

From: [ttravirca](#)
To: [Board Comment](#)
Subject: Moratorium on new water hook-ups
Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021 1:16:30 PM

Dear Members of the MMWD Board:

I support the proposed moratorium on new water hook-ups during drought years.

I endorse the correspondences of Community Venture Partners Sustainable Tam Al Monte, and other organizations and customers who recommend that you adopt a moratorium on water hookups for all new construction within the district. What's more, we urge you to abandon the notion of the payment of a conservation fee in exchange for the issuance of a water hookup for this this will in no way alleviate the drought or provide additional water to the District. History and the Courts are on your side on this issue. A moratorium was imposed by the district during the 1970s drought. Legal challenges to the moratorium were rejected by the Court.

Supplying clean water to your current customers, not potential future customers, is your primary mission. It is unthinkable that you charge your customers with the obligation of conserving even more so than they have for years, and simultaneously issue new water hookups, especially if such hookups are for multi-unit developments without individual meters (e.g., Tam Ridge apartments have three meters for 180 units).

ABAG's saddling the County with unrealistic housing numbers for the next housing cycle in the face of a severe drought is unconscionable. We urge you to retain your independence from ABAG's ever increasing attempt to expand its jurisdiction over every local agency that in any way may relate to housing issues. MAD recommends that you issue a moratorium on water hookups as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Terri Travirca

Sent from my iPad

Thursday, June 17

Phone Message:

Rebecca of Fairfax read Director Bragman's statement in the MIJ. She is requesting that the board take action on nonessential turf. Her and her family are conserving water and opines that the turf needs to be either replaced or left to dry out, but not watered during the drought.

From: [Bruce and Gloria Selegman](#)
To: [Terrie Gillen](#); [Jack Gibson](#); [Monty Schmitt](#); [Larry Bragman](#); [Larry Russell](#)
Subject: Rational Drought Response -- Water Hookup Moratorium
Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021 10:16:11 PM

Dear MMWD Directors,

It is undisputed that we are experiencing a drought of historic proportions. Having endured the then historic 1975 - 1977 drought when there were 45,000 fewer Marin water users, we implore the Board to take a most reasonable and necessary conservation measure -- immediately enact a moratorium on new water hookups.

Today there are 195,000 MMWD customers with a water supply smaller than that faced in 1976. In economic terms, "Demand is way up and supply is way down."

Making matters worse, Sonoma is cutting its water exports to Marin by 20-percent. It's time to implement kitchen wisdom of 1900, "Turn off the spigot, we'll run out of water."

Illustrating the risk of running out of water is the Board's consideration of reconstructing a 7-mile water pipeline across the Richmond San Rafael Bridge to import water at a cost of \$45,000,000 in 2014 dollars. From today's telephone call to East Bay MUD I learned that because they too are experiencing an extraordinary drought, exporting water to Marin is debatable if not doubtful. Underscoring the threat of MMWD exhausting its water source is the Board's pondering of constructing, operating, and maintaining a temporary desalination plant at a cost of unknown millions of dollars.

It makes no sense to increase the number of water customers when existing consumers are necessarily forced to reduce their water usage. We fear that Mill Valley resident Paul Kayfetz is correct when he addressed the Board, "How can you have water police dealing out misdemeanors and fines for existing users taking showers or trying to save their landscaping while these [new construction] projects are given free rein?" "It's not fair. It's going to discourage existing users from entering the conservation program."

For all the aforementioned reasons, we encourage the Board to immediately enact a water hookup moratorium. Doing so will demonstrate that the District is acting in good faith to preserve its existing customers' water supply.

Sincerely,

The Selegman's
San Rafael

From: [Public Information](#)
To: [Terrie Gillen](#)
Subject: Fw: Water Rationing
Date: Friday, June 18, 2021 7:33:54 AM

Board comment

From: Water Conservation
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 3:22 PM
To: Public Information; Water Conservation Group
Subject: FW: Water Rationing

See below

From: Water Conservation <conservation@marinwater.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 3:22 PM
To: 'jeff abend' <boxxorain@hotmail.com>; Water Conservation <conservation@marinwater.org>
Subject: RE: Water Rationing

Hello Jeff,

Thank you for your correspondence. I have forwarded your email to our managing staff.

Sincerely,
Wendy

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From: jeff abend <boxxorain@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 3:06 PM
To: Water Conservation <conservation@marinwater.org>
Subject: Water Rationing

Hello MMWD,

With this summer shaping up to be significantly hotter than Marin has ever experienced, maybe it's time for the Board to take a different approach to saving water. Take a lead from Healdsburg and Bolinas. Rather than continuing to limit rate payer's ability to keep their gardens or landscaping alive, come up with a daily maximum allotment of water per parcel or per resident of a parcel. Let people decide for themselves how they use their water. Simple and fair.

Thanks for your consideration.

Jeff Abend
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