

on the **WaterFront**

July/August 2020

PLANNING AHEAD FOR PG&E'S POWER SHUTOFFS

As we head into the heat of summer, Marin Water is again preparing for PG&E's Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS). Electricity plays a key role in our service—we rely on electricity to power treatment plants and pump stations that treat and deliver water to our customers' taps.

Plans are in place to ensure that we continue to keep your water flowing even when the power goes out. We have backup generators at our treatment plants and a fleet of portable generators for our pump stations, ready to be deployed as needed. Our team is trained to handle lengthy power outages and other emergency conditions, and they are prepared for around-the-clock staffing to monitor our generators, make any

repairs, and track field conditions and make adjustments along the way.

How You Can Prepare

Planning ahead will help you successfully navigate PG&E's planned power shutoffs. As with any emergency preparedness plan, it's good to have at least a three-day emergency supply of water of two gallons per person, per day. Remember to include extra water for those with special needs and for pets.

During a PSPS event, we ask that you turn off your irrigation system and restrict your water consumption to indoor usage only. Reducing water usage during power shutoffs plays an important role in keeping our tanks full and easing the demand on our



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Conserving water during a PSPS ensures we have an adequate supply of water for firefighting and other essential needs.

backup generators, which is critical to ensuring we have an adequate supply of water for firefighting and other essential needs. Once power is restored, be sure to reset your irrigation system to avoid overwatering.

During last year's PSPS, your conservation efforts helped carry us through by reducing demand on our system. Together, we can power through this year's PG&E events again.

PUTTING YOUR DOLLARS TO WORK

Marin Water is installing a new pipeline under a portion of Sir Francis Drake Boulevard in Kentfield, replacing old pipes that date back to 1920. The new pipeline, which also has features that will improve its seismic reliability, is part of our ongoing work to upgrade aging infrastructure and improve the overall reliability of our system. The cost of the project is \$3.9 million, and the majority of the work will occur at

night to minimize traffic disruptions. Drivers in the area can expect partial lane closures and some traffic delays. Construction is being done in tandem with Marin County's Sir Francis Drake Boulevard Rehabilitation Project, "Upgrade the Drake," to reduce costs and minimize disruptions. Construction began in June and continues through June of 2022. To learn more, call 415.688.7613 or visit www.upgradethedrake.com.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to manage our natural resources in a sustainable manner and to provide our customers with reliable, high-quality water at a reasonable price.

Board of Directors	General Manager
Larry Bragman	Ben Horenstein
Jack Gibson	
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Larry Russell	

Board of Directors meetings are on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, at 7:30 p.m. Learn more at MarinWater.org.

WATER-EFFICIENT LANDSCAPING TIPS

As you turn on your irrigation system for the summer, take the time to walk around each station to make sure everything is functioning optimally. Common problems to look for:

- Leaks of any type
- Overspray onto sidewalks or patio
- Broken sprinkler heads
- Missing or blocked drip emitters

We also offer incentives for water-efficient landscaping through our rebate programs. Our new Landscape Your Lawn turf replacement incentives offer customers a rebate of \$1 per square foot of lawn replaced, or free sheet mulching material and a free irrigation conversion kit, plus free

delivery. For more details visit MarinWater.org/rebates.

Many people turn on their irrigation systems full tilt when the rainy season ends. But over the course of the irrigation season, your plants' water needs will vary greatly, depending on the length of daylight hours, weather conditions and other factors. By adjusting your irrigation schedule to give your garden just what it needs, you'll save water and have happier, healthier plants.

Not sure how much water your garden needs? Use our Weekly Watering Schedule as a guide at MarinWater.org/watering.

NEED HELP PAYING YOUR BILL?

Your water is essential. We understand these are difficult times, and we're here to help. We offer several options to help you lower your water bill payments, including income-based discounts and payment plans. Rest assured that during this pandemic and the shelter-in-place

orders, your water will not be shut off due to nonpayment, and there will be no late fees if you fall behind. To learn more about our discounted rate programs and eligibility requirements, visit MarinWater.org/discounts or contact Customer Service at 415.945.1400.

ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

It is our pleasure to announce that your 2019 Annual Water Quality Report is now available. Similar to prior years, your water continued to meet or surpass federal and state standards. The report describes where our water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to the state and federal drinking water standards. It also summarizes the

results of thousands of water quality analyses we conducted in 2019. You can find our latest Annual Water Quality Report at MarinWater.org/AWQR2019. If you have any questions about the report, or to request a printed copy in English or Spanish, contact our Communications Department at 415.945.1438 or email us at info@MarinWater.org.

Graywater Workshops

Marin Water is partnering with the Urban Farmer Store of Mill Valley to offer two free webinar workshops to learn about the design, installation, and maintenance of a residential laundry-to-landscape graywater system. Visit MarinWater.org/rebates for more information.

August 4, 2020

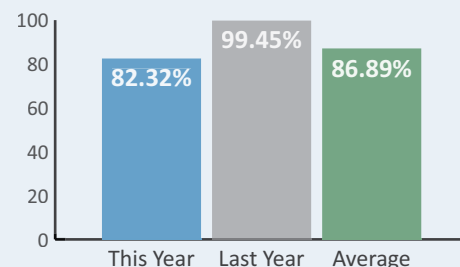
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Thursday | 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

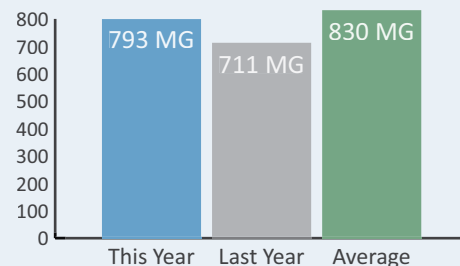
Storage

% of total storage capacity as of 6/10/20



Usage

Total May water usage (MG = millions of gallons)



Rainfall

Total inches of rainfall, 7/1/19 to 6/10/20

