

From: [Teresa McGlashan](#)
To: [Board Comment](#)
Subject: Input on water conservation proposals
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 12:53:51 PM

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Thank you for considering.

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From: [Public Information](#)
To: [Terrie Gillen](#)
Subject: Fw: Input on conservation measures
Date: Friday, April 9, 2021 12:09:02 PM

Public comment for the Board.

From: Gmail business <tmcgbusiness@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 8:07 AM
To: Water Conservation; Public Information
Subject: Input on conservation measures

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From: [Ben Horenstein](#)
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Cc: [Senior-Staff](#)
Subject: FW: April 16, 2021 - Special Meeting Operations Committee/Board of Directors (Operations) - Agenda Item 2 and 5
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 5:07:08 PM
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From: Parnay, Stefan <SParnay@marincounty.org>
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Subject: April 16, 2021 - Special Meeting Operations Committee/Board of Directors (Operations) - Agenda Item 2 and 5

Dear Board Members,

The drought we are facing is unprecedented and will likely be one of the worst in California's history, if not the worst. As you know, our food system is the life blood of our society, and our agricultural producers provide critical commodities, value-added products, and ecosystem services. Their products are sold at our local farmers markets, restaurants, grocery stores, and beyond.

Approving Agenda Item 5 for the Special Meeting Operations Committee/Board of Directors (Operations) on Friday, April 16th will provide some water security for a small number of agricultural producers in the Nicasio Valley. The North Marin Water District Board has already approved similar measures in their service areas.

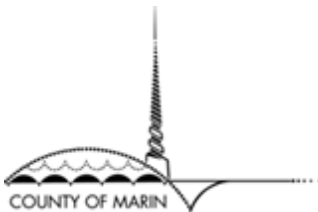
Additionally, in regards to Agenda Item 2, having a variance or exemption to mandatory conservation restrictions for any commercial agricultural operations within your service areas will be vital to ensure their viability. A crop production operation cannot survive by limiting water use to one or even a few days per week. Some sensitive crops will need water daily or nearly daily, especially when the temperatures warm up. There must also be assurance that these commercial agricultural operations are doing their part to conserve water (along with the rest of our residents) while still being able to stay in business and provide food that many of us buy.

I want to thank each of you for the critical work you do helping to protect our precious water resources. This will be an extremely challenging year ahead of us and we must face it together as a community. There is no one that will not be affected.

I will be unable to attend the upcoming meeting by Zoom or phone but wanted to share my thoughts and requests. Thank you for your consideration.

Please let me know if you have any questions or how I can be of assistance.

Best regards,
Stefan



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Stefan Parnay

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Thursday, April 15th, 2021

To: Marin Municipal Water District
Water Board

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Comments and Alternatives Regarding the Directors Meeting
of 4-16-2021.

The current drought condition is an opportunity to redefine water allocation priorities and practices in the portions of Marin County which are served by Marin Municipal Water District.

In this light I would like to comment on the proposed Mandatory Water Use Reduction Program.

* proposal: only allow irrigation one day per week.

effect: This is certain to result in damage and destruction of all but the most established garden plantings.

In turn, extensive habitat loss would cause a decline rapidly in the many beneficial species our gardens support and nurture. Diverse gardens are increasingly important for species preservation.

alternative action: allow irrigation of residential twice weekly by drip and eliminate all turf irrigation unless done with a non-potable water source or by subsurface drip irrigation.

effect: This will help maintain critical habitat provided by our residential gardens, while loss of existing turf will promote longer term changes when replacements are considered. Turf also has the highest water consumption, so this option provides the greatest water conservation with the least destruction.

* proposal: Prohibit the installation of any new landscape, including the expansion of existing landscapes.

effect: This will cause severe financial hardship and loss of livelihood for local landscape professionals, nurseries and supply businesses associated with residential gardens and landscapes.

alternative action: Actively support alternative garden constructions and practices which result in both short and longer term residential water conservation such as lawn removals, cultivation, and mulching with compost while prohibiting the installation of any turf.

effect: This will support the local economy and encourage positive change for the longer range within the garden community.

* proposals: Prohibit washing of cars, boats, planes, power-washing of buildings and homes

additional actions: Promote the use of non-water consuming practices for all surface cleaning until danger of severe water shortage has passed.

effect: This will support community unity and a certain sense of "being in this together" for the greater good of our beautiful environment here in Marin.

* proposal: Prohibit golf course irrigation except tees and greens

effect: Since neither of these areas provides any possibility for habitat of any kind and involves a limited benefit for the community as a whole, this may not be compatible with the earlier turf irrigation prohibition.

alternative action: Irrigate tees only or greens only or neither at all.

I welcome any comments regarding these suggestions. It is of both great personal and professional importance that this situation be responded to in the best and most positive ways. Respectfully, *Wynne*