



on the WaterFront

January/February 2021

CONSERVATION DURING DROUGHT CONDITIONS

It's been an unusually dry year, and the warmer and drier weather has created drought conditions throughout much of California. While the district is not in a declared drought, these unusually dry conditions have resulted in our water supply level running about 20% below average for this time of year.

With the uncertainty of what weather the winter months will bring, we are asking all of our customers to help us conserve water. Making some smart and simple adjustments to your daily routine will make a big difference in saving water. Saving water today ensures we have

an adequate supply, should there be dry weather ahead.

Taking shorter showers, turning off the water while brushing your teeth, and running your dishwasher and doing laundry only when you have a full load are all water-saving moves. Fixing leaking toilets and faucets will save water, and save you money.

With shorter daylight hours, your plants and garden need far less water. Reducing irrigation times and turning off your system several days a week will make a big difference.

Perhaps the best water-saving move you can make is trading in your

thirsty lawn for low-maintenance gorgeous landscaping with colorful blooms that require less water and less time. Marin Water offers rebates of \$1 for every square foot of lawn replaced. If you replace at least 500-square-feet of lawn, you can choose to have free mulching material and an irrigation conversion kit delivered directly to your home. You can learn more about these programs and all of our rebates at MarinWater.org/rebates.

Need some help? Contact us at Conservation@MarinWater.org or call us at 415.945.1523 to schedule a free phone assessment.

NEW ANTENNA HELPS TRACK COHO SALMON



Marin Water's fisheries program is widely recognized as a leader in the area of salmon conservation. We recently installed a new antenna to help us track coho salmon in

Lagunitas Creek. Lagunitas Creek, which begins above the district's reservoirs on Mt. Tamalpais, is a spawning and rearing ground for endangered coho salmon and steelhead trout. In partnership with other land managers, we are working to preserve what is now one of the largest remaining populations of Central California Coast coho salmon.

By tracking individual coho salmon, Marin Water hopes to learn more

about where fish thrive and where habitat enhancement efforts are most needed. Our salmon monitoring program also allows us to evaluate the effectiveness of past restoration work throughout the Lagunitas Creek watershed.

Check out our fisheries page at MarinWater.org/fisheries to learn more about the salmon population on the watershed and our habitat restoration work.

Learn how to create drought-resilient landscapes that conserve water, reduce pollution, and are just plain gorgeous with a series of courses offered through our partnership with the College of Marin. Download our free Watershed Approach to Landscaping handbook, and learn more about these upcoming courses at MarinWater.org/WAL.





PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE

Your water is essential. At Marin Water, our job is to deliver safe, high-quality water to your tap 24/7. That means making sure our water system—pipes, storage tanks, pump stations, treatment plants, equipment, our watershed, and our overall operations—are up to the challenge.

To help us plan for our future, we are developing a 10-year financial plan that looks at our challenges and

our opportunities. Through a series of public workshops, webinars and virtual meetings, we'll take a detailed, thoughtful look at our system and our service, as we develop our long-range financial plan.

We invite you to participate. To receive information about our workshops and webinars email us at Info@MarinWater.org. Together, we can plan for a secure water future.

OUR TEAM IS HERE FOR YOU

While our office remains temporarily closed due to the pandemic, our team is here and ready to assist you.

For water emergencies, please call our 24-hour line at 415.945.1500.

For questions about your bill or for information about discounts and payment plans, contact our customer service team, Monday through

Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. at 415.945.1400 or at CustomerService@MarinWater.org.

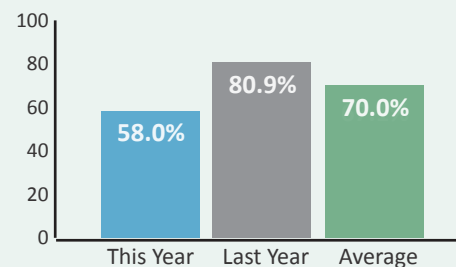
To install a new water service connection, upgrade or relocate a water meter, please contact our Engineering Services Department between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday at 415.945.1530 or EngineeringServices@MarinWater.org.

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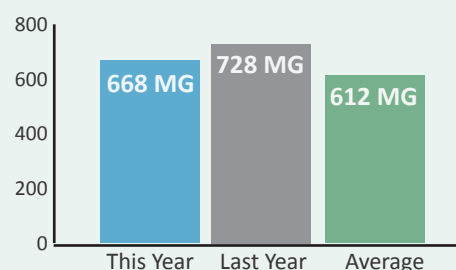
Reservoir Storage

% of total storage capacity as of 12/15/20



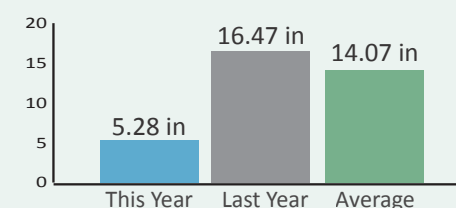
Water Usage

Total November water usage (MG = millions of gallons)



Rainfall Information

Total inches of rainfall, 7/1/20 to 12/15/20



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.

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

