



BOARD POLICY: NMWD/MMWD RE EXT OF SERVICE OUTSIDE BOUNDARIES  
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JOINT STATEMENT OF POLICY IN REGARD TO EXTENSION OF SERVICE TO THOSE  
AREAS OF MARIN COUNTY NOT PRESENTLY WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF MARIN  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OR NORTH MARIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE

The Marin Municipal Water District and the North Marin County Water District will extend their boundaries by annexation, either contiguous or non-contiguous to provide for present and future water service to those areas of Marin County not presently within the boundaries of the two Districts. Annexations will be part of a joint approach to the provision of water service to all areas of the County and for planning purposes shall be based upon the County Water Service Map dated April 6 1965, and marked Appendix "A". The Districts wish to assist in implementation of those objectives outlined in the statutes creating Local Agency Annexation Commissions, and have approved this statement of policy to provide the most economical and efficient future service to all of Marin County.

SERVICE AREAS

The service areas shown on the County Water Service Map are for the purposes of planning and it may be necessary to vary the lines shown on the map to accomplish the most economical water service in the West Marin Area. The two Districts will cooperate in planning new service in these external areas.

ANNEXATION INITIATION

The extension of Water District boundaries through annexation must be initiated by those desiring ~~service from or location within the~~ annexation to the Districts. with the exception that if under certain circumstances when the two Districts agree that a certain area should be annexed to one or the other or both of the Districts.

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~~boundaries of the Districts~~ Water and Government Codes establish annexation procedures, which are summarized in Appendix "B".

#### ANNEXATION POLICIES

While the existing annexation policies of the two Districts have varied over the years, the following common set of guidelines will be used in determining future annexation policies in regard to new areas:

1. The annexation initiation: Those wishing to initiate the annexation will receive the cooperation and engineering and administrative advice of the respective Districts' staffs. The Districts will prepare boundary maps, petitions, and such other information as may be needed in processing annexations.

2. Size of annexations: It will be the policy of the Districts to encourage the largest possible annexations to keep administrative costs low and to provide for the most efficient and orderly long range growth.

3. Annexation charges: Charges to be made for annexation may include a variety of expenses such as cost of preliminary engineering work, publishing notices, map preparation, and other miscellaneous processing costs, but of principal concern are the annexation fees that have been related to past investment in water works plant. This includes dams, reservoirs, storage tanks, transmission lines, treatment plants, pumping stations and administrative facilities. In considering the large investments required to provide these facilities, the following guidelines will be used to determine the extent to which new annexations to the Districts shall contribute toward these costs.

a. The extent to which existing plant and facilities actually benefit the area to be annexed.



- b. The long range potential for development of water supply in the annexed area for local and area wide use.
- c. The availability of independent permanent or semi-permanent local sources.
- d. The possibility of distributing any annexation charges as a proportionate charge on the tax rate or water rate.
- e. The possibility of deferral of annexation charges pending future development.

#### SEWER SERVICE

The Districts are willing to consider the possibility of sewer service in presently unsewered areas lying outside the logical master plan areas of existing sanitary agencies which may be within or without the boundaries of the present Water Districts. The Districts acknowledge their power to undertake the waste disposal, but believe that the public health aspects of individual waste disposal systems are the primary responsibility of the County of Marin. The Districts recognize the need for over-all coordination of waste disposal programs, particularly those in presently undeveloped areas, and will cooperate in achieving this objective.

#### WATER FACILITIES FOR SERVICE TO NEW AREAS

While long run economics would indicate the need to inter-connect all water service areas in Marin County, it may be necessary on an interim basis in many of the individual areas, particularly in West Marin, for the Districts to undertake service through the use of local sources of supply, including wells and small dams. Each of these sources would have to be evaluated for quality, reliability and cost.

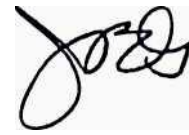
The objective in providing this interim service would be to establish an economical way whereby areas could develop, pending integration with over-all water systems, or construction of more expensive sources.

#### EXISTING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE WATER SYSTEMS

When areas containing existing water systems are annexed to the Districts, these systems may continue their separate existence and expansion programs. If the people being served desire that one of the Districts assume the responsibility for an existing system, the District will study the various ways of accomplishing the change in operation and report to the consumers in that area who will be responsible for initiating the change.

#### FUTURE WATER SUPPLIES

The Districts will continue to cooperate in the provision of future water supplies to all of Marin County and plan the construction of works to achieve the most economical and adequate future supply.

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In general, ~~the~~ annexations to either of the two Water districts should be initiated by those groups or individuals desiring the annexation. However, in special cases, where both Districts agree, the Districts may initiate annexations.