipal Water District totals 2.93 inches this fiscal year and just under 43 inches since October 1, 2012. This later total, for the 15 month period, is 5 inches below that necessary for normal year classification. Thus a dry year is designated on Lagunitas Creek unless another 25 inches of rainfall is received between now and April 1<sup>st</sup>. This means that summer flows beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> will be set at 6 cubic feet per second (cfs). Since the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Order 95-17 was issued in 1995, dry year conditions on Lagunitas Creek have never been experienced. This is the first year that NMWD may have to operate with flows in Lagunitas Creek at less than 8 cfs during the summer. NMWD's water shortage contingency plan for the West Marin service area is included as Attachment 3. Pursuant to that plan, beginning April 1st of a dry year NMWD must inform customers of a Water Shortage Emergency public hearing and contingency measures in the West Marin WaterLine. NMWD must also post stages of action in the Pt. Reyes Light and at the Pt. Reyes Station Post Office. From April 1st through June 30th of a dry year on Lagunitas Creek we are to request a 15% voluntary reduction in water use from a prior normal year, and from July 1<sup>st</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup> during a dry year on Lagunitas Creek we are to request a 25% mandatory reduction in water use from a prior normal year. A draft West Marin emergency water conservation ordinance intended to achieve these reduction levels is also included for the Board's information (Attachment 4). Note that at this time a mandatory 25% reduction would be for the service areas as a whole and does not necessarily impose a 25% mandatory reduction for individual residential customers.

Our intertie agreement with Marin Municipal enables NMWD to request up to 250 acre feet (AF) of water to be released from storage to Lagunitas Creek for rediversion by NMWD. For each AF of water released by Marin Municipal for this purpose we are to pay the cost of delivering Kent Lake water to Marin Municipal customers (approximately \$190 per acre/ft). The intertie agreement also requires that if Marin Municipal has requested voluntary or mandatory water use reductions of its customers, that NMWD would require its West Marin customers to reduce water use by a similar percentage. It is not known whether Marin Municipal will request any water use reduction from their customers, but their total storage is predicted to hit the 40,000 AF threshold on April 1<sup>st</sup> providing authority for a 25% reduction. The mandatory water conservation requirements of NMWD's water shortage contingency plan would likely trump any call for conservation in the Marin Municipal service territory. Over the next weeks, District staff will be monitoring rainfall data and preparing the West Marin *WaterLine* for distribution to keep customers informed.

## Stafford Lake and Novato

The Russian River water supply system is currently designated as normal pursuant to SWRCB Decision 1610 yet Lake Mendocino storage has dropped below 27,000 AF (Attachment 5). SCWA has petitioned, and the SWRCB has authorized, lower stream flows equivalent to critical dry year classification. This means that minimum flows in the Russian River from Lake Mendocino to the confluence with Dry Creek can be reduced to 25cfs, thus preserving storage in Lake Mendocino for later release necessary for water supply or fishery requirements. Through December 31st, Lake Sonoma holds just over 167,000 AF, ample water supply to meet the regions needs this summer (Attachment 6).

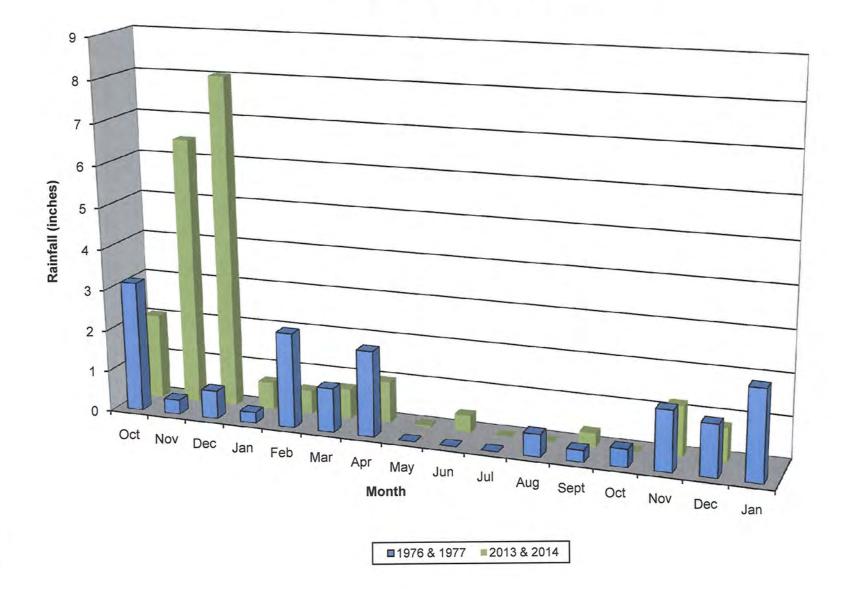
An element of the SCWA petition to the SWRCB addresses Lake Sonoma, Dry Creek and Lower Russian River and reflects the Water contractor collective commitment to eliminating unnecessary use of potable water for landscape irrigation. A regional public information campaign will be launched through the Sonoma-Marin Water Saving Partnership to instruct the public for the need to cease irrigation during winter months. NMWD proposes to reinforce this message with a special "winter" edition of the *WaterLine* included elsewhere in this agenda.

Stafford Lake is also very low with water storage at 30% of capacity through December 31, 2013. The watershed soil is very dry and a "Miracle March" type rainfall could fill Stafford Lake, but it's not likely this will occur. Water should be available for diversion from the Russian River and there is no predicted limit on delivery capacity in the SCWA Transmission System, which may enable Novato customers to avoid water use restrictions. The only hiccup would be a SWRCB order pursuant to SCWA's Petition for Temporary Urgency Change to fulfill Biological Opinion requirements. This should not happen with the critical dry year designation and lowered flows pursuant to Decision 1610, however we won't know conclusively until after April 1<sup>st</sup>. Nevertheless, NMWD staff has dusted off the Novato area water shortage contingency plan and emergency water conservation ordinance included herein as Attachment 7 & 8. Staff will also investigate alternate staff assignments for treatment plant operators as its likely Stafford Treatment Plant production may be greatly reduced this summer.

Staff will approach Marin County Parks, Indian Valley Golf Course and Marin Municipal to determine their interest in back feeding Russian River Water into Stafford Lake for later use. Staff will continue to keep the Board apprised as the weeks proceed.

## Dry Year Rainfall

Water Year	Oct	N	ov	Dec		lan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	9	Sept	Oct-Dec Total	Oct-Jan Total	Oct-Feb Total	Water Year Tota
1976	-	3.16	0.35		0.68	0.26	2.29	9	1.06	2.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.54	0.28	4.19	4.45	6.74	10.68
1977		0.43	1.45		1.25	2.17	1.33	3	2.69	0.15	1.04	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.70	3.13	5.30	6.63	11.29
1991		0.28	0.46	11.3	1.63	0.51	4.2	2	9.39	0.87	0.13	0.31	0.00	0.28	0.00	2.37	2.88	7.10	18.08
2007		0.53	2.91		4.66	0.58	4.8	7	0.13	1.14	0.38	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.06	8.10	8.68	13.55	15.32
2008		2.03	0.67		3.76	14.44	2.8	5	0.07	0.05	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.46	20.9	23.75	24.03
2009		1.27	2.20		2.34	0.83	10.24	4	2.73	0.41	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.33	5.81	6.64	16.88	20.37
2012		2.04	2.53		0.1	3.4	2.08	3	5.69	0.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	4.67	8.07	10.15	16.32
2013		2.06	6.47		8.02	0.67	0.5	7	0.71	1.00	0.05	0.40	0.00	0.00	0.33	16.55	17.22	17.79	20.28
2014		0.00	1.21		0.81											2.02			



Comparison of Novato Drought Water Year Rainfall

## DRAFT NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT'S

## WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN

FOR WEST MARIN SERVICE AREA

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ATTACHMENT 3

## NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR WEST MARIN SERVICE AREA

#### August 2002

#### **Customer Notification**

- I. January 1 water year classification "dry"
  - A. NMWD notifies customer by bill message.

"There are dry year conditions on Lagunitas Creek which may trigger implementation of water shortage contingency measures. Final determination will be made on April 1. Please use water wisely."

- B. NMWD issues press release in February and March informing that potential dry year conditions exist and promoting customer participation in NMWD water conservation programs.
- II. April 1 water year classification "normal"
  - A. Spring edition of NMWD West Marin "Water Line" promotes conservation measures.
- III. April 1 water year classification "dry"
  - A. Spring edition of NMWD West Marin "Water Line" informs customers of "Water Shortage Emergency," public hearing and contingency measures. Water conservation programs and giveaways to be on display.
  - B. Stages of Action published as required in Point Reyes Light and posted at Point Reyes Station post office.

## Specific Triggers

- **Stage 1 Trigger:** When the total precipitation that occurs from October 1 through April 1 of the following year is less than 28" as measured at the MMWD Kent precipitation gage, and the period is April 1 through June 30.
- **Stage 2 Trigger:** When the total precipitation that occurs from October 1 through April 1 of the following year is less than 28" as measured at the MMWD Kent precipitation gage, and the period is July 1 through November 1.
- **Stage 3 Trigger:** When the total precipitation that occurs from October 1 through April 1 of the following year is less than 28" as measured at the MMWD Kent precipitation gage, and the period is August 1 through November 1 and water demands in any preceding thirty-day period exceed an average of 433,000 gpd.

## **Consumption Limits**

Stage 1:	1: (Request 15% voluntary reduction)					
	Residential:	15% voluntary reduction in water use from prior normal year for similar billing period.				
	Commercial and Industrial	15% voluntary reduction in water use from prior normal year for similar billing period.				
Stage 2:	(25% mandatory reduc	tion)				
	Residential	25% reduction in water use from prior normal year for similar billing period.				
	Commercial and Industrial:	25% reduction in water use from prior normal year for similar billing period (exceptions may be granted by the General Manager for emergency and special needs).				
Stage 3: (Critical)	(50% mandatory reduc	tion)				
	Residential:	Equivalent to X <sup>1</sup> gallons per person per day				

Residential	Equivalent to X° gallons per person per day.
Commercial and Industrial	50% reduction in water use from prior normal year for similar billing period (exceptions may be granted to by the General Manager for emergency and special needs).

#### Stages of Action

- Stage 1 Voluntary achieve a 15% reduction in water use by implementation of the following
  - a. Encourage voluntary rationing
  - b. Pursue vigorous enforcement of water wasting regulations and provisions of District's Water Conservation Regulation 17.
  - c. Request customers to make conscious efforts to conserve water
  - d. Request other governmental agencies to demonstrate leadership and implement restrictive water use programs
  - e. Distribute water saving kits upon customer request, to assure availability to existing and new customers. (Note: Similar kits were distributed system wide to all customers during the 1976-77 California drought.)
  - f. Encourage private sector to use alternate water sources such as private wells.
  - g. Encourage the non-commercial washing of privately owned motor vehicles, trailers and boats only from a bucket and except that a hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle may be used for a quick rinse.
  - h. Encourage nighttime irrigation
  - i. Implement detailed measures from other stages to meet desired objective.
- **Stage 2** <u>Mandatory</u> achieve a 25% reduction in water use by declaring a water shortage emergency and implementing Phase 1 (introductory) and Phase 2 (mandatory) of the District's Emergency Water Conservation Ordinance
  - a. Under Phase 1, the following uses are declared to be non-essential:

- washing sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, patios or other exterior paved areas except by the Marin County Fire Department or other public agency for the purpose of public safety;
- (2) refilling a swimming pool;
- (3) Non-commercial washing of privately-owned motor vehicles, trailers and boats except from a bucket and except that a hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle may be used for a quick rinse.
- (4) Request restaurants to serve water only upon request.
- b. The following additional uses are declared to be non-essential under Phase 2:
  - (1) any use of water from a fire hydrant except for fighting fires, human consumption, essential construction needs or use in connection with animals;
  - (2) watering of any lawn, garden, landscaped area, tree, shrub or other plant except from a hand-held hose or container or drip irrigation system without sprinklers can be used if customer maintains a 25% reduction compared to prior year's use in same billing period (the General Manager shall be authorized to request a greater reduction as required to meet the stage 2, 25% mandatory reduction);
  - (3) use of water for dust control at construction sites;
  - (4) initial filling of any swimming pool;
  - (5) use by a vehicle washing facility in excess of 25% less than the amount used by it during the corresponding billing period in prior year;
  - (6) any non-residential use in excess of 25% less than the amount used by the customer during the corresponding billing period in prior year
- c. Discontinue all intertie deliveries through the intertie to Inverness Public Utility District (IPUD), except for critical needs as determined by the General Manager.

**Stage 3** <u>Mandatory</u> - achieve a 50% reduction in water use by enacting Phase 3 of the District's Emergency Water Conservation Ordinance.

- a. The following additional uses are declared to be non-essential:
  - (1) Watering any residential lawn, or any commercial or industrial area lawn maintained for aesthetic purposes, at any time day or night during the period when a Stage 3 rationing plan is in progress. (These designated lawns will be allowed to dry up for the summer. Affected customers will be advised on tested methods for re-greening the lawns at minimum expense beginning on November 1, subsequent to a Stage 3 rationing period if operating conditions permit. By following the prescribed instructions, the affected customers will likely avoid the cost of replacing the lawns.)
  - (2) Planting any new landscaping, except for designated drought resistant landscaping prescribed by the District.
  - (3) Public agencies may apply to the General Manager for exemptions for watering specific public lawns used extensively for community wide recreation. Such public area lawn watering shall only be done under methods and time periods prescribed by the General Manager. Such exemptions will only be given by the General Manager, if a 50% or greater conservation level can otherwise be achieved on a service area basis.

- (4) All day and nighttime sprinkling will be discontinued. Any and all outside watering will be done only with a hand held nozzle. An exception will be made to permit drip irrigation for established perennial plants and trees using manual or automatic time controlled water application sufficient only for assured plant survival.
- (5) No new annual plants, vegetables, flowers or vines may be planted until the Stage 3 emergency is over. An exception will be made for customers who are eliminating existing thirsty landscaping and replacing same with drought resisting landscaping prescribed by the District, as in (2) above.
- b. Limit deliveries of water to outside service area customers to that needed for human consumption, sanitation and public safety.
- c. Discontinue all water deliveries through the intertie to IPUD.
- d. The following additional actions will be recommended for District customers:
  - (1) Navy style showering will be promoted (e.g., turn on water to wet person or persons, turn off water, lather up, scrub, then turn on water for a quick rinse, then turn off shower).

Customers will be provided push button showerhead control valves upon request, and at no direct charge to them, to better allow them to take "Navy style showers."

- (2) Customers will be urged not to regularly flush their toilets for disposal of urine only.
- e.
- Implement detailed measures from other stages to meet desired objective.

Adoption of Plan	The emergency rationing plan will be enacted after public hearing required by the District's Emergency Water Conservation Ordinance and a determination by the District's Board of Directors that a West Marin Water Shortage Emergency exists.
<u>Monitoring of Actual</u> Water Use	Monitoring of water use will be by meters with data analysis using the District's computers.
Mandatory Prohibitions	Wasting of water is prohibited by Regulation 17 of the North Marin Water District.
	Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the Emergency Ordinance contain specific mandatory provisions.
<u>Revenue and</u> Expenditure Analysis	Assessment of potential revenue losses will be made as each stage is implemented and rate adjustments thereafter will be made in a timely manner to guarantee continued operation of the water system with reduced water sales.
	The District Board of Directors will review all aspects of rate design and its reserve position before deciding whether to pass on the revenue loss, and/or cost of water conservation enforcement, in part or in full, in the form of a rate adjustment to the ratepayers.

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## DRAFT NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT WEST MARIN SERVICE AREA EMERGENCY WATER CONSERVATION ORDINANCE

## August 23, 2002

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## DRAFT

#### **EMERGENCY WATER CONSERVATION ORDINANCE**

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY CONDITION WITHIN A PORTION OF THE DISTRICT, PROHIBITING THE WASTE AND NON-ESSENTIAL USE OF WATER, AND PROVIDING FOR THE CONSERVATION OF THE WATER SUPPLY OF THE DISTRICT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of North Marin Water District as follows:

#### Section 1. Declaration of a Water Shortage Emergency

This Board of Directors does hereby find and declare as follows:

(a) Pursuant to Resolution No.\_\_\_\_\_ duly adopted by this Board on \_\_\_\_\_\_, a public hearing was held on \_\_\_\_\_\_, on the matter of whether this Board of Directors should declare a water shortage emergency condition exists within the West Marin water service area of this District which is served by wells adjacent to Lagunitas Creek.

(b) Notice of said hearing was published in the \_\_\_\_\_, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published within said West Marin water service area of the District.

(c) At said hearing all persons present were given an opportunity to be heard and all persons desiring to be heard were heard.

(d) Said hearing was called, noticed and held in all respects as required by law.

(e) This Board heard and has considered each protest against the declaration and all evidence presented at said hearing.

(f) A water shortage emergency condition exists and prevails within the portion of the territory of this District served by wells adjacent to Lagunitas Creek. Said portion of this District is hereinafter referred to as the West Marin area and consists in all the territory of this District generally known as Point Reyes Station, Inverness Park, Olema, Bear Valley and Paradise Ranch Estates. Said water shortage exists by reason of the fact that the ordinary demands and requirements of the water consumers in the West Marin area cannot be met and satisfied by the water supplies now available to this District in the said area.

## Section 2. Purpose and Authority

The purpose of this ordinance is to conserve the water supply of the District for the greatest public benefit with particular regard to public health, fire protection and domestic use, to conserve water by reducing waste, and to the extent necessary by reason of drought and the existing water shortage emergency condition to reduce water use fairly and equitably. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to Water Code Section 350 to and including 358, and Sections 31026 to and including 31029.

## Section 3. Effect of Ordinance

This ordinance shall take effect immediately, shall be effective only in the West Marin service area, shall supersede and control over any other ordinance or regulation of the District in conflict herewith, and shall remain in effect until the Board of Directors declares that the water shortage emergency has ended.

## Section 4. Suspension of New Connections to the District's Water System

(a) From and including \_\_\_\_\_\_, the Board of Directors by resolution declares that the water shortage has ended, which period is hereinafter referred to as the suspension period, no new or enlarged connection shall be made to the District's water system except the following:

- (1) connection pursuant to the terms of connection agreements which prior to \_\_\_\_\_\_, had been executed or had been authorized by the Board of Directors to be executed;
- (2) connections of fire hydrants;
- (3) connections of property previously supplied with water from a well which runs dry.
- (4) connection of property for which the Applicant agrees to defer landscape installation until after the suspension period.

(b) During the suspension period applications for water service will be processed only if the Applicant acknowledges in writing that such processing shall be at the risk and expense of the Applicant and that if the application is approved in accordance with the District's regulations, such approval shall confer no right upon the Applicant or anyone else until the suspension period has expired, and that the Applicant releases the District from all claims of damage arising out of or in any manner connected with the suspension of connections.

(c) Upon the expiration of the suspension period, the District will make connections to its water system in accordance with its regulations and the terms of connection agreements for all said applications approved during the suspension period. The water supply then available to the District will be apportioned equitably among all the customers then being served by the District without discrimination against services approved during the suspension period.

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(d) Nothing herein shall prohibit or restrict any modification, relocation or replacement of a connection to the District's system if the General Manager determines that the demand upon the District's water supply will not be increased thereby.

## Section 5. Waste of Water Prohibited

No water furnished by the District shall be wasted. Waste of water includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- (a) permitting water to escape down a gutter, ditch or other surface drain;
- (b) failure to repair a controllable leak of water;
- (c) failure to put to reasonable beneficial use any water withdrawn from the District's system.

## Section 6. Prohibition of Non-Essential Use of Water

(a) No water furnished by the District shall be used for any purpose declared to be nonessential by this ordinance.

Phase 1 - Voluntary Phase is designed to achieve 15% reduction in water usage by encouraging voluntary rationing, enforcement of water wasting regulations and water conservation Regulation 17, requesting customers to make conscious efforts to conserve water, encourage private sector to use alternate source and encourage night irrigation.

Phase 2 - Mandatory Rationing (25% reduction)

- (b) The following uses are declared to be non-essential from and after \_\_\_\_\_:
  - (1) washing sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, patios or other exterior paved areas except by the Marin County Fire Department or other public agency for the

purpose of public safety;

- (2) refilling a swimming pool drained after \_\_\_\_\_;
- (3) non-commercial washing of privately-owned motor vehicles, trailers and boats except from a bucket and except that a hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle may be used for a quick rinse.
- (4) Request restaurants to serve water only upon request.
- (c) The following additional uses are declared to be non-essential from and after \_\_\_\_\_:
  - (1) any use of water from a fire hydrant except for fighting fires, human consumption, essential construction needs or use in connection with animals;
  - (2) watering of any lawn, garden, landscaped area, tree, shrub or other plant except from a handheld hose or container or drip irrigation system except as provided in Section 10 hereof;
  - (3) use of water for dust control at construction sites;
  - (4) initial filling of any swimming pool for which application for a building permit was made after \_\_\_\_\_;
  - (5) use by a vehicle washing facility in excess of 25% less than the amount used by it during the corresponding billing period in \_\_\_\_\_\_. If the facility was not operating in \_\_\_\_\_\_, an assumed amount shall be computed by the District from its records.
  - (6) any non-residential use in excess of 25% less than the amount used by the customer during the corresponding billing period in \_\_\_\_\_\_. If connection to the District system was not in existence or use in \_\_\_\_\_\_, an assumed amount will be computed from the District's records.

## Phase 3 - Severe Mandatory Rationing (50% reduction)

(d) From and after the date that the Board of Directors, by resolution, determines that the water shortage emergency requires severe rationing, the following additional uses are declared to be non-essential:

- (1) Watering any residential lawn, or any commercial or industrial area lawn maintained for aesthetic purposes, at any time of the day or night during the period of August 1, through October 31, when a Stage 3 is in progress.
- (2) Planting any new landscaping, except for designated drought resistant landscaping prescribed by the District.
- (3) All day and nighttime sprinkling will be discontinued. Any and all outside watering will be done only with a hand held nozzle. An exception will be made for carefully timed drip irrigation for established perennial plants and trees. Only sufficient water for assured plant survival may be applied.
- (4) No new annual plants, vegetables, flowers or vines may be planted during the Stage 3 emergency period. An exception will be made for customers who are eliminating existing thirsty landscaping and replacing same with drought resisting landscaping prescribed by the District, as in (2) above.

The combined rationing including Phase 1, 2, and 3 is designed to achieve a minimum reduction of 50% or more in West Marin service territory water consumption as compared with normal year annual usage.

(e) The percentages stipulated in Phase 2 and Phase 3 may be increased by the General Manager for any class of customer if the General Manager determines that such increase is necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare or to spread equitably among the water users of the District the burdens imposed by the drought and the shortage in the District's water supply.

## Section 7. Variances

Applications for a variance from the provisions of Section 6 of this ordinance may be made to the General Manager. The General Manager may grant a variance to permit a use of water otherwise prohibited by Section 6 if the General Manager determines that the variance is reasonably necessary to protect the public health and safety. Any decision of the General Manager under this section may be appealed to the Board of Directors.

## Section 8. Violations

(a) If and when the District becomes aware of any violation of any provision of Section 5 or 6 of this ordinance, a verbal warning will be given, then if the violation continues or is repeated, a written notice shall be placed on the property where the violation occurred and mailed to the person who is regularly billed for the service where the violation occurs and to any other person known to the District who is responsible for the violation or its correction. Said notice shall describe the violation and order that it be corrected, cured and abated immediately or within such specified time as the General Manager determines is reasonable under the circumstances. If said order is not complied with, the District may forthwith disconnect the service where the violation occurs.

(b) For the first offense, a fee of \$50 shall be paid for the reconnection of any service disconnected pursuant to subsection (a) during the suspension period. For each subsequent violation of Section 8 (a), the fee for reconnection shall be \$75.

(c) No service which is disconnected twice because of a violation of Section 5 or 6 of this ordinance during the suspension period, shall be reconnected unless a device supplied by the District which will restrict the flow of water to said service is installed. Furthermore, the fee for reconnection of such a service during the suspension period shall be \$100 in lieu of the fee required by subsection (b) hereof.

## Section 9. Signs on Lands Supplied from Private Wells

The owner or occupant of any land within the West Marin water service area that is supplied with water from a private well shall post and maintain in a conspicuous place thereon a sign furnished by the District giving public notice of such supply.

## Section 10. Use of Sprinklers Conditional

Any customer of the District may use a non-automated sprinkler or sprinkler system to apply water furnished by the District to irrigate any lawn, garden, landscaped area, trees or shrubs provided said application is attended, properly controlled, performed in a non-wasteful manner and confined to the hours between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. of the next day. The term sprinkler shall be defined to include soaker hoses or lines. The privilege to use a sprinkler or sprinkler system shall be banned for all customers in the event the Board of Directors of the District determines that the aggregate water use by all customers exceeds 50% of the amount of water used by all customers for the same or a similar period during a normal year at least 12 months prior. The General Manager of the District may at any time and without prior notice temporarily prohibit the use of sprinklers in part of or the entire water system if in his judgment such use may reduce the District's water supplies below levels adequate for human consumption, sanitation and fire protection

purposes. The District reserves the right to check the water use of any customer and if such use exceeds 50% of the use by the same customer or account for the same or a corresponding period during a normal year at least 12 months prior or if sprinkled water is used in a wasteful manner, the General Manager may prohibit sprinkling by that customer.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of an ordinance duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors of North Marin Water District at a regular meeting thereof held on \_\_\_\_\_ by the following vote:

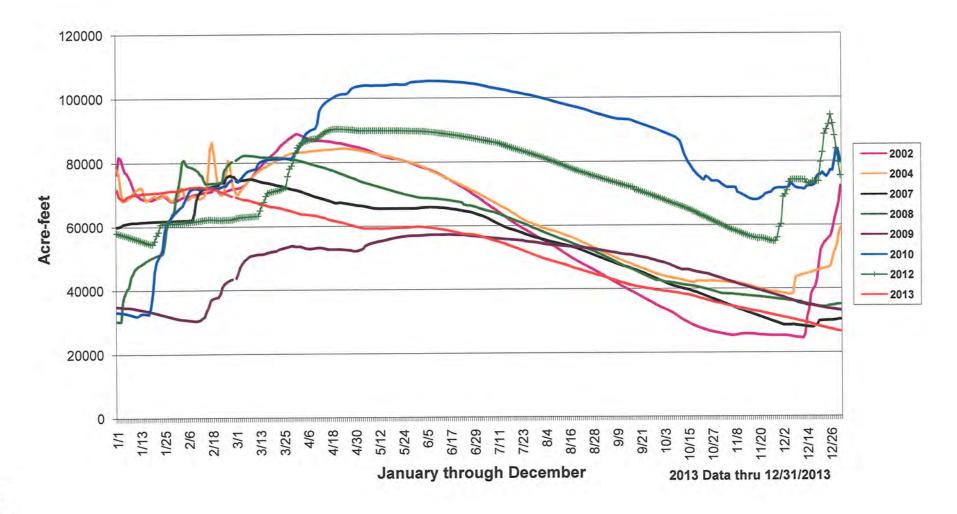
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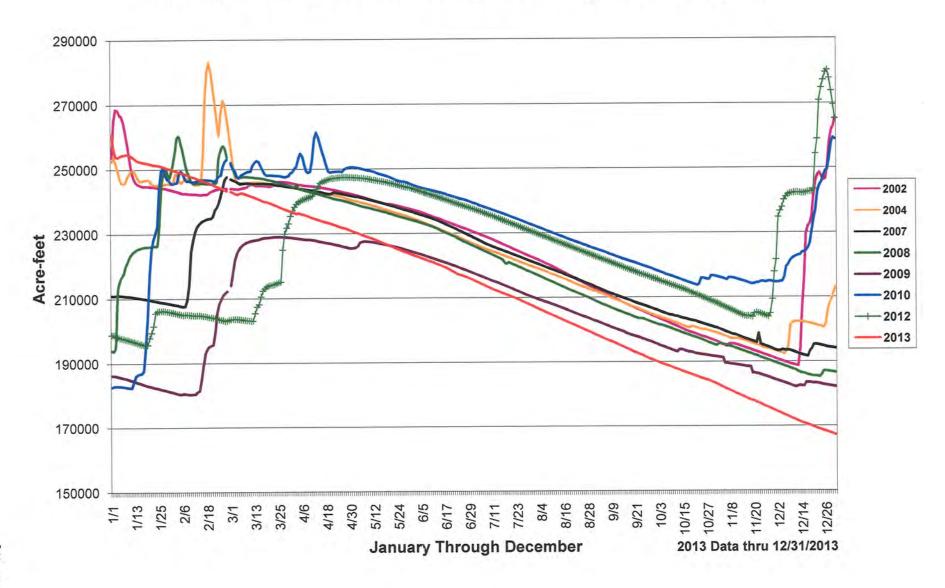
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# Lake Mendocino Storage 2002, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2012, 2013



# **ATTACHMENT 5**

# Lake Sonoma Storage 2002, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2012, 2013



Attachment 6

# NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT'S WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR GREATER NOVATO AREA

## NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR GREATER NOVATO AREA

## March 2006

#### **Customer Notification**

- 1. NMWD notifies customers by bill message
  - A. Dry water supply conditions exist on the Russian River. Please reduce your water use by 15%. Consult the NMWD website for water saving tips and the latest news on water supply status.
  - B. Critical dry water supply conditions exist on the Russian River. A mandatory \_\_\_\_\_% reduction in water use is required. Consult the NMWD website for more information.
- 2. Special issue of NMWD WaterLine will be mailed to all customers during critical dry conditions stipulating mandatory requirements.

Specific Triggers

**Stage 1 Trigger:** When the Sonoma County Water Agency adopts a Stage 1 Water Emergency (Criteria: Dry Conditions<sup>1</sup> prevail for at least 30 days on the Russian River system.

Stage 2 Trigger: When the Sonoma County Water Agency adopts a Stage 2 Water Emergency provided that storage is not projected to fall below 70,000-acre feet in Lake Sonoma.

**Stage 3 Trigger:** When the Sonoma County Water Agency adopts a Stage 3 Water Emergency.

Consumption Limits

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#### **Stage 1**: (Request for up to 15% voluntary reduction)

Residential:

15% voluntary reduction in water use from prior year for similar billing period

Dry Conditions are defined in State Water Resources Control Board Decision 1610 as follows:

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	Cumulative
100 A	Inflow
Date	to Lake Pillsbury
January 1	8,000 acre feet
February 1	39,200 acre feet
March 1	65,700 acre feet
April 1	114,500 acre feet
May 1	145,000 acre feet
June 1	160,000 acre feet

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Revised: February 14, 2012

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Commercial and 15% voluntary reduction in water use from prior year for similar billing period (exceptions may be granted in order to preserve jobs)

**Stage 2:** (Up to 30% mandatory reduction)

	Residential	30% reduction in water use from prior year for similar billing period					
	Commercial and Industrial:	30% reduction in water use from prior year for similar billing period (exceptions may be granted in order to preserve jobs)					
Stage 3:	(Up to 50% mandatory reduction)						
	Residential:	Equivalent to X <sup>2</sup> gallons per person per day					
	Commercial and Industrial	50% reduction in water use from prior year for similar billing period (exceptions may be granted to preserve jobs)					

## Stages of Action

- **Stage 1** Voluntary achieve up to a 15% reduction<sup>3</sup> in water use by implementation of the following
  - a. Encourage voluntary rationing
  - b. Pursue vigorous enforcement of water wasting regulations and provisions of District's Water Conservation Regulation 15 which requires water saving devices in new construction, prohibits installation of certain wasteful types of turf configurations, and encourages turf avoidance
  - c. Request customers to make conscious efforts to conserve water
  - d. Request other governmental agencies to demonstrate leadership and implement restrictive water use programs
  - e. Distribute water saving kits upon customer request, to assure availability to existing and new customers. (Note: Similar kits were distributed system wide to all customers during the 1976-77 California drought.)
  - f. Encourage private sector to use alternate water sources such as recycled water or use of private wells.
  - g. Encourage the non-commercial washing of privately owned motor vehicles, trailers and boats only from a bucket and except that a hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle may be used for a quick rinse.
  - h. Encourage nighttime irrigation
- **Stage 2** <u>Mandatory</u> achieve up to a 30% reduction<sup>3</sup> in water use by declaring a water shortage emergency and implementing Phase 1 (introductory) and Phase 2 (mandatory) of the District's Emergency Water Conservation Ordinance
  - a. Under Phase 1, the following uses are declared to be non-essential:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>gpcd is to be determined when the water shortage emergency is declared

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Exact amount and Districtwide measurement of goal and method of achievement to be established by Board of Directors after examining projected supplies from SCWA, Stafford Lake and treatment plant and emergency well sources and after holding water shortage emergency hearing.

- washing sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, patios or other exterior paved areas except by the Novato Fire Protection District or other public agency for the purpose of public safety;
- (2) refilling a swimming pool;
- (3) Non-commercial washing of privately-owned motor vehicles, trailers and boats except from a bucket and except that a hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle may be used for a quick rinse.
- (4) Request restaurants to serve water only upon request.
- b. The following additional uses are declared to be non-essential under Phase 2:
  - (1) any use of water from a fire hydrant except for fighting fires, human consumption, essential construction needs or use in connection with animals;
  - (2) watering of any lawn, garden, landscaped area, tree, shrub or other plant except from a hand-held hose or container or drip irrigation system except sprinklers can be used if customer maintains a 30% reduction compared to prior year's use in same billing period;
  - (3) watering any portion of a golf course except the tees and greens except where private well or recycled water supply is used;
  - (4) use of water for dust control at construction sites;
  - (5) initial filling of any swimming pool;
  - (6) use by a vehicle washing facility in excess of 30% less than the amount used by it during the corresponding billing period in prior year;
  - (7) any non-residential use in excess of 30% less than the amount used by the customer during the corresponding billing period in prior year
- **Stage 3** <u>Mandatory</u> achieve up to a 50%<sup>2</sup> reduction in water use by enacting Phase 3 of the District's Emergency Water Conservation Ordinance.
  - a. The following additional uses are declared to be non-essential:
    - (1) Watering any residential lawn, or any commercial or industrial area lawn maintained for aesthetic purposes, at any time day or night during the period of March 1, through September 30, when a Stage 3 rationing plan is in progress. (These designated lawns will be allowed to dry up for the summer. Affected customers will be advised on tested methods for re-greening the lawns at minimum expense beginning on October 1, during a Stage 3 rationing period if operating conditions permit. By following the prescribed instructions, the affected customers will likely avoid the cost of replacing the lawns.)
    - (2) Planting any new landscaping, except for designated drought resistant landscaping prescribed by the District.
    - (3) Public agencies may apply to the General Manager for exemptions for watering specific public lawns used extensively for community wide recreation. Such public area lawn watering shall only be done under methods and time periods prescribed by the General Manager. Such exemptions will only be given by the General Manager, if a 50% or greater conservation level can otherwise be achieved on a service area basis.

- (4) Golf courses may only use private well or recycled water for general irrigation. Golf courses may apply to the General Manager for specific exemptions to water greens only, and then only under methods and time periods prescribed by the General Manager. Such exemptions will only be given by the General Manager, if a 50% or greater conservation level can otherwise be achieved on a service area basis.
- (5) All day and nighttime sprinkling will be discontinued. Any and all outside watering will be done only with a hand held nozzle. An exception will be made to permit drip irrigation for established perennial plants and trees using manual or automatic time controlled water application sufficient only for assured plant survival.
- No new annual plants, vegetables, flowers or vines may be planted until the (6) Stage 3 emergency is over. An exception will be made for customers who are eliminating existing thirsty landscaping and replacing same with drought resisting landscaping prescribed by the District, as in (2) above.
- b. The following additional voluntary actions will be recommended for District customers:
  - Navy style showering will be promoted (e.g., turn on water to wet person or (1)persons, turn off water, lather up, scrub, then turn on water for a quick rinse, then turn off shower).

Customers will be provided push button showerhead control valves upon request, and at no direct charge to them, to better allow them to take "Navy style showers."

Customers will be urged not to regularly flush their toilets for disposal of urine (2)only.

Plan Preparation

Water Use

This plan has been coordinated with the Sonoma County Water Agency and the other regular contractors which utilize the Sonoma County Water Agency Aqueduct System and the City of Novato, and County, State and Federal Emergency Services Offices.

Adoption of Plan The emergency rationing plan will be enacted after public hearing required by the District's Emergency Water Conservation Ordinance and a determination by the District's Board of Directors that a Water Shortage Emergency exists.

Monitoring of water use will be by meters with data analysis using the Monitoring of Actual District's computers.

Mandatory Prohibitions

Wasting of water is prohibited by Regulation 15 of the North Marin Water District.

Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the Emergency Ordinance contain specific mandatory provisions.

Revenue and **Expenditure** Analysis

Assessment of potential revenue losses will be made as each stage is implemented and rate adjustments thereafter will be made in a timely manner to guarantee continued operation of the water system with reduced water sales.

The District Board of Directors will review all aspects of rate design and its reserve position before deciding whether to pass on the revenue loss, in part or in full, in the form of a rate adjustment to the ratepayers.

### DRAFT

### NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT

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### DRAFT

### **EMERGENCY WATER CONSERVATION ORDINANCE**

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY CONDITION WITHIN A PORTION OF THE DISTRICT, PROHIBITING THE WASTE AND NON-ESSENTIAL USE OF WATER, AND PROVIDING FOR THE CONSERVATION OF THE WATER SUPPLY OF THE DISTRICT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of North Marin Water District as follows:

### Section 1. Declaration of a Water Shortage Emergency

This Board of Directors does hereby find and declare as follows:

(a) Pursuant to Resolution No.\_\_\_\_\_ duly adopted by this Board on \_\_\_\_\_\_, a public hearing was held on \_\_\_\_\_\_, on the matter of whether this Board of Directors should declare a water shortage emergency condition exists within the water service area of this District which is served by Stafford Lake and the North Marin Aqueduct.

(b) Notice of said hearing was published in the \_\_\_\_\_, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published within said water service area of the District.

(c) At said hearing all persons present at said hearing were given an opportunity to be heard and all persons desiring to be heard were heard.

(d) Said hearing was called, noticed and held in all respects as required by law.

(e) This Board heard and has considered each protest against the declaration and all evidence presented at said hearing.

(f) A water shortage emergency condition exists and prevails within the portion of the territory of this District served by Stafford Lake and the North Marin Aqueduct. Said portion of this District is hereinafter referred to as the Novato area and consists in all the territory of this District except the portions hereof in the western part of Marin County denominated Annexations 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 generally known as Point Reyes Station, Inverness Park, Olema, Oceana Marin, and territories on the east shore of Tomales Bay. Said water shortage exists by reason of the fact that the ordinary demands and requirements of the water consumers in the Novato area cannot be met and satisfied by the water supplies now available to this District in the Novato area without depleting the water supply to the extent that there would be insufficient water for human consumption, sanitation and fire protection.

### Section 2. Purpose and Authority

The purpose of this ordinance is to conserve the water supply of the District for the greatest public benefit with particular regard to public health, fire protection and domestic use, to conserve water by reducing waste, and to the extent necessary by reason of drought and the existing water shortage emergency condition to reduce water use fairly and equitably. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to Water Code Section 350 to and including 358, and Sections 31026 to and including 31029.

### Section 3. Effect of Ordinance

This ordinance shall take effect immediately, shall be effective only in the Novato area, shall supersede and control over any other ordinance or regulation of the District in conflict herewith, and shall remain in effect until the Board of Directors declares that the water shortage emergency has ended.

### Section 4. Suspension of New Connections to the District's Water System

(a) From and including \_\_\_\_\_\_, the Board of Directors by resolution declares that the water shortage has ended, which period is hereinafter referred to as the suspension period, no new or enlarged connection shall be made to the District's water system except the following:

- connection pursuant to the terms of connection agreements which prior to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, had been executed or had been authorized by the Board of Directors to be executed;
- (2) connections of fire hydrants;
- (3) connections of property previously supplied with water from a well which runs dry.
- (4) connection of property for which the Applicant agrees to defer landscape installation until after the suspension period.

(b) During the suspension period applications for water service will be processed only if the Applicant acknowledges in writing that such processing shall be at the risk and expense of the Applicant and that if the application is approved in accordance with the District's regulations, such approval shall confer no right upon the Applicant or anyone else until the suspension period has expired, and that the Applicant releases the District from all claims of damage arising out of or in any manner connected with the suspension of connections.

(c) Upon the expiration of the suspension period, the District will make connections to its water system in accordance with its regulations and the terms of connection agreements for all said applications approved during the suspension period. The water supply then available to the District will be apportioned equitably among all the customers then being served by the District without discrimination against services approved during the suspension period.

(d) Nothing herein shall prohibit or restrict any modification, relocation or replacement of a connection to the District's system if the General Manager determines that the demand upon the District's water supply will not be increased thereby.

### Section 5. Waste of Water Prohibited

No water furnished by the District shall be wasted. Waste of water includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- (a) permitting water to escape down a gutter, ditch or other surface drain;
- (b) failure to repair a controllable leak of water;
- (c) failure to put to reasonable beneficial use any water withdrawn from the District's system.

### Section 6. Prohibition of Non-Essential Use of Water

(a) No water furnished by the District shall be used for any purpose declared to be nonessential by this ordinance.

#### **Phase 1 - Introductory Phase**

(b) The following uses are declared to be non-essential from and after \_\_\_\_\_:

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- washing sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, patios or other exterior paved areas except by the Novato Fire Protection District or other public agency for the purpose of public safety;
- (2) refilling a swimming pool drained after \_\_\_\_\_;
- (3) non-commercial washing of privately-owned motor vehicles, trailers and boats except from a bucket and except that a hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle may be used for a quick rinse.

### Phase 2 - Moderate Mandatory Rationing (30% reduction)

- (c) The following additional uses are declared to be non-essential from and after \_\_\_\_\_\_:
  - (1) any use of water from a fire hydrant except for fighting fires, human consumption, essential construction needs or use in connection with animals;
  - (2) watering of any lawn, garden, landscaped area, tree, shrub or other plant except from a handheld hose or container or drip irrigation system except as provided in Section 10 hereof;
  - (3) watering any portion of a golf course except the tees and greens except as provided in Section 10 hereof or where private well or recycled water supply is used;
  - (4) use of water for dust control at construction sites;
  - (5) initial filling of any swimming pool for which application for a building permit was made after \_\_\_\_\_;
  - (6) use by a vehicle washing facility in excess of 30% less than the amount used by it during the corresponding billing period in \_\_\_\_\_\_. If the facility was not operating in \_\_\_\_\_\_, an assumed amount shall be computed by the District from its records. This subsection shall not apply to any facility that recycles water in a manner satisfactory to the District.
  - (7) any non-residential use in excess of 30% less than the amount used by the customer during the corresponding billing period in \_\_\_\_\_\_. If connection to the District system was not in existence or use in \_\_\_\_\_\_, an assumed amount will be computed from the District's records.

### Phase 3 - Severe Mandatory Rationing (50% reduction)

(d) From and after the date that the Board of Directors, by resolution, determines that the water shortage emergency requires severe rationing, the following additional uses are declared to be non-essential:

- (1) Watering any residential lawn, or any commercial or industrial area lawn maintained for aesthetic purposes, at any time of the day or night during the period of March 1, through September 30, when a Stage 3 is in progress.
- (2) Planting any new landscaping, except for designated drought resistant landscaping prescribed by the District.
- (3) All day and nighttime sprinkling will be discontinued. Any and all outside watering will be done only with a hand held nozzle. An exception will be made for carefully timed drip irrigation for established perennial plants and trees. Only sufficient water for assured plant survival may be applied.
- (4) No new annual plants, vegetables, flowers or vines may be planted during the Stage 3 emergency period. An exception will be made for customers who are eliminating

existing thirsty landscaping and replacing same with drought resisting landscaping prescribed by the District, as in (2) above.

The combined rationing including Phase 1, 2, and 3 is designed to achieve a minimum reduction of 50% or more in Novato service territory water consumption as compared with normal annual usage.

(e) The percentages stipulated in Phase 2 and Phase 3 may be increased by the General Manager for any class of customer if the General Manager determines that such increase is necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare or to spread equitably among the water users of the District the burdens imposed by the drought and the shortage in the District's water supply.

### Section 7. Variances

Applications for a variance from the provisions of Section 6 of this ordinance may be made to the General Manager. The General Manager may grant a variance to permit a use of water otherwise prohibited by Section 6 if the General Manager determines that the variance is reasonably necessary to protect the public health and safety. Any decision of the General Manager under this section may be appealed to the Board of Directors.

### Section 8. Violations

(a) If and when the District becomes aware of any violation of any provision of Section 5 or 6 of this ordinance, a verbal warning will be given, then if the violation continues or is repeated, a written notice shall be placed on the property where the violation occurred and mailed to the person who is regularly billed for the service where the violation occurs and to any other person known to the District who is responsible for the violation or its correction. Said notice shall describe the violation and order that it be corrected, cured and abated immediately or within such specified time as the General Manager determines is reasonable under the circumstances. If said order is not complied with, the District may forthwith disconnect the service where the violation occurs.

(b) For the first offense, a fee of \$50 shall be paid for the reconnection of any service disconnected pursuant to subsection (a) during the suspension period. For each subsequent violation of Section 8 (a), the fee for reconnection shall be \$75.

(c) No service which is disconnected twice because of a violation of Section 5 or 6 of this ordinance during the suspension period, shall be reconnected unless a device supplied by the District which will restrict the flow of water to said service is installed. Furthermore, the fee for reconnection of such a service during the suspension period shall be \$100 in lieu of the fee required by subsection (b) hereof.

(d) In the event the District determines that water furnished by the District has been used to fill a swimming pool in violation of Section 5 or 6 hereof, service shall be disconnected and shall be reconnected pursuant to Section 8 (b) hereof, as applicable, except that the reconnection fee shall be \$200 for each subsequent offense.

## Section 9. Signs on Lands Supplied from Private Wells or Recycled Water

The owner or occupant of any land within the Novato water service area that is supplied with water from a private well or with recycled water shall post and maintain in a conspicuous place thereon a sign furnished by the District giving public notice of such supply.

### Section 10. Use of Sprinklers Conditional

Any customer of the District may use a sprinkler or sprinkler system to apply water furnished by the District to irrigate any lawn, garden, landscaped area, trees or shrubs provided said application is attended, properly controlled, performed in a non-wasteful manner and confined to the hours between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. of the next day. The term sprinkler shall be defined to include soaker hoses or lines. The privilege to use a sprinkler or sprinkler system shall be banned for all customers in the event the Board of Directors of the District determines that the aggregate water use by all customers exceeds 50% of the amount of water used by all customers for a similar period 12 months prior. The General Manager of the District may temporarily prohibit the use of sprinklers in part of or the entire water system if in his judgement such use may reduce the District's water supplies below levels adequate for human consumption, sanitation and fire protection purposes. The District reserves the right to check the water use of any customer and if such use exceeds 50% of the use by the same customer or account for the corresponding period in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or if sprinkled water is used in a wasteful manner, the General Manager may prohibit sprinkling by that customer.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of an ordinance duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors of North Marin Water District at a regular meeting thereof held on by the following vote:

AYES: Directors NOES: ABSENT: ABSTAINED: (SEAL)

> Secretary North Marin Water District



# Item #14

FOR ACCESSIBLE MEETING INFORMATION CALL: (707) 543-3350 ADD: (707) 543-3031



### TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014

### 9:00AM

Utilities Field Operations Training Center 35 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, CA

- 1. Check In
- 2. Public Comment
- 3. Elect TAC Vice Chair
- 4. Recap from December 2, 2013 TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes
- 5. LRT2 Recommendation for FY2014/15
- 6. TAC Budget Subcommittee Status
- 7. Water Supply Conditions and Temporary Urgency Change Petition
- 8. Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership Annual Report FY 2012/13
- 9. Biological Opinion Status Update
- 10. Items for next agenda
- 11. Check Out

#### MEMORANDUM

To: Technical Advisory Committee

December 20, 2013

From: Chris DeGabriele, Chair

Subject: L/R/T2 Program Funding for FY 2014/15 t/gmtscwal/rt2 subcommittee/fy 2014-15 program funding tac memo.doc

On September 14, 2013 letters were sent to the cities of Santa Rosa, Cotati, Sonoma and to Marin Municipal Water District advising that: 1) those cities/water district have not yet received their full funding allocation under the original SCWA Local Supply/Recycled Water/Tier 2 Conservation funding program, and 2) soliciting project proposals.

The total remaining to be collected and allocated among all remaining recipients is ~\$2.6M. (Attachment 1) Three replies have been received (also Attached). Sonoma and MMWD request their full L/R/T2 funding allocation balance. For Sonoma this is expected to be \$275,116 of which \$185,706 is already encumbered at SCWA. Sonoma plans to convert a private well to Municipal use. For MMWD this is \$723,926 for a golf course recycled water project. The City of Santa Rosa has also replied advising that Santa Rosa anticipates submitting projects for FY 2015/16.

In FY 2013/14, the SCWA O&M Recycled Water and Local Supply sub-charge, at \$24.23/AF, is about 3% of the total SCWA wholesale water rate and collects approximately \$1.2M per year. SCWA uses those funds for both Agency and consultant services for the Groundwater Management Plans. Additionally, \$10/AF of this surcharge is used for the L/R/T2 program and \$325,000 is expected to be reimbursed in Rohnert Park and \$185,000 to Cotati in FY 2013/14. SCWA staff anticipates that the level of funding and expenditure for groundwater management will continue in FY 2014/15.

In 2011 the L/R/T2 Subcommittee agreed to propose additional revenue and fulfill the remaining allocations outstanding within a five-year window. The amount needed in FY2014/15 to fund both Sonoma and MMWD will be \$909,632 and SCWA projects another \$6/AF will be needed for this purpose.

**RECOMMENDATION:** TAC recommend adding \$6/AF to the L/R/T2 sub-charge in the SCWA FY 2013/14 budget (total \$16/AF for this program) to generate funds sufficient to reimburse Sonoma and MMWD with the understanding that the sub-charge may be adjusted upon review of the proposed SCWA FY 2014/15 budget.

## Water Transmission System Agency Fund

# Local Supply / Recycled Water / Tier 2 Programs

	10-Year	Amount Approved by	Amount	Balance	
Contractor	Allocation	WAC	Disbursed	Available <sup>1</sup>	Encumbered
Santa Rosa	\$5,065,236	\$4,003,876	\$3,908,003	1,157,233	
Petaluma	2,197,913	2,197,913	2,197,913	0	
MMWD	1,724,026	1,000,000	1,000,000	724,026	
NMWD	1,846,726	1,846,726	1,846,726	0	
Rohnert Park	649,629	649,629	325,000	324,629	324,629
VOM WD	627,875	627,875	627,875	0	
Sonoma	539,411	450,000	264,294	275,117	185,706
Windsor	86,996	86,996	86,996	0	
Cotati	157,235	, 0	0	157,235	
Forestville	104,953	104,953	104,953	0	
TOTAL	\$13,000,000	\$10,967,968	\$10,361,760	\$2,638,240	-

### Balance as of November 14, 2013

1. Balance Available based on 10-Year Allocation

Program started June 30, 2000 - No end date specified.

# City of Sonoma

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December 12, 2013

Chris DeGabriele, General Manager Water TAC Chairman c/o North Marin Water District 999 Rush Creek Place P. O. Box 146 Novato, CA 94948

Re: SCWA L/R/T2 Program Funding for FY 2014/15

Per your letter of November 14, 2013, I am submitting a L/R/T2 project proposal for the conversion of a private well into our Municipal Well No. 8. See attached project proposal.

I desire that Sonoma's remaining L/R/T2 program balance be applied toward pre-design, environmental planning, design, and construction costs for this project.

Sincerely,

Dan Takasugi

Public Works Director / City Engineer

Attachment: Project Proposal for Conversion of Field of Dreams Well into Municipal Well No. 8

Cc: Carol Giovanatto, City Manager David Goodison, Planning Director GHD Engineering

### City of Sonoma Project Proposal to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) SCWA L/R/T2 Program Funding for FY 2014/15

#### Project: Conversion of Field of Dreams Well into Municipal Well No. 8

#### Background:

Over the last few years, the City has been exploring new well sources and other groundwater sustainability options, such as Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) to restore the historic groundwater production capacity. The City is also trying to create an emergency replacement water source using groundwater supply, should there be an interruption of aqueduct water currently provided by the Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA). Currently, only five of the seven City wells are operational (Wells 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6). These wells overlap each other in their radius of influence, so the City does not run them all at the same time, but rotates them to keep them from drawing down too much water. The City currently purchases near 2,000 acre-feet of water from the SCWA and usually produces less than 100 acre-feet of groundwater to supplement the SCWA water (5%).

Historically, it appears that the City used to supply near 500 acre-feet of groundwater annually. As part of an October 2010 well siting study, the Field of Dreams Well (FOD Well) was identified as an underutilized well that had potential for City use. The well is a private irrigation well used for several ball sports fields at the Field of Dreams Ball Fields located on City property. Currently, the FOD Well Site is on a long-term lease to the Field of Dreams Association. A feasibility study and pumping test were conducted to confirm that this well could produce enough groundwater to be a cost effective option to drilling a new well.

Eligibility: Local Supply Project; New Well Construction Potable Supply which offsets potable demand.

#### **Evaluation Criteria:**

The Well No. 8 conversion project will result in sustained demand reduction in the months of July through September. The well will not typically be used during the fall through spring seasons to allow for groundwater recharge.

A production pump flow rate of 300 gpm, with a maximum flow rate of 425 gpm, was established during a long-term steady state pumping test in November 2012.

#### Project Costs:

The City of Sonoma anticipates using its remaining balance of L/R/T2 funding for pre-design, environmental planning, and design costs associated with the Well 8 conversion project. If any L/R/T2 funding remains after design phase, it would be used toward construction costs.

Estimated costs from a pre-design report on 10/7/13 are as follows:

PS&E Engineering Fees:	\$85,000
CEQA (MND):	\$78,000
Construction Mgmt/Admin:	\$120,000
Construction:	\$479,000



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November 25, 2013

North Maria Water District

Chris DeGabriele Chair Technical Advisory Committee North Marin Water District P O Box 146 Novato CA 94948

RE: SCWA LRT2 Program Funding for FY 2014/15

Dear Mr. DeGabriele,

Thank you for your letter of November 14<sup>th</sup> regarding the SCWA LRT2 Program Funding for FY 2014-2015. The Marin Municipal Water District intends to pursue development of a golf course recycled water project in FY 2014/2015. MMWD's current allocation through the LRT2 program is \$723,926. MMWD requests this amount be included in the LRT2 program for FY 2014-2015.

Please contact me at (415) 945-1435 if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

Michael Ban, P.E. Environmental and Engineering Services Manager

MB:mp

cc: Krishna Kumar, General Manager, MMWD





November 25, 2013

Chris DeGabriele Chair, Technical Advisory Committee North Marin Water District P.O. Box 146 Novato, CA 94948

RE: SCWA L/R/T2 Program Funding for FY 2014/15

Dear Mr. DeGabriele,

Thank you for your letter dated November 14, 2013 regarding the Sonoma County Water Agency Local Supply/Recycled Water/Tier 2 Conservation (L/R/T2) funding for FY 20114/15. At this time, the City is not submitting any projects for L/R/T2 funding in FY 20114/15. However, at this time, the City does anticipate submitting project(s) for FY 2015/16.

Sincerely,

MM

David M. Guhin Utilities Director

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT 69 Stony Circle • Santa Rosa, CA 95401 Phone: (707) 543-4200 • Fax: (707) 543-3936 Draft Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee 35 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, California

December 2, 2013

- David Guhin, City of Santa Rosa Attendees: Kimberly Zunino, City of Santa Rosa Elise Howard, City of Santa Rosa Linda Hall, City of Santa Rosa Dan St. John, City of Petaluma Leonard Olive, City of Petaluma Jake McKenzie, City of Rohnert Park Darrin Jenkins, City of Rohnert Park John McArthur, City of Rohnert Park Rocky Vogler, Town of Windsor Mike Ban, Marin Municipal Water District Dennis Rodoni, North Marin Water District Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District Grant Davis, SCWA Michael Thompson, SCWA Pam Jeanne, SCWA Lynne Rosselli, SCWA Ann DuBay, SCWA David Manning, SCWA Carrie Pollard, SCWA Greag Horton, SCWA Todd Schram, SCWA
- Public Attendees: Brenda Adelman, RRWPC J. Dietrich Stroeh Bob Anderson, United Wine Growers Colleen Fernald
- 1. Check-in

Chair Chris DeGabriele called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. Public Comment

None

3. LRT2 Solicitation for FY2014/15

The LRT2 Solicitation letter for FY 2014/15 sent to the committee was reviewed by Chris DeGabriele. Marin Municipal Water District has requested \$750K for a project next year. Last year the TAC recommended reimbursement for Rohnert Park and Cotati which are both included in the SCWA budget. Project requests need to be submitted to Chris in the next two weeks. Guidelines for projects were included in the letter.

4. Water Supply Conditions and Summer Water Conservation

Some clarity was requested on questions asked at the November WAC/TAC meeting. Pam Jeanne reported there was way more interest in saving water and what can be done specifically to realistically save water. Drought was a concern. The public liked the campaign to save water and were glad to see something being done about it. The Campaign was valuable, people were glad to hear work was going on. Production information shows a 3% drop in diversion of Russian River water during the Temporary Urgency Change Order period. Total potable water use during that same period was unchanged. 40 MGD is the current demand on the water system. Storage levels at Lake Mendocino and Lake Sonoma are both dropping. Questions and comments followed from the public. Brenda Adelman is asking for mandatory conservation next summer.

### 5. Biological Opinion Status Update

The Biological Opinion Status Update emailed to the members was reviewed by Pam Jeanne, SCWA. She reviewed the progress of the restoration project on Dry Creek. The fish screen project work is planned to begin in June 2014. The estuary is closed. Work could be done to open it this week. Reports are due at the end of March for the Temporary Urgency Change Order. There is no rain forecast for the near future. WRDA includes language for the participation of the Corps of Engineers for the Dry Creek Restoration Project. Chris DeGabriele asked about the flow to maintain the fish that are now in the system. Colleen Fernald made comments regarding water conservation and environmental protection.

- <u>Items for Next TAC Agenda for January 6</u>
   LRT2 Funding Recommendation
   Budget Update
   Biological Opinion Status Update
   Water Supply Conditions
- 7. Check Out

John McArthur, Public Works Director, will be replacing Darrin Jenkins on the TAC committee. Darrin is the new City Manager for Rohnert Park. John was welcomed to the TAC by Jake McKenzie, WAC Chair.

Next TAC meeting is January 6, 2014

Next WAC/TAC meeting is February 3, 2014

Meeting adjourned at 9:44am.



### NOTICE OF MEETING OF NORTH BAY WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the North Bay Watershed Association will be held as follows:

Date:	Friday, January 3, 2014
Time:	9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Location:	Marin Community Foundation 5 Hamilton Landing Suite 200, Redwood Room Novato, CA 94949

### **AGENDA**

**Recommendation** 

- 1. Call to Order (Jack Gibson, Chair)
- 2. Public Comment

Item

3.	Approval of the Agenda (1 min.)	Approve
4.	Approval of Minutes	Approve
5.	Treasurer's Report (1 min.)	Accept
6.	Conservation – Marin-Sonoma Saving Water Partnership (45 min.) Guest Speaker: Carrie Pollard, SCWA	Information
7.	Corte Madera Baylands Conceptual (45 min.) Sea Level Rise Adaptation Strategy Guest Speakers: Wendy Goodfriend and Sarah Richmond, BCDC	Information

- 8. Items of Interest
- 9. Items for Next Agenda

### **Next Meeting Information:**

## Next Meeting: February 7, 2014

Petaluma (Lucchesi) Community Center Conference Room 2 320 N. McDowell Boulevard Petaluma, CA 94954

#### NORTH BAY WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Minutes for the meeting of the North Bay Watershed Association (NBWA) Board of Directors.

Date:	December 6, 2013
Time:	9:30 a.m.
Location:	Petaluma (Lucchesi) Community Center
	320 N. McDowell Boulevard
	Conference Room 2
	Petaluma, CA 94954

Directors Present: Directors present included:

Board Member	Agency/Organization	Board Member	Agency/Organization
Wendy Atkins	City of Sonoma and Sonoma	Ernie Ganas	Bel Marin Keys Community
•	Valley County Sanitation District		Services District
Keith Caldwell	Napa County Flood Control and	Jack Gibson	Marin Municipal Water District
	Water Conservation District	Mark Luce	Napa Sanitation District
Mike DiGiorgio	Novato Sanitary District	Judy Schriebman	Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District
Rick Fraites	North Marin Water District	Pamela Tuft	City of Petaluma

Directors present represented 10 out of the 16 agencies signatory to the Association MOU and Jeanne MacLeamy represented City of Novato, Associate Member.

#### Board Actions:

1. <u>Call to Order</u>. Mike DiGiorgio, Chair Pro Tem, called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. and introductions followed after the Treasurer's Report.

- 2. Public Comment. None.
- 3. Approval of the Agenda. (See Handout) The Board unanimously approved the agenda.

4. <u>Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting held November 1, 2013</u>. (See Handout) The Minutes of the Board Meeting held on November 1, 2013 were unanimously approved.

5. Treasurer's Report. (See Handout) The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented by Harry Seraydarian.

6. Richardson Bay and Sea Level Rise. Roger Leventhal, Marin County Public Works presented a PowerPoint entitled, "Sea Level Rise Adaptation in Richardson Bay." He first provided an overview of his presentation and then presented a map of Marin County focusing on the Richardson Bay area with a 55" sea level rise line. He noted that the area would be heavily impacted due to buildings and roads at low elevations and the steep watersheds draining to the bay. He further noted that the area currently floods during "King Tides" and provided pictures and maps of Mill Valley and Covote Creek showing flooding for 16" and 55" levels. Roger then described the Adapting to Rising Tides (ART) process and noted that Marin will focus on adaptation strategies and implementation options. He presented the Shoreline Study Goal which is to provide the education and engineering basis for adaptation planning (options with constraints, approximate cost ranges, anticipated impacts, permit issues, using triggers rather than timelines, and preparing for grants). Roger emphasized this effort would not have final recommendations or ranking, just concept levels. Roger then presented major adaptation strategies in the categories of Protect, Managed Retreat, and Accommodate. Roger provided Sea Level Rise scenarios from different sources and then the recommended values for 2030 (10"), 2050 (20"), and 2100 (59") and how they would be presented using FEMA elevations. Roger referenced the Sea Level Rise Viewer Tool developed by Point Blue Conservation Science and studies to evaluate the benefits of natural systems for flood control and also described the natural sediment process. Roger introduced the concept of engineered sediment placement which may be a future pilot project at Bothin/Novato Marsh. Roger displayed some pictures of areas using dredge material such as Montezuma and Sonoma Baylands (comparison 1996-2006). Roger presented the Aramburu Island Beach Demonstration Project built in 2011-2012. He noted the 2007 Cosco-Busan Oil Spill eventually led to funding for the project. Roger presented a number of preconstruction pictures and explained the construction process using wood microgroins, ovster shell hash, gravels and sand. He also showed beach profile changes and the increase in bird counts. Roger mentioned some approaches in Europe and Asia with the emphasis on hard engineering and eminent domain as compared to emphasizing habitat in the U.S. Roger then spoke about the idea of a Limit of Coastal Flood Protection (LCFP) and presented a number of alignment alternatives for different areas of Richardson Bay. He also presented costs for different approaches like new levees, raised upgraded levees, new seawall, and restored marsh. Roger provided some insights into options for Mill Valley and presented some approaches in other parts of the U.S. Roger provided the

following "Takeaways": 1) Comprehensive adaptation planning best hope to avoid costly permitting issues; 2) Triggers instead of timelines: develop designs for chronic flooding now, plan for SLR, develop post-disaster plan; and 3) Engineering can support future policies and agreements but community planning process is key. Roger ended with a number of entertaining slides on adaptation. The Board Members had several questions: Is BCDC moving on need to change policies on Bay fill? (Yes, reaching transition point from "Bay fill bad" to a need for sediment management.) Do you know navigable depth after storms for Aramburu project? (No.) Is there any discussion on creating a service district? (No.)

7. Napa-Sonoma Salt Marsh Restoration Project, Susanne Von Rosenberg provided a PowerPoint and started with an overview and a map showing the project location and size (14.8 sq. miles). Susanne then provided a series of maps illustrating the Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area; historic wetlands; the salt production areas before Cargill sold to the State in 2002; and the current wetlands. She described the different wetland habitats and the pond locations while explaining the movement and concentration of brine. Susanne then presented a chronology of the area: "reclaimed" around the turn of the century for agricultural purposes; large portions converted to solar salt production in the early 1950s; and 1990s through current - wetland restoration by CDFW, USFWS, and locals. She also described the salt pond operations and then presented the restoration goals and habitat objectives for the ponds. She noted the need for a mix of habitat with an emphasis on becoming self-sustaining and focusing on the regional context. Susanne also described the project status by pond and highlighted that 3 of 12 ponds are open to tidal action. Susanne then presented the major steps in the Planning Process since 1994 and the different studies completed. She noted that the Napa efforts informed the South Bay restoration. Suzanne then described the differences between the entire project and the USACE "project" and explained why the Corps did not cost share on the recycled water pipeline based on cost/ benefit. Susanne presented the key challenges in the project-funding, Corps process, first in line, size of project, and the planning timeline and horizon. She also emphasized the need for O& M and monitoring (permit requires 15 years). Susanne presented more details on the recycled water project and how it would be used to dilute the bittern along with ambient water. Susanne then addressed Climate Change and the need for accretion and noted that alternate outcomes are acceptable. She also addressed flood management and mentioned the opening of ponds will not reduce maximum flood levels and then presented some regional considerations. Susanne ended with lessons learned and noted the total cost would be between \$50 and \$60 million. The Board Members had several questions: What is the levee near Cullinan? (Protect Highway 37 - incidental flood protection must be maintained.) Did you use any volunteer groups for planting? (No, due to problem with accessibility of sites.) What was Hamilton restoration cost? (\$300 million for 650 acres subsidized by Oakland dredging project.)

8. <u>New Member Request from Ross Valley Sanitary District</u>. Harry Seraydarian provided a PowerPoint and began with background on the efforts regarding San Rafael's membership and RVSD's inquiries about joining NBWA. Harry identified two issues related to RVSD – overlap with CMSA membership and the need to update the member operating budgets used to allocate member fees. Harry recommended approving RVSD and charging \$2,500 as an introductory fee for 2013-2014. In addition, Harry recommended that NBWA update member operating budgets for 2014-2015 and subtract RVSD's contribution to CMSA from RVSD's operating budget. The Board unanimously approved RVSD for membership.

- 9. Items of Interest. None.
- 10. Items for Next Agenda.
  - Conservation Saving Water Partnership Carrie Pollard, SCWA
  - \* Corte Madera Baylands Conceptual Sea Level Rise Adaptation Strategy, Wendy Goodfriend and Sarah Richmond, BCDC

Jack Gibson, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL Submitted By: Elizabeth O. Preim-Rohtla Assistant to the Executive Director

#### **NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:**

January 3 – Marin Community Foundation, 5 Hamilton Landing, Suite 200, Novato, CA 94949 February 7 – Petaluma (Lucchesi) Community Ctr., 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954-Conf. Rm. 2

### 2014 NBWA Board of Directors' Meetings Schedule

### All meetings are held on Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

- January 3 Marin Community Foundation, 5 Hamilton Landing, Suite 200, Novato, CA 94949
- February 7 Petaluma (Lucchesi) Community Ctr., 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954-Conf. Rm. 2
- March 7 Novato Sanitary District, 500 Davidson Street, Novato, CA 94945
- April 11 Conference, StoneTree Golf Club, 9 StoneTree Lane, Novato, CA 94945
- May 2 Marin Community Foundation, 5 Hamilton Landing, Suite 200, Novato, CA 94949
- June 6 Novato Sanitary District, 500 Davidson Street, Novato, CA 94945
- July 11 -- Marin Community Foundation, 5 Hamilton Landing, Suite 200, Novato, CA 94949
- No August Meeting
- September 5 Novato Sanitary District, 500 Davidson Street, Novato, CA 94945
- October 3 Petaluma (Lucchesi) Community Ctr., 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954-Conf. Rm. 2
- November 7 Novato Sanitary District, 500 Davidson Street, Novato, CA 94945
- December 5 Petaluma (Lucchesi) Community Ctr., 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954-Conf. Rm. 2

The Marin Community Foundation - Map and Directions

Marin Community Foundation

5 Hamilton Landing Suite 200 Novato, CA 94949

main phone: 415.464.2500 fax: 415.464.2555

### Going north:

Come through the courtyard between the two buildings (Hanger 5 and Hanger 6) and enter through the automatic door in the center of Hanger 5. There is an elevator or stairs to the second level. Our meeting room is called "The Redwood Room"

a) Going north on Highway 101, take the Hamilton Field/Nave Dr. Exit. Veer right at the end of the exit ramp and follow Nave Drive going north, parallel to 101. Take a right at Main Gate Road, which leads into Hamilton. (At Crescent, Main Gate Road becomes Palm Drive.)

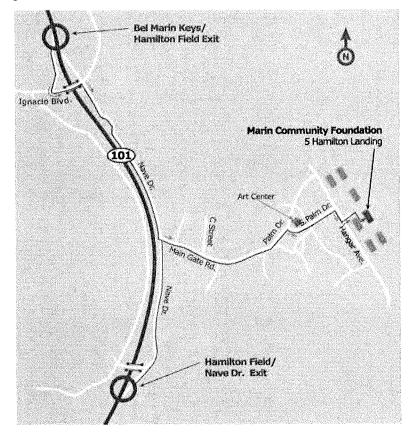
b) Continue until you reach the Arts Center, then bear right onto South Palm Drive. Take South Palm Drive to the end, turn right onto Hangar Avenue, and take an immediate left into the parking lot. MCF is in Hangar 5, at 5 Hamilton Landing. The entrance is down the pathway between Hangar 5 and Hangar 6.

### Going south:

Going south on Highway 101, take the Bel Marin Keys/Hamilton Field Exit. At the end of the exit ramp, take a right onto Ignacio Blvd. After crossing the freeway, take an immediate right onto Nave Drive. Take a left onto Main Gate Road, which leads into Hamilton. (At Crescent, Main Gate Road becomes Palm Drive.) Then follow directions "b" above.

### From the east bay:

Cross the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge and continue on 580 until it merges onto 101 North. Then follow the directions for "going north."





### MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Directors

From: Terrie Kehoe, Engineering Services Representative Drew McIntyre, Chief Engineer

Subject: City of Novato Paving Moratorium, Measure A Group 5

## RECOMMENDED ACTION: Information Only FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

Standard practice by the City of Novato is to adopt a five year street cut (excavation) prohibition immediately following a street pavement rehabilitation project. These excavation prohibitions (also known as paving moratorium) can have a negative impact on NMWD customers undergoing major remodels due to the need to upsize water service for fire sprinkling. The City of Novato's 2014 pavement rehabilitation projects include streets from Measure A Group 5 (Attachment 1). This information is made available from the City of Novato's website and also by mail (via public notice). When I receive paving moratorium updates I first transfer the information to NMWD's facility maps located at the NMWD Engineering Department counter. This allows both staff and customers the opportunity to see the actual areas affected by the moratorium as well at the date in which the moratorium remains in effect.

Annually, NMWD sends a direct mailing to all those consumers who will be under the current paving moratorium. This year I again used the parcel database program (Parcel Quest) that allows properties to be searched by parcel number, street address or owner name. This program also has the capabilities to print out mailing labels. In doing so I was able to search each street on the Measure A Group 5 listing, print it by parcel number, service number and mailing address. In this way I have a quick reference of what was sent out and know that everyone on that street was contacted. At the first of this year we sent out 568 notices (26 of which referenced NMWD's water main replacement project on Shields Lane prior to paving). The paving moratorium has an approximate start date of July 2014 and will last five years.

January 3, 2014

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CITY OF NOVATO NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING or Distr CALIE ORNIA

## ON PROHIBITION OF EXCAVATION IN THE TRAVELED WAY OF THE REFERENCED STREET REHABILITATION LIST PURSUANT TO CHAPTER XV, SECTION 15-2.54

#### WHERE: 901 SHERMAN AVENUE, NOVATO

#### WHEN: **DECEMBER 17, 2013 AT 6:30PM**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Novato is considering pavement rehabilitation in the traveled way of the following streets:

### (See Exhibit 'A' attached hereto and made a part hereof)

In order to control the unwarranted excavation of newly paved streets, the City Council of the City of Novato will entertain the adoption of a resolution on that night to consider such a prohibition for a period of five (5) years following the completion of placement of the proposed paving.

The proposed prohibition of excavation will affect public utility and utility companies, districts, abutting property owners, etc., and will necessitate completion of all anticipated street excavation prior to placement of proposed paving. The earliest proposed commencement date for paving is July 2014. Residents and businesses intending to make structural improvements to existing and new properties may need to install automatic fire sprinkler systems, which could require street excavation. As such, if you are planning such improvements, please contact the Novato Fire Protection District Fire Marshall at (415) 878-2690.

The hearing will provide an opportunity for the City Council to receive and consider objections from property owners and others having a valid interest in the proposed prohibition of excavation. All protests must be presented in writing.

Further information regarding this notice may be obtained by contacting Petr Skala, Engineer II with the City of Novato, Department of Public Works, Engineering Division, at City Hall, 922 Machin Avenue, Novato, CA 94945, in person, by correspondence, by email to pskala@novato.org or by telephone (415) 899-8237. He may be contacted during regular work hours Monday through Friday with the exception of every other Friday off; or, by special arrangement.

SHERI HARTZ CITY CLERK

**ATTACHMENT 1** 

## EXHIBIT 'A'

### **PROHIBITION OF EXCAVATION FOR FIVE (5) YEARS**

	PROHIBITION OF EXCAVATION FOR THE (3) TEARS				
	Road Name	Begin	End		
1	ALBATROS DRIVE	TOPAZ DR	NORTH END		
2	ALMOND COURT	LARCH DR	NORTH END		
3	ANGELICA COURT	VINEYARD RD	EAST END		
4	BRIARWOOD COURT	REDWOOD BLVD	EAST END		
5	BUTTERFIELD DRIVE	SOUTH CUL DE SAC	NORTH CUL DE SAC		
6	CLARITA COURT	VINEYARD RD	EAST END		
7	COBBLESTONE COURT	WOOD HOLLOW DR	SOUTH END		
8	FERNANDO DRIVE	LOUIS DR	EAST END		
9	FIELDSTONE DRIVE	WOOD HOLLOW DR	BUTTERFIELD DR		
10	KNOLL TOP COURT	KNOLL TOP WAY	SOUTH END		
11	KNOLL TOP WAY	ROBINHOOD DR	KNOLL TOP CT		
12	LARCH DRIVE	REDWOOD BLVD	EAST END		
13	LEA DRIVE	OLIVE AVE	Mc CLELLAND DR		
14	LOUIS DRIVE	DAVIDSON ST	FERNANDO DR		
15	MANUEL DRIVE	DAVIDSON ST	LOUIS DR		
16	MARIN VALLEY DRIVE	BOLLING DR	1530 FT SOUTH		
17	MCCLAY ROAD	CENTER RD	DOW LN		
18	NOGALES COURT	McCLAY RD	END		
19	OAK VALLEY DRIVE	SUTRO AVE	CITY LIMIT		
20	PIMENTEL COURT	GALLI DR	EAST END		
21	ROBINHOOD DRIVE	OLIVE AVE	2000 FT NORTH OF OLIVE AVE		
22	ROBLAR DRIVE	NAVE DR	NORTH END		
23	SANTANA ROAD	TOPAZ DR	ALBATROSS DR		
24	SHIELDS LANE	WILSON AVE	END		
25	SUNDANCE WAY	BUTTERFIELD DR	WOOD HOLLOW DR		
26	TOPAZ DRIVE	ALBATROSS DR	EAST END		
27	TOPAZ DRIVE	BAHIA RD	SANTANA RD		
28	ZOILA COURT	ANGELICA CT	SOUTH END		



## Item #17

# DISBURSEMENTS - DATED DECEMBER 19, 2013

### Date Prepared: 12/17/13

The following demands made against the District are listed for approval and authorization for payment in accordance with Section 31302 of the California Water Code, being a part of the California Water District Law:

Seq	Payable To	For	Amount
1	101 Office Products	Quarterly Toner Supply (14 Black, 2 Color)	\$1,593.92
2	ADTS	Annual Drug & Alcohol Testing Compliance Program (12 Employees)	780.00
3	Alpha Analytical Labs	Lab Testing (Novato Area)	48.00
4	Ashley Apartments	Refund on Closed Account	52.57
5	AT&T	Telephone Charges: Leased Lines	818.23
6	Automation Direct	Wireless Network Cords for PLC's	402.00
7	Badger Meter	1 1/2" Meters (6)	1,816.18
8	Blue Mountain Air	Refund Overpayment on Closed Account	97.99
9	Borges & Mahoney	Repair Chlorine Feed on Vacuum Regulator (STP)	507.19
10	Brown, Holly	Novato "Washer Rebate" Program	50.00
11	Bulrice, Julie	Novato "Toilet Rebate" Program	100.00
12	Bundesen, Gerald	Retiree Exp Reimb (Dec Health Ins)	282.55
13	Butti, Lou	Retiree Exp Reimb (Dec Health Ins)	282.55
14	CA Department of Public Health	Exam Fee for Water Distribution Operator D3 (\$100) (Jennison), Renewal Fee for T4 Certification Renewal (\$105) (Budget \$110) (Jennison) & Operation Certification Renewal D1 (3/14-2/15) (Venegas) (\$120) (Budget \$0)	325.00
15	California State Disbursement	Wage Assignment Order	1,018.50
16	Carpenter Rigging & Supply	Grip Latch Hooks (2)	279.92
17	The Climate Registry	Annual Membership Dues (Clark) (1/14-12/14) (Budget \$770)	750.00
18	CSW/Stuber-Stroeh Engineering	Engineering Services: NMWD Aqueduct Energy Efficiency Project (Balance Remaining on Contract \$164,455)	48,336.86

Seq	Payable To	For	Amount
19	Diggs, James	Retiree Exp Reimb (Dec Health Ins)	884.31
20	Environmental Science Assoc	Progress Payment #29: CEQA Construction Task for RW South Project (Balance Remaining on Contract \$24,613)	3,498.54
21	Estero Mutual Water	Electricity Used at Oceana Marin by NMWD from Estero Mutual Water's PG&E Meter (2009- 2013)	6,942.14
22	Fisher Scientific	Hydrochloric Acid (\$95) & Case for Portable pH Meter (\$86) (Lab)	182.05
23	Gauci, Kenneth	Novato "Washer Rebate" Program	50.00
24	GHD	Engineering Services: Aqueduct Relocation (Balance Remaining on Contract \$61,233)	1,584.00
25		Cafeteria Plan Uninsured Medical Reimbursement	90.86
26	Grainger	Diamond Saw Blades (2) (\$396), Carbide Hole Saw, Tie Down Straps (4) (\$110), Wire Labels Maker Refills (6) (\$209) & Caster Wheels (4) (\$130)	908.57
27	Grossi, George	Reimbursement for Cost to Remove & Dispose of Manure from Grossi Dairy	12,000.00
28	Gutierrez, Jose	Novato "Washer Rebate" Program	50.00
29	Hodes, Bryan & Heidi	Novato "Washer Rebate" Program	50.00
30	Japp, Russell	Novato "Washer Rebate" Program	50.00
31	Kenney, Stephen	Novato "Washer Rebate" Program	50.00
32	Kocen, Norleen Nibbi	Novato "Toilet Rebate" Program	100.00
33	Lincoln Life	Deferred Compensation PPE 12/15/13	14,422.06
34	Manzoni, Kyle	Novato "Toilet Rebate" (\$100) &"Washer Rebate" Program (\$50)	150.00
35	Marinscope	Subscription Renewal (DeGabriele) (9/13-8/14) (Budget \$50)	49.00
36	Maselli & Sons	Bolts & Nuts (2)	16.43
37	Matchette, Tim	Retiree Exp Reimb (Dec Health Ins)	282.55
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Seq	Payable To	For	Amount
38	McCampbell Analytical	Lead Testing	51.00
39	McMaster-Carr Supply	Pipe Plugs for Backflow (18)	40.72
40	McPhail, Jeff	Refund Overpayment on Closed Account	127.83
41	Molloy, Greg	Novato "Washer Rebate" Program	50.00
42	Moreci, Ed	Novato "Washer Rebate" Program	50.00
43	MSC Industrial Supply	PVC Caps (10) & Barbed Splicers (40)	62.56
44	Nationwide Retirement Solution	Deferred Compensation PPE 12/15/13	1,025.00
45	North Marin Water District SRF	STP State Revolving Fund Loan & Principal & Interest (Pymt 9 of 40)	574,460.90
46	Pace Supply	Ball Valves (40) (\$277), Test Cocks (40) (\$373), Hydrant Bury (6) (\$2,096) & Coupling (\$219)	2,964.87
47	Peterson Trucks	Diagnose Stalling & Heater Control (\$781) ('06 Intl Crew Truck) & Cam Sensor (\$90) (Less Credit Received \$389)	482.54
48	PG&E	Power: Bldgs/Yard (\$2,708), Rectifier/Controls (\$402), Pumping (\$24,476), Treatment (\$131) & Other (\$379)	28,096.46
49	PG&E	Refund Security Deposit on Hyd Meter Less Final Bill	680.76
50	Phillips & Associates	November O&M of O.M. Wastewater Treatment System	5,311.43
51	Pozo, Carol	Novato "Toilet Rebate" Program	100.00
52	Rebelo, Frank	Commercial "Toilet Rebate" Program	100.00
53		Cafeteria Plan: Childcare Reimbursement	208.33
54	Richter, John	Novato "Washer Rebate" Program	50.00
55	Riedel, Linda	Novato "Washer Rebate" Program	50.00
56	Roberts, Renee	Retiree Exp Reimb (Dec Health Ins)	282.55
57		Cafeteria Plan: Uninsured Medical Reimbursement	50.00
58	Rodoni, Dennis	WAC/TAC Coordination Meeting on 10/18/13	100.00
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Seq	Payable To	For	Amount
59	Rogers Machinery	Replacement Rotary Air Compressor (STP)	22,497.92
60	Salkin, Marlene	Refund Overpayment on Closed Account	123,45
61	Salter, Pam	Novato "Toilet Rebate" Program	200.00
62	Schulze, James & Maria	Novato "Toilet Rebate" Program	100.00
63	Shirrell Consulting Services	December Dental Insurance Admin Fee	288.15
64	Shirrell Consulting Services	November Dental Expense	2,355.00
65	Soiland	Asphalt Recycling	20.00
66	Sonsray Machinery	Brake Repair Parts ('93 Case Loader)	352.57
67	Spezzano, Jill	Novato "Smart Irrigation Controller" Rebate (\$120) & Novato Water Smart Landscape Efficiency Program Residential Rebate (\$27)	146.99
68		Vision Reimbursement & Cafeteria Plan: Uninsured Medical Reimbursement	38.06
69	Thomer, Jane	Novato "Washer Rebate" Program	50.00
70	US Bank	November Safekeeping Fee-Treasury Securities	52.50
71	Verizon California	Telephone Charges: Leased Lines	832.50
72	Verizon Wireless	Cellular Charges: Data (\$118) & Airtime (\$133) (19)	250.62
73	Walls, Chester	Novato "Washer Rebate" Program	50.00
74		Cafeteria Plan: Childcare Reimbursement	1,916.62 <b>\$742,521.30</b>

The foregoing payroll and accounts payable vouchers totaling \$742,521.30 are hereby approved and authorized for payment.

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## **DISBURSEMENTS - DATED DECEMBER 26, 2013**

### Date Prepared: 12/24/13

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Seq	Payable To	For	Amount
P/R*	Employees	Net Payroll PPE 12/15/13	\$117,642.66
EFT*	US Bank	Federal & FICA Taxes PPE 12/15/13	45,991.21
EFT*	State of California	State Tax & SDI PPE 12/15/13	8,491.73
1	Advanced Reproduction Center	Plans & Specs (45 sets) (Balance Remaining on Contract \$1,136) (AEEP B-3)	3,376.69
2	Agile Business & Technology	Timesheet Software Enhancements (\$525) & Quarterly Accounting Software Support (11/1/13- 1/31/14) (\$1,500)	2,025.00
3	Alternative Roofing Solutions	Roof Repair & Maintenance (15 Gustafson Ct)	1,200.00
4	Athens Administrators	December Workers' Comp Admin Fee	1,000.00
5	AT&T	Telephone Charges: Leased Lines	63.30
6	Backflow Distributors	Backflow Repair Parts	2,211.34
7	Bank of Marin	Bank of Marin Loan & Principal & Interest (Pymt 26 of 240)	46,066.67
8	Barr, Brian	Novato "Washer Rebate" Program	50.00
9	Bastogne	Refund Overpayment on Account	75.00
10	Borges & Mahoney	Service on Vacuum Regulator (STP)	501.72
11	Calif Public Health Services	Large Water System Fees (7/1/12-6/30/13)	6,673.34
12	CalPERS Retirement System	Pension Contribution PPE 12/15/13	49,152.41
13	Chang, Jean	Novato "Toilet Rebate" Program	300.00
14	Cummings Trucking	Rock (64 yds)	2,251.65
15	Demil, Pauline	Novato "Toilet Rebate" Program	300.00
16	Eilerman, Robert	Novato "Washer Rebate" Program	50.00

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17	Farwest Corrosion Control	Scotchkote (6 qts) (\$212) & Freight Charges from Previous Invoice (\$90)	302.13
18	Ghilotti Construction	Refund Security Deposit on Hydrant Meter Less Final Bill	273.62
19	Golden Gate Petroleum	Gasoline (\$3.58/gal) & Diesel (\$3.78/gal)	2,897.03
20	Grainger	Light Bulbs (24)	66.96
21	Hallstrom, Nita	Novato "Toilet Rebate" Program	100.00
22	Halsing, Eric	Novato "Washer Rebate" Program	50.00
23	InfoSend	November Processing Fee for Water Bills (\$1,495), Postage (\$4,054) & Programming OCR Line Revision (\$300)	5,848.96
24	Joyce, Susanne	Novato "Toilet Rebate" Program	100.00
25		Cafeteria Plan: Uninsured Medical Reimbursement	10.00
26	Kenwood Fence	Fence Replacement (15 Gustafson Ct) (\$2,745 to be Paid by Adjacent Homeowners)	5,491.25
27	KTA-TATOR	Peer Review of District's Tank Coating Specifications (Balance Remaining on Contract \$12,880)	2,120.00
28	Mackey, John	Novato "Washer Rebate" Program	50.00
29	Maltby Electric	Electrical Supplies	32.77
30	Mansi, Susan	Novato "Washer Rebate" Program	50.00
31	Martinez, Gudelia	Novato "Washer Rebate" Program	50.00
32	MegaPath	DSL Internet (12/12/13-1/11/14)	142.88
33	MGE Underground	Refund Security Deposit on Hydrant Meter Less Final Bill	566.25
34	Novato Disposal Service	November Trash Removal	413.20
35	Pace Supply	Box Lids (110) (\$2,554), Hydrants (2) (\$2,333), Adaptors (2), Couplings (8) (\$57), Els (9) (\$91), Bushings (4), Nipples (14) (\$135) & Meter Box (\$510)	5,702.42
36	Point Reyes Prop Mgmt Assn	December HOA Dues (25 Giacomini Rd)	75.05

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37	Preferred Alliance	Pre-Employment Physical (Kehoe)	42.00
38	Raven Linings Systems	Epoxy (6 pints)	113.00
39	Red Wing Shoe Store	Safety Boots (Garrett, Ortiz & Baccei)	581.47
40		Cafeteria Plan: Uninsured Medical Reimbursement	17.53
41	Sequoia Safety Supply	Safety Glasses (24) (\$81), Ibuprofen (300) & Anti Fog Wipes (\$100)	102.11
42	Soiland	Asphalt Recycling (6 tons)	20.00
43	Sonoma County Water Agency	November Contract Water	452,880.90
44	State Water Resources Control	Clean Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan, Principal & Interest RW S Phase 1A (\$65,599) & Phase 1B (\$153,039)	218,637.25
45	Steussy, Richard	Novato "Washer Rebate" Program	50.00
46	Syar Industries	Asphalt (1 ton)	99.11
47	Township Building Services	Bathroom Supplies (\$182) & November Janitorial Service (\$1,796)	1,978.57
48	Verizon California	Telephone Charges: Leased Lines	289.43
49	White Cap Construction	Burlap Bags for Sand (250)	228.82
50	Wilroy Jr, James	Novato "Toilet Rebate" Program	300.00
51	Wise, Jonathan	Novato "Toilet Rebate" Program TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	100.00 <b>\$987,205.43</b>

The foregoing payroll and accounts payable vouchers totaling \$987,205.43 are hereby approved and authorized for payment.

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### DISBURSEMENTS - DATED JANUARY 2, 2014

#### Date Prepared: 12/30/13

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Seq	Payable To	For	Amount
1	American Family Life Ins	December Employee Contribution for Accident, Disability & Cancer	\$4,065.07
2	Baker, Jack	December Director's Fee	200.00
3	California State Disbursement	Wage Assignment Order	1,018.50
4	Core Utilities	Consulting Services: November IT Support (\$5,000), Program & Scada Modifications (\$1,025), Corrected Recycled Water Meter for Billing (\$50), Corrected Weather Information Display on Home Page (\$150) & Constructed Interface for US Bank Online Bill Pay (\$3,350)	9,575.00
5	Electrical Equipment	Electrical Parts for Air Compressor (2) (STP)	118.16
6	Fauss, Dennis	Novato "Washer Rebate" Program	50.00
7	Fisher Scientific	pH Strips (100) (\$101) & Reagent (Lab)	137.28
8	Fraites, Rick	December Director's Fee (\$200), & North Bay Watershed Association Meeting on 12/6/13 (\$100)	300.00
9	Frost, Nancy	Novato "Cash for Grass" Program	400.00
10	Funke, Lutz	Novato "Toilet Rebate" Program	200.00
11	Grainger	Concrete Anchors (100) (\$53), Knee Boots (2) (\$79) & Hip Boots (2) (\$189)	320.81
12	Groeniger	5/8" Hex Nuts (\$201) (325), Reducer & Valve	290.18
13	Hach	pH Storage Solution & Delivery Tube (STP)	56.55
14	Hertz Equipment Rental	John Deer Loader Rental & Delivery (11/8- 12/8/13)	1,591.40
15	John's Plumbing Service	Replacement 48 gal Water/Space Heater (25 Giacomini Rd)	3,111.58

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16	Kaiser Foundation Health Plan	DMV/DOT Medical Exam (Reed) & Pre- Employment Physical (Kehoe)	135.00
17	Kaplan, Brian	Novato "Washer Rebate" Program	50.00
18	Lincoln Life	Deferred Compensation PPE 12/31/13	12,087.49
19	Maltby Electric	Cable Splice Kit (\$699), 2" PVC Repair Coupling (\$50), Disconnect Switches for STP Air Compressors (\$214), Cord Connectors, Electrical Junction Box (\$143) & Disconnect Switches for Parts Washer (\$116)	1,236.58
20	Marin Reprographics	Bond Paper (36'' x 150') (4)	213.64
21	McLellan, WK	Misc Paving (Novato Area) (3,481 S.F.) (Balance Remaining on Contract \$10,120)	19,880.25
22		Wage Assignment Order	284.00
23	Nationwide Retirement Solution	Deferred Compensation PPE 12/31/13	1,025.00
24	Olson, Arthur	Novato "Toilet Rebate" Program	500.00
25	Pace Supply	Couplings (17) (\$229), Box Lids (30) (\$690), Flange Setter (\$362), Double-Check Detector (\$2,911) & Caps (9) (\$168)	4,308.74
26	Petaluma Elks Lodge #901	Hall Rental for 2013 Holiday Party	1,455.00
27	NMWD Petty Cash	Petty Cash Reimbursement	114.97
28	Petterle, Stephen	December Director's Fee	200.00
29	Prunuske Chatham	Prog Pymt#2: Site Assessment & Prep: 2013 Leveroni Creek Bank Stabilization (Balance Remaining on Contract \$919)	1,900.56
30	Reed, Corey	Exp Reimb: T-2 Certification (\$60) (Budget \$80), & Grade 2 Exam Fee (\$65)	125.00
31	Edith Robbins	Engineering Services: Novato H.S., San Marin H.S. & San Ramon Elementary Multi (Balance Remaining on Contract \$14,711)	4,006.76
32	Rodoni, Dennis	December Director's Fee (\$200) & TAC Meeting in Santa Rosa on 12/2/13 (\$100)	300.00
33	Rogers Machinery	Lubricating Oil (1 gal)	131.63

Seq	Payable To	For	Amount
34	Schoonover, John	December Director's Fee Less Deferred	150.00
35	Scott's Concrete	Replace Concrete Driveway Patches @ Garey Ct.	1,175.00
36	Sequoia Safety Supply	Safety Vests (2) (\$47), Rain Jacket, Overalls & Safety Glasses (12)	148.27
37	Soiland	Asphalt Recycling (7 tons)	20.00
38		Cafeteria Plan: Uninsured Medical Reimbursement	165.28
39	Strahm Communications	Winter 2014 Waterline Postage	2,802.80
40	Sugiyama, Curt	Novato "Washer Rebate" Program	50.00
41	United Parcel Service	Delivery Service: Sent Plans & Specs for AEEP Reaches A-D/MSN B3	152.85
42	Verizon California	Telephone Charges: Leased Lines	315.55
43	Verizon Wireless	November CIMIS Station Data Transfer Fee (2)	29.09
44	Watt, Douglas	Novato "Toilet Rebate" Program	200.00
45	Workforce Boots & Clothing	Safety Boots (Roberto) TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	192.66 <b>\$74,790.65</b>

The foregoing payroll and accounts payable vouchers totaling \$74,890.65 are hereby approved and authorized for payment.

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DEC 27 2013

Mr. Chris DeGabriele General Manager North Marin Water District 999 Rush Creek Place Novato, CA 94945

Dear Mr. DeGabriele:

#### WATER SECURITY, CLEAN DRINKING WATER, COASTAL AND BEACH PROTECTION ACT OF 2002 WATER CODE, DIVISION 26.5 COMMENCING WITH SECTION 79500 (PROPOSITION 50) CHAPTER 4a.1, FUNDING FOR NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT, PROJECT NO. P50-2110006-262

Your application for funding under Proposition 50, Safe Drinking Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002, has been reviewed by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the Department of Water Resources. CDPH has determined that Project number P50-2110006-262, as proposed by North Marin Water District, is eligible for a grant in the amount of \$1,486,000.

Enclosed are the Proposition 50, Letter of Commitment (LOC), and Funding Agreement No. 5013A111, between North Marin Water District and the State of California. This Funding Agreement provides for a maximum grant of \$1,486,000, to assist your community in meeting safe drinking water standards for its domestic water supply. **Please note that a Funding Agreement resolution, which has been reviewed and approved by CDPH, must be adopted prior to signing the Funding Agreement.** Please sign the LOC and all five signature pages of the enclosed Funding Agreement and <u>return the signed LOC and all five signature pages with the Funding</u> <u>Agreement no later than thirty (30)</u> calendar days following the date of this letter.

Please mail the signed LOC and Funding Agreement with the five signature pages and executed Resolution to:

Mr. Chris DeGabriele Page 2 of 3

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#### California Department of Public Health Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management Project Support Unit Attn: Anne Novak 1616 Capitol Avenue, MS 7408 P.O. Box 997377 Sacramento, CA 95899-7377

In order for the Funding Agreement to be executed by CDPH, the following items must also be submitted to CDPH with the signed Funding Agreement:

- 1. A signed LOC;
- 2. A completed and signed Payee Data Record (STD 204);
- 3. All five signature pages of the Funding Agreement with the original signatures.

There are additional requirements which must be met **prior** to disbursement of funds to North Marin Water District. Please review the fully executed Funding Agreement <u>in</u> **detail** once you have received it. Be aware that North Marin Water District must submit its first claim for reimbursement not later than **90 calendar days** following the date of execution of the Funding Agreement.

Failure to comply with any of the terms and conditions or requirements above or in the LOC and/or Funding Agreement may result in CDPH withdrawing the Funding Agreement.

CDPH commends the North Marin Water District for taking steps to enhance the provision and protection of the drinking water supplied to its consumers.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Brian Kinney at (916) 449-5630.

Sincerely,

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David M. Mazzera, Ph.D. Acting Division Chief Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management

Enclosures: Letter of Commitment Attachment Std. 204 Payee Data Record

#### Mr. Chris DeGabriele Page 3 of 3

#### DEC 27 date

cc: Drew McIntyre Chief Engineer North Marin Water District P.O. Box 146 Novato, CA 94948

> Janice Thomas District Engineer Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management California Department of Public Health 50 D Street, Suite 200 Santa Rosa, CA 95404-4752

Stefan Cajina Regional Engineer Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management California Department of Public Health 850 Marina Bay Parkway Bldg. P, Floor 2 Richmond, CA 94804

Christine Sotelo Environmental Review Unit Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management California Department of Public Health 1616 Capitol Avenue, MS 7408 Sacramento, CA 95814

Linda Ng, Chief Safe Drinking Water Office Department of Water Resources 1416 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 816 P.O. Box 942836 Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

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# The Press Democral

# **County seeks retool of water policy**

### By SEAN SCULLYTHE PRESS DEMOCRAT on December 20, 2013, 10:14 AM

Sonoma County's effort to preserve the dwindling water in Lake Mendocino could involve a major revision of how the reservoir is managed.

The Sonoma County Water Agency is asking the State Water Resources Control Board for permission to cut flow from the lake below 75 cubic feet per second, the normal minimum for a dry year.

But instead of simply asking the state to allow a lower flow, as it has done in the past, the agency is seeking to break with the half-century-old way that drought conditions are analyzed in order to set flow rates.

Since at least the 1960s, the state has used flow rates on the nearby Eel River to determine whether a year is "normal," "dry" or "critical" in the headwaters of the Russian River. The designation determines how much water the agency is obligated to release downriver to protect agriculture, fish spawning grounds, recreational uses and drinking water for cities such as Healdsburg, Cloverdale and Ukiah.

In a petition delivered to the state Thursday, the agency asks for the determination of the flow rate to be based instead directly on the water level in Lake Mendocino, which is today only around 30-percent full with no prospect of significant rain in the forecast over the next several weeks.

"You really are beginning to focus the attention on the storage at Lake Mendocino, where it belongs," agency General Manager Grant Davis said. "That's the good news, that we are focusing in on the area of vulnerability."

Should the state grant the request, it would change the management of the dam for only as long as 180 days. If the system works out well, the agency plans to request that the system be made permanent.

The change may seem arcane and technical, but it has important implications for the future water supply on the upper Russian River, agency officials say. The conditions in the Eel River have become an increasingly unreliable guide to conditions in the Russian River over the years, and basing management decisions on real conditions in Lake Mendocino would give the agency much greater control over its own water resources.

The Water Resources Control Board did not comment on the details of the plan by Thursday afternoon, but in general it is open to considering long-term changes in the way the dam is managed, provided the agency can make a case for its idea, said Amanda Montgomery, manager of permitting and licensing for the board.

It appears the board originally linked the management of Lake Mendocino to conditions on the Eel River because of a century-old tunnel that links Lake Pillsbury, a reservoir on the Eel, with the upper reaches of the Russian River. PG&E sends water down that tunnel to run a power turbine and the water winds up in the Russian River.

At one time, that was a significant source of water for Lake Mendocino, but a 2004 change in PG&E's license cut that back dramatically. Just this week, PG&E secured federal permission to slash the flow

even further, from 35 cubic feet per second to just 5, a move designed to conserve water in Lake Pillsbury, which is in even worse condition than Lake Mendocino after two extremely dry years.

But even as Lake Pillsbury faded as a source of water for Lake Mendocino, the decisions on how to manage the dam remained linked to conditions on the upper Eel River, an indicator that is "is no longer so reliable," agency Assistant General Manager Pam Jeane said.

In addition to seeking state permission to cut flows from Lake Mendocino, the Water Agency is going to launch an unusual wintertime drive to urge consumers to save water. The larger reservoir at Lake Sonoma is still about 70 percent full, but the agency is worried that another year of drought could put pressure on that water source, too.

The agency will advertise "an aggressive water reduction, to make sure you're checking your leaks, making sure you're doing everything you can to use water wisely," Davis said. "And it's a year-round thing; I just don't see a day when you can say this is seasonal."

While it won't help ease the current drought, the agency is looking at longer-term ways to conserve water as well, such as reconfiguring its system of detention ponds to help recharge ground water, injecting excess water into aquifers during rainy periods to preserve supplies deep underground, and marketing treated wastewater to farmers and other users to slow down the rate at which they irrigate using fresh well water.

The agency also is updating its planning models for the upper Russian River, taking a look at who is using the water, long-term growth plans of communities that rely on the river, and the emerging models for what effect climate change will have on rainfall patterns. That report is due to the state by the end of 2014.

"We're entering into an era of increasing uncertainty," Davis said. "We have to plan for extreme droughts and floods over multiple years, and be able to manage our water supply under those conditions."

You can reach Staff Writer Sean Scully at 521-5313 or sean.scully@pressdemocrat.com. On Twitter @BeerCountry.

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#### **Chris DeGabriele**

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Public Affairs [publicaffairs@scwa.ca.gov] Friday, December 20, 2013 8:41 AM Water Agency Press Release: Public Meeting Slated on 15-Year Russian River Plan



### Sonoma County Water Agency Press Release

For Immediate Release December 19, 2013

CONTACT: Pam Kuhn Sonoma County Water Agency 707.547.1930 (Office) pamela.kuhn@scwa.ca.gov

# Public Meeting Slated on 15-Year Russian River Plan

Santa Rosa, CA – A 15-year blueprint to help restore endangered and threatened fish to the Russian River watershed, while maintaining the region's primary water supply, is the subject of an upcoming meeting. On Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> the Public Policy Facilitating Committee (PPFC) will meet for an annual update on the Russian River Biological Opinion (meeting details below).

The Biological Opinion was released by National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) in September 2008. This 15-year plan requires the Sonoma County Water Agency (Water Agency) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to modify Russian River water supply and flood control operations to prevent harm to endangered coho salmon and threatened steelhead trout. The PPFC – comprised of elected and appointed officials from public agencies throughout the region – meets annually to review progress.

"The Water Agency and its partners have made a lot of progress. Studies have revealed new information about how fish live in the Russian River estuary, the first mile of the six-mile Dry Creek Habitat Enhancement Project is well underway and in November, we released young coho into newly created habitat," said PPFC Chairman Efren Carrillo, a Water Agency Director and a member of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors. "It's exciting to see the pieces coming together and this meeting is a chance to highlight the successes as well as understand the challenges moving forward." The Biological Opinion requirements include reducing minimum summertime flows in the Russian River and Dry Creek; changing the way the sandbar is breached at the estuary between May 15 and October 15; enhancing habitat in Dry Creek; and fish monitoring. Topics to be covered on January 17 include a review of a study on invertebrates that live in the estuary (a primary source of food for steelhead before they enter the ocean), the results of extensive fish surveys and the construction of large habitat enhancement projects in Dry Creek. The public will have an opportunity to comment.

#### **Meeting Details**

- DATE: Friday, January 17
- TIME: 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
- LOCATION: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 575 Administration Drive, Santa Rosa

For additional information, please contact Pam Kuhn, (707) 547-1930 or <u>pamela.kuhn@scwa.ca.gov</u>. Learn more about the Russian River Biological Opinion at <u>www.sonomacountywater.org/rrifr</u>.

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The Sonoma County Water Agency is working to secure our future by investing in our water resources, community and environment. The Water Agency provides water supply, flood protection and sanitation services for portions of Sonoma and Marin counties. Visit us on the Web at <u>www.sonomacountywater.org</u>.

# Sonoma Marin Farm News January 2014 Robert Giacomini Dairy Honored for Love of its Land

Marin Dairy receives prestigious Leopold Conservation Award for land stewardship

By Tim Tesconi, Sonoma County Farm Bureau



The Robert Giacomini Dairy, a premier Marin County milk producer that is home to the Point Reyes Farmstead Cheese Co. and is a respected leader in farmland preservation and stewardship, is the 2013 recipient of the prestigious California Leopold Conservation Award.

The Leopold Award, presented Dec. 9 at the 95th annual meeting of the California Farm Bureau Federation in Monterey, comes with a \$10,000 award. The Leopold Award is given annually to a private landowner with a deep and abiding love for their land, honoring stewards dedicated to leaving their land better than they found it. The award is named for celebrated writer Aldo Leopold, author of *A Sand County Almanac*, who called for an ethical relationship between people and the land they own and manage.

Dairy rancher Robert Giacomini and his grown daughters Karen, Diana, Lynn and Jill own and operate the dairy and Point Reyes Farmstead Cheese Co. on their 720 acre ranch at Point Reyes Station in coastal Marin County. The Giacomini family epitomizes the values of Aldo Leopold who wrote that the development of a land ethic was "an evolutionary possibility and an ecological necessity." That ethic is alive and well on the Giacomini Dairy and many of the other farms and ranches in the North Bay's farm belt.

The Leopold Conservation Award is sponsored by the Sand County Foundation, based in Madison, Wisconsin, in partnership with the California Farm Bureau Federation and Sustainable Conservation.

Giacomini, a longtime agricultural leader and Farm Bureau member, was at the annual CFBF meeting in Monterey to receive the award. He was accompanied by his daughers Lynn and Jill along with dairy herdsman Brian Waymire and Jim Kehoe, who runs the Giacomini Dairy's methane digester.

"I've always felt it was the responsibility of a rancher and landowner to take care of the land for the next generation," said Giacomini, who has been a dairy farmer for 55 years. In accepting the award, Giacomini was humble and gracious, thanking his family and 40 employees for helping him achieve his vision for a sustainable family farming operation that will continue for generations.

"During my 55 years in ranching I never dreamed I would be up before the delegates and membership of the California Farm Bureau to be honored with an award like this," said Giacomini. The Giacomini's land has been protected forever through the Marin Agricultural Land Trust, ensuring that family members can continue the ranching legacy through this century and beyond.

"It makes me feel good to know that my grandchildren are going to be on our land, which has been protected in perpetuity," said Giacomini, who has eight grandchildren. Giacomini's wife Dean passed away in 2012. The couple had been married 54 years.

California Farm Bureau president Paul Wenger said the Giacomini family is a shining example of how farmers and ranchers care for their land and natural resources, preserving a healthy, working landscape for future generations. "Responsible care for our land and other natural resources has allowed California farmers and ranchers to sustainably produce the food and farm products we all depend upon," said Wenger. "The Leopold Conservation Award recognizes outstanding examples of the stewardship that family farmers and ranchers perform every day."

In 2000, after 40 years of milking cows and producing fluid milk on the family ranch, the Giacomini family was at a crossroads. Robert Giacomini was reaching retirement age. Profit margins were thin and couldn't economically sustain the adult family members who wanted to return to the ranch but did not necessarily want to milk cows.

The family made the bold move in 2000 to invest in a value added product – high quality California blue cheese – that would be produced from their herd of Holstein cows. Once they made the decision, the Giacomini family did everything right, hiring an experienced cheese maker to craft what would become the celebrated Point Reyes Original Blue. It was an immediate hit and became a foodie favorite in Bay Area cheese shops.

All the milk for the Giacomini's family artisan cheeses comes from their 300 cows that graze in pastures on the family's scenic dairy. Believing the quality of the milk and cheese starts with the grass, the family is committed to careful land and pasture management. The farm is certified organic and uses rotational grazing, which keeps grasses and soils healthy, as well as no-till practices on all fields, so the natural fertilizer can absorb into the soil.

"Because it says 'farmstead' on the label, it means it comes from our land," Giacomini said, "so we are deeply committed to caring for the land."

The Giacomini family was one of the first to participants in the National Resource Conservation Service's Conservation Stewardship Program. The family also operates what's called "The Fork," a culinary center focused on education and entertainment for people visiting the farm. The Giacomini Dairy hosts meetings of agricultural organizations, culinary students, fellow artisan cheesemakers and others interested in environmental stewardship. The Giacominis are hel; ign the general public understand food production and the vital role private landowners play in conservation.

One of the biggest challenges at any dairy is managing cow waste. In 2009, the Giacominis installed a methane digester that converts methane gas—a byproduct of manure—into useable energy that powers the dairy and cheese plant. They also compost their solid manure, and sell some to a local compost company that in turn sells it to nurseries and other farmers, continuing the cycle of replenishing and building soils.

"The Robert Giacomini Dairy is a model of a successful family business adopting land management practices that are environmentally sustainable. For over 50 years, this dairy has evolved into the finest family-run and operated dairy business in the western United States," said Marin County agricultural commissioner Stacy Carlsen.

Giacomini, whose ancestors were dairy farmers and cheesemakers in northern taly, holds to the Old World philosophy that if you take care of your land, it takes care of you.

"Our land has been very good to us and we consider it our duty and honor to return the favor," Giacomini said.



### Dry year spurs new conservation orders for 2014

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — December has been one of the driest months ever recorded in California, which is spurring some cities and counties in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta region to issue water conservation orders earlier than usual.

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The Sacramento Bee reports

(http://bit.ly/JCzjwZ) that the city of Folsom has already imposed a mandatory 20-percent water conservation order, while Sacramento

County has asked residents in unincorporated areas to reduce water use by 20 percent.

The cities of Roseville and Sacramento are also likely to consider similar measures in early January.

If no rain falls in the remaining days of 2013, it could rank as the driest calendar year in state history.

While a drought has not been declared by Gov. Jerry Brown, he has assembled a task force to monitor and study the issue.

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## Sonoma County Water Agency PRESS RELEASE

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## State Water Resources Control Board Approves Temporary Urgency Change Petition

Change made in reservoir management to help preserve water in Lake Mendocino

(Santa Rosa, CA) On December 31, 2013, the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) issued an order that will allow the Sonoma County Water Agency (Water Agency) to preserve Lake Mendocino's dwindling water storage levels by managing flows in the upper Russian River according to water supply conditions at Lake Mendocino. The effect of this decision will result in lower minimum flows in the upper Russian River and more operational flexibility for water managers working to preserve every drop of water in Lake Mendocino. The SWRCB order responds to a Temporary Urgency Change Petition that was filed on December 19, 2103 by the Water Agency. <u>View the order online</u>.

As a result of the driest calendar year on record in Ukiah, water levels in Lake Mendocino – one of the Russian River's two water supply and flood control reservoirs – were approximately 26,000 acre feet by the end of 2013. Beginning January 1,-the order will allow the minimum flows in the upper Russian River (between Lake

Mendocino and Dry Creek, below Healdsburg) to drop from 75 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 25 cfs. At 75 cfs, without rainfall, Lake Mendocino would quickly reach unsafe levels.

"Making reductions in water releases now could help prevent serious impacts in the future to endangered fish and to communities like Geyserville and Cloverdale," said Water Agency Director Mike McGuire. "Unfortunately, we must assume that the new year will be dry and plan accordingly."

Minimum flows in the lower river will remain the same. Most of the water in the lower Russian River is supplied by Lake Sonoma, which is larger than Lake Mendocino and is designed to supply water for multiple years.

"Water levels in Lake Sonoma are fine for now but we will work closely with the cities and water districts to make sure that people reduce all unnecessary outside water use," said David Rabbitt, chairman of the Water Agency's Board of Directors. "Every drop that we save today is a drop that will be available in the summer, when plants really need the water."

"Through the Sonoma-Marin Saving Water Partnership, the cities and water districts that buy water from the Water Agency will let residents and businesses know about the importance of turning off the sprinklers and cutting back irrigation to the bare minimum needed to keep plants alive," said Rohnert Park Councilman Jake Mackenzie, who is Chairman of the Water Advisory Committee.

The Water Agency will also work closely with natural resource agencies to maintain river flows at levels that will support migrating endangered coho salmon and threatened Chinook salmon and steelhead.

"The Water Agency has been monitoring migrating Chinook, coho and steelhead to make sure that there is enough water in river for these critical species to reach their spawning grounds," said Water Agency Director Efren Carrillo. "We've been working closely with resource agencies to make sure we have enough water in the river for fish, while preserving as much as possible for people."

Lake Mendocino, located northeast of the City of Ukiah, relies on annual rainfall and diversions from the Eel River watershed through PG&E's Potter Valley Project. To date, 2013 has been the driest calendar year since 1894. Only 7.67 inches of rain has fallen since January 1, 2013, about 22 percent of the average rainfall of 34 inches in Ukiah.

"Sonoma and Mendocino counties water supply depends on the heavy rainfalls brought by atmospheric rivers," said Water Agency Director Shirlee Zane. "We've had none of these critical storms this year. In order to better predict the timing and number of atmospheric rivers in the future, the Water Agency is working with federal and state agencies on cutting edge initiatives."

"This dry year is a reminder of why we need to use water efficiently and to increase opportunities to irrigate with recycled water," said Water Agency Director Susan Gorin. "We need to carefully preserve our precious, limited river water and groundwater."

Technically, the SWRCB order allows the Water Agency to measure water supply conditions based on the amount of water in Lake Mendocino. Normally, water supply conditions (which determine minimum flows in the Russian River) are based on the amount of water flowing into Lake Pillsbury, which is located in the Eel River watershed. This measurement, which has been in place since the mid-1980s, reflects the historic importance to Lake Mendocino of diversions of water through the Potter Valley. But since 2004, the amount of water diverted from the Eel River has been cut by approximately 50 percent, making the Lake Pillsbury measurement less reliable as a means to manage the water supply in Lake Mendocino.

Under the new order, the area will be in a "critical" water year if there is less than 31,000 acf of water in Lake Mendocino on January 1, 2014. Specifically, the SWRCB order establishes the following measurements of water years:

a. Dry water supply conditions will exist when storage in Lake Mendocino is less than:

40,000 acre-feet as of January 1

59,000 acre-feet as of February 1

68,000 acre-feet as of March 1

69,500 acre-feet as of March 16

71,000 acre-feet as of April 1

70,000 acre-feet as of April 16

69,000 acre-feet as of May 1

67,500 acre-feet as of May 16

65,000 acre-feet as of June 1

Minimum flow in the upper Russian River during dry conditions is 75 cfs

b. Critical water supply conditions exist when storage in Lake Mendocino is less than:

31,000 acre-feet as of January 1 36,000 acre-feet as of February 1 52,000 acre-feet as of March 1 53,000 acre-feet as of March 16 54,000 acre-feet as of April 1 53,000 acre-feet as of April 16 52,000 acre-feet as of May 1 51,000 acre-feet as of May 16 50,000 acre-feet as of June 1

Minimum flow in the upper Russian River during critical conditions is 25 cfs

c. Normal water supply conditions exist in the absence of defined dry or critical water supply

conditions. Minimum flow in the upper Russian River during normal conditions is 150 cfs from January 1 through March 31 and 185 cfs from April 1 through May 31.

About Russian River Flows: The Water Agency is the local sponsor for the federal water projects at Lake Mendocino and Lake Sonoma and has responsibility to regulate water supply-related releases from these reservoirs to meet the needs of more than 600,000 people in portions of Sonoma and Marin counties. A decision by SWRCB in 1986 (known as Decision 1610) requires the Water Agency to release sufficient water from the reservoirs to maintain flow rates above designated minimum values at certain points along the Russian River. The values change depending on whether the hydrologic year is deemed "normal", "dry" or "critical."

**SWRCB Order and Water Agency Petition Information:** The SWRCB order and the Water Agency's Temporary Urgency Change Petition can be found at <u>http://www.scwa.ca.gov/current-water-supply-levels/</u>.

<u>Water Conservation Information</u>: A list of water conservation tips, programs and rebates are available at www.savingwaterpartnership.org.

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## The Press Democrat

### PD Editorial: Time for action on saving water

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Close the books. The year that just ended will be remembered as the worst on record — for the state and for the North Coast — for rainfall.

In an average calendar year, the Santa Rosa basin (stretching roughly from Windsor to Rohnert Park) receives about 32.5 inches. From Jan. 1, 2013 to the end of year, it received 5.7 inches, according to the Sonoma County Water Agency.

The Ukiah basin, which normally receives about 33 inches of rain, received 7.8 inches.

Before now, the two worst drought years on record — dating back 119 years — were 1976 and 1932. But data on the upper reaches of the Russian River show that area had received significantly less rain then either of those dry years.

And there's no rain in sight. While a high-pressure system off the coast continues to push away moist air, creating idyllic holiday conditions for vacationing school children, it's setting up the region for real hardship in the months ahead.

At least 2013 ended on a high note for what needs to be done to confront the North Coast's dry conditions. On New Year's Eve, the state Water Resources Control Board issued an order approving the Sonoma County Water Agency's bid for urgent action to help preserve water in Lake Mendocino. The order will allow the Water Agency to cut flows, thereby saving water in Lake Mendocino, which is now critically low at 39 percent of capacity.

Meanwhile, Lake Sonoma is at 70 percent of capacity — not a dire situation but cause for considerable concern if dry conditions persist.

Next week, the Water Agency is expected to issue some aggressive conservation guidelines on water usage. But customers don't need to wait for state or local water officials to issue new directives in order to do something. Here are some easy-to-understand measures suggested by the Water Agency that can make a difference:

• Water your yards only when necessary and only in morning or evening. Let's face it. During these winter months, most yards don't need watering at all.

· Don't hose down driveways, sidewalks or decks to clean them. Break out the broom.

• When brushing teeth, shaving or washing hands, don't let the water run the entire time. And take shorter showers.

• Avoid running the dishwasher or the washing machine unless you have a full load.

• Install appliances, such as low-flow toilets, that reduce water usage.

• Here's the best tip yet: Replace your lawn with native plants and a drip irrigation system. And take part in in a water conservation rebate program. (For more information, go to www.savingwaterpartnership.org.)

The North Coast needs to start the year on the right note, by recognizing that there are some things — such as high-pressure systems — that are beyond our control, and other things — such as conservation measures — that aren't. Let's resolve not to wait for someone to tell us how to make a difference. Let's make one anyway.

### The Press Democrat

# Water officials cut Russian River releases from Lake Mendocino

### By SEAN SCULLYTHE PRESS DEMOCRAT on January 2, 2014, 5:03 PM

The Sonoma County Water Agency has cut flows in the Russian River by about 30 percent since Tuesday in an effort to preserve dwindling supplies in Lake Mendocino.

State regulators granted the agency permission to cut flows late Tuesday and the agency promptly dropped from releasing about 100 cubic feet per second at the dam, or about 748 gallons, to 90. On Thursday, the agency dropped that number down to 70 cfs, and could go lower this week or next.

"We don't like to take it down really quickly," agency Assistant General Manager Pam Jeane said.

That means flows in the river downstream could fall to below 55 cfs at its lowest point by early next week. During a normal rain year, the agency would need to keep that flow at around 150 cfs at the lowest point; even on a moderately dry year, it can't cut the flow lower than 75 cfs.

But as of Thursday morning, the reservoir had just 26,280 acre feet of water in reserve, about 8.6 billion gallons, or just 38.7 percent of its capacity.

The region is coming out of a record dry year, with just 7.67 inches of rain falling in the upper reaches of the Russian River, as measured at Ukiah; the area usually sees at least 34 inches of rain.

With no major rain predicted for the early weeks of January, the agency is preparing to face a second straight dry year. Without cutting the flows dramatically now, there is a risk of the reservoir effectively running dry next summer should the drought continue, the agency said.

The State Water Resources Control Board agreed, saying cutting the flow now will affect downstream farmers, cities, and wildlife less than if the reservoir were allowed to dry out next summer.

"Any effects associated with such flow reductions would not be unreasonable, considering the potential catastrophic impacts on fish, wildlife and other instream beneficial uses" should the reservoir fall too low to pump any water into the system during the summer, the agency wrote in its order approving the slashed flows.

The immediate practical effect of the lower flows will fall on the cities that draw water from the Russian River. Water managers in both Healdsburg and Ukiah say they are not worried yet because they have alternative wells, but the city of Cloverdale is scrambling because it relies entirely on wells recharged by the river.

Cloverdale City Manager Paul Cayler plans to update the City Council next week and ask members to approve an ordinance authorizing a system of mandatory water conservation measures later in the month, a first for the city. He hopes to have that ordinance in place by early spring, ready to force curtailed water use if the drought continues.

Water supplies further south on the Russian River are in good shape for the moment, the Water Agency says, because the much larger Lake Sonoma reservoir remains at around 70 percent capacity. That should give communities south of Healdsburg about a year's worth of capacity even if the conditions

remain dry.\*

To stretch that out, however, the Water Agency plans to roll out an unusual mid-winter ad campaign next week urging sharp voluntary water conservation measures by consumers in southern Sonoma and northern Marin counties.

In the cities north of Lake Sonoma that rely on Lake Mendocino, the Water Agency is hoping to convene a first-ever summit meeting of local water managers to discuss coordinated conservation efforts, Jeane said. It hopes to set that meeting in the next several weeks.