

Dear Interested Party:

Thank you for your interest in conducting scientific activities within Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD) lands. The MMWD Board of Directors and staff recognize the unique opportunities for research, monitoring, and biological collecting present within the Mt. Tamalpais Watershed. We wish to encourage efforts aimed at increased understanding of the biota and ecological processes found within the lands and waters we manage. At the same time, we are committed to fulfilling our primary purpose of protecting water quality and the resources entrusted to us.

MMWD's Collecting and Research Guidelines and Permit Application is attached. Please complete and return one application for each experiment or activity you would like to conduct. Applications will be evaluated according to potential impacts to natural systems; compliance with state and federal laws and MMWD policies; potential impacts to current or future management /research activities; applicability to MMWD management issues; potential costs to MMWD; and scientific merit.

Please describe your activities accurately and fully to help us evaluate your application. Permits will be granted only for activities as they are described in the application. Subsequent modifications with regard to plot location and activity must be submitted for reevaluation before they can be enacted in the field.

The application process and guidelines are intended to safeguard the integrity of permitted scientific activities as well as the ecological integrity of resources managed by MMWD. Please be aware that there are many projects currently underway within the Mt. Tamalpais Watershed. Your preferred location may intersect an established research plot or management unit. Your proposed activity may violate a federal, state law, or MMWD policy. Individuals conducting scientific activities without permits may be subject to citations or other legal remedies.

It is advisable to get a preliminary assessment of your proposal before you complete the application. Please contact Janet Klein at 415-945-1192 or Laurie Offenbach at 415-945-1180 for assistance.