

NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT

POLICY: SERVICE FROM NORTH MARIN AQUEDUCT

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This policy affects lands in Sonoma County which lie outside of the North Marin Water District (North Marin) Service Area Boundary and are located within or immediately adjacent to the Highway 101 Corridor which parallels the North Marin Aqueduct from the Petaluma Veterans Hall to the North at McNear Avenue in Petaluma (North Marin Aqueduct Station 0 Mile) to the old Sweeney Ranch near San Antonio Creek to the South (North Marin Aqueduct Station 4.5 Miles).

The nearest public water source to said lands is the North Marin Aqueduct. Historically North Marin, with the concurrence of Petaluma and/or the County of Sonoma, has allowed connections to its Aqueduct in the South Petaluma Industrial Area. North Marin, by Agreement dated April 13, 1999, conveyed and transferred to Sonoma County Water Agency sufficient rights, title and interest in the Northerly portion of the Aqueduct from the Veterans Hall to the North end of Kastania Road (North Marin Aqueduct Station 2.0 Miles; said section of Aqueduct is also known as Kastania Pipeline) to transport water to and from the Sonoma County Water Agency's Kastania Tank and to Petaluma's 16-inch transmission main located just south of Rinehart's Truck Stop and Restaurant (North Marin Aqueduct Station 1.6 Miles). The said Agreement makes the conveyance of those rights, title and interest and the use of the Aqueduct subject to the prior needs of North Marin's customers located in its Novato service area.

North Marin is vitally concerned about possible future limitations in the water supply available from the Agency, and is further concerned that the utility of its Aqueduct, the main function of which is to import water to Novato for customers within the North Marin service area, not be diminished by the demands of additional development along the Highway 101 Corridor. The North Marin Water District Board of Directors has therefore decided that requests for connections to the North Marin Aqueduct to serve new development located in the Highway 101 Corridor and outside of the District's boundary shall be denied. Subject to hydraulics constraints as determined solely by the District, and subject to the provisions of District Resolution 1230, the only water service exceptions to this policy that will be considered are:

Lands within the South Petaluma Specific Plan area or along the Highway 101 Corridor which receive land use approval from the County of Sonoma and/or City of Petaluma, and which currently receive water service from the District, provided however, that no expansion of water service (including both the amount of water historically provided and the number of service connections) on said lands will be allowed beyond that which the District has historically provided to said lands, as determined solely by the District.