

**From:** [Margaret Schlachter](#)  
**To:** [Cynthia Koehler](#)  
**Subject:** Water Conservation in Public Places  
**Date:** Sunday, September 19, 2021 12:17:30 PM

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To Marin Municipal Water District, Corte Madera, CA, Attn: C. Koehler, Board Member

Hello, I hope you are the right person to address this message to.

During past droughts, all public bathrooms such as restaurants, hotel rooms etc., had a sticker affixed to the mirrors above their sinks saying that "we are in a drought - preserve water".

Out of town guests may not be aware of this situation. I have been waiting for these stickers to pop up but nothing. What's holding it up? I was in a restaurant bathroom in Sausalito last night and a Japanese tourists at the sink next to me turned on the water, washed her hands, then let it run full stream while fixing her hair. I reached over and turned it off. She gave me a nasty look as I reached into her space.

When are you planning to provide these stickers to every place that has a public sink?

- Margaret Schlachter

copy to: Mark Levine in response to his brochure "Conserve Water Preserve California"

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**Subject:** Water gluttons  
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Ms. Amy Thomas calls us water gluttons, imagine that. What is a water glutton. Drinking 2 glasses of water rather than 1. How about washing the cars twice a month instead of once a month. For one, I never "overuse" water why would anyone. But she sure is an apologist for the water gang and in fact said that water people, Schmidt and Koehler gave an "informed summary" of their lack of vision. She must be related to someone at the water board.

But listen up, Ms. Thomas. The water district is in existence to do just one thing. Get us the water we want, just not what we need. We use more, we pay more but they all should be fired for their malfeasance, nonfeasance and misfeasance. They do not supply us with our water needs. Their "summary" solution is to charge us more and maybe by next June or July they will consider a pipe line. But this gang at the water district are cryptic in their public statement. They twist words to tell us why desalination is "off the table". Can anyone tell me what they said or what that meant.

Desalination is the only answer, only answer. A pipe line is merely taking someone else's water who may not have enough either. But the board is cryptic in that I believe they climate phobes and environmentalists and touch their "ocean" is a sin against their earth god. But these guys take the view this will pass and they are right. We need 2 more years to be where we were in 1976 and 1977. So their delaying action will work. But in the mean time they can gouge us and they are.

But during that time we will be gouged and they said they are raising the rates for usage. Now since we use less water, they need more money to pay their salaries, no one gets fired and the board will get their huge salaries if we have no water. In summary the board has not reason or responsibility to supply us with water because their mishandling of this has no consequence. My guess is every day the most important thing these guys do is look out the window. They say, hey does it look like it's going to rain. What a bunch.

But nothing will happen but it will rain. Every day for the board is a day of stalling. A day of doing nothing. Every day they throw out a water crumb to keep people like Ms. Thomas thinking they are doing something. But were are we regarding getting water today and where were we in getting water last year. It's the same. We do need a change at the faucet.

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**Date:** Thursday, September 16, 2021 12:29:09 PM  
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Dear Ms Koehler

Shortly after riding by a nearly dry Lake Nicasio I visited friends who were not cutting back. They and many others are just not aware and doing nothing differently.

Please take action now on restrictions and constructing a pipeline.

Long term, we will need desalination when those who sell us water won't have enough to do so. So please act now on that too.



**From:** [Water Conservation](#)  
**To:** [Water Conservation Group](#)  
**Cc:** [Public Information](#); [Terrie Gillen](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Pipeline Decision  
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**Subject:** Pipeline Decision

Hello MMWD Directors.

I am a MMWD ratepayer, native Marinite, and resident since 1952. I urge you to move forward with a permanent water pipeline on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge and accelerate the process so it is completed by no later than Summer 2022. Do not underestimate the current COVID-related supply chain problems affecting nearly all building materials. Please get pipe ordered ASAP and do the water deals. Get the Governor to help pay for it.

The September 14 article in the IJ "Marin Faces Tight Timeline for Span Water Pipeline" helped illustrate the problem. We have a ticking time bomb in Marin that has or will affect every one of us. It should be obvious the pipeline is a good solution and should be permanent insurance. Droughts happen! The kicker in the article was when the author wrote, "An option the district has is to wait until January, after the start of the rainy season, to decide whether to begin buying construction materials." Is it true that three-month delay to a September completion will require a ban on outdoor watering PLUS severe rationing, a 75% reduction in water use? You would be further degrading our quality of life and property values if you wait.

Doubling down on rationing cannot be the "new normal." We do not want to be slaves to water. You should also take advantage of the dry lakebeds to dig them deeper now, look at raising dams and creating new lakes, and plan for a big desalination plant in case rain and snow in the state is not enough. The ocean is the only unlimited supply of water.

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Open Letter  
Marin Municipal Water District  
Board of Directors  
Via email

9-17-21

Soon, the MMWD Board must decide on spending funds to design and build a pipeline and pumping station for additional water supplies.

In this case, time is your enemy. We believe that today is the time to start to rebuild your districts water reserves. In 2022, MMWD will be competing for water for South Bay cities, central valley agricultural operations, large data centers, silicon chip manufacturers, other neighboring states, and fish and wildlife devastation.

Marin Water needs non-interruptible water supplies that cannot be reapportioned by state government, cease to be available due to drought or sold to deeper pocket entities.

Water Train can provide short term water as low as 3¢ a gallon, F.O.B. loading point. Water delivered with minimal infrastructure systems costing MMWD less than \$ 300,000 in most cases. Avoiding millions of dollars for permits, design, engineering, materials, and installation of a trans bay conveyance system with an unsure life expectancy from declining water supplies, or future needlessness.

Water Train is a solid, drought proof secondary water supply alternative where MMWD funds are spent on water, not hardware.

Thank you for your time.

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