



BOARD POLICY: WASTEWATER (SEWER) SERVICE IN WEST MARIN

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RESOLUTION 00-20

**RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DECLARING ITS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO EXPANSION OF
WASTEWATER SERVICE IN WEST MARIN**

WHEREAS, North Marin Water District owns and operates a community wastewater system serving the existing District service area of Oceana Marin and a community water system serving the existing District service areas of Point Reyes Station and Paradise Ranch Estates, all in the western part of Marin County;

WHEREAS, from time to time, inquiries are made of the District relating to the possibility of expanding said wastewater system to include additional areas, or to provide wastewater service (collection, treatment and disposal) in other areas of West Marin;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of North Marin Water District that the policy of this District with respect to expansion of District wastewater service in the western part of Marin County beyond the existing District wastewater service area is determined and declared as follows:

1. The North Marin Water District will continue to consider arrangements leading to consolidated¹ and expandable² community wastewater systems for West Marin planning areas when said consolidated community systems are consistent with the Marin County Plan and specific community plans.
2. The District will consider assuming the responsibility for providing wastewater service to additional areas of West Marin only when engineering studies for said service conclude that such service is feasible, that wastewater collection, treatment and disposal capacities are adequate and expandable for communitywide service, all as solely determined by the District, and when land use consistency and environmental review are completed.
3. The District will undertake environmental review and engineering studies related to wastewater services only when requested to so by clear and substantial majority (3/4³) of the property owners of the area or areas proposed to be served and upon completion of satisfactory arrangements for payment of the cost of such studies by the persons who may receive benefit therefrom. Such studies shall determine project technical feasibility and economic justification insofar as District provision of wastewater service is concerned.

1 Consolidated community systems means common collection, treatment and disposal facilities for the properties proposed for service.

2 Expandable means the consolidated community system can accommodate or be expanded to accommodate additional properties as solely determined by the District.

3 With less than 75% request, property owners may not later support the necessary 2/3 (67%) vote to tax themselves for the long term financing to fund necessary facilities.

4. The District will consider assuming the responsibility for providing wastewater collection, treatment and disposal service only if: (a) there is no adequate alternative existing community sewer service available, (b) the plan for District service as expandable meets the requirements of the appropriate regulatory agencies including the Regional Water Quality Control Board (c) the area to be served is annexed to the District pursuant to the policies and procedures of the Marin Local Agency Formation Commission, (d) compliance with all applicable District regulations, and (e) arrangements satisfactory to the District are made for all current and future costs in connection with the project and are borne exclusively by the area to be served. Costs shall include and be not limited to the following: property acquisition, capital facilities, operational, maintenance, administrative, energy, chemicals, staffing, insurance and establishing prudent ongoing reserves as determined by the District from time to time.
5. Where new development is proposed the District will consider wastewater service to said new development only where said new development is geographically adjacent to or within existing West Marin communities, and the District determines in its sole discretion, that it is feasible to serve both the proposed new development and other properties within the existing community.
- 6 The District will not consider the responsibility for providing wastewater service to new customers where said service may adversely impact existing customers or where such service is restricted to a single development or developer's interest.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors of NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT at a regular meeting of said Board held on the 16th day of May 2000 by the following vote:

AYES:	Directors Amaroli, Baker, Brand Rodoni and Schoonover
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

Joyce S. Arnold, Secretary
North Marin Water District

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