

From: [Ann Seramin](#)
To: [Jack Gibson](#); [Monty Schmitt](#); [Larry Bragman](#); [Cynthia Koehler](#); [Larry Russell](#)
Subject: Do right by the residents who you work for!
Date: Thursday, October 14, 2021 6:37:07 PM

I am appalled at the complete lack of leadership and planning that MMWD is displaying now and for the last 42 years to **insure** the **residents** and **taxpayers** of this county **have water! That's your job!** Your responsibilities are not to be governed by the extreme environmentalist who flock to your TAC meetings!!! Your priorities are governed by the people who pay your high salaries, pensions and water bills. Your performance is criminal! Now... you are not allowing us our right for public comment and scrutiny of your tactics by changing tomorrow's public meeting to an off-site location. It appears you are not allowing videos, zoom access, or providing a public record. You are breaking laws! Most elderly in Marin are immunocompromised and do not want to be at a crowded meeting, and what you are doing is wrong and unethical!!! You have a range of options to address our water shortage??? You should have had a plan years ago, and now this has become a **public emergency, for you lack of action. Take the right actions, and do right by the residents who you work for! It is your JOB! DO IT!**

Ann Seramin

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From: [Public Information](#)
To: [Terrie Gillen](#)
Subject: Fw: Useful water-related comments
Date: Friday, October 15, 2021 3:10:06 PM

Board comment

From: Water Conservation
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2021 4:02 PM
To: Public Information; Water Conservation Group
Subject: FW: Useful water-related comments

From: Water Conservation <conservation@marinwater.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2021 4:02 PM
To: 'mike husan' <ocean2waves@hotmail.com>; Water Conservation <conservation@marinwater.org>
Subject: RE: Useful water-related comments

Hello Mike,
Thank you for this email. I have forwarded it to management.

Sincerely,
Wendy

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From: mike husan <ocean2waves@hotmail.com>
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To: Water Conservation <conservation@marinwater.org>
Subject: Fwd: Useful water-related comments

Sent

Begin forwarded message:

From: mike husan <ocean2waves@hotmail.com>

Date: October 12, 2021 at 4:53:05 PM PDT

To: accessibility@water.ca.gov

Subject: Useful water-related comments

Dear official,

I would like to share some of my ideas as to how best to conserve water. Permanent removal of grass lawns, though require watering, have numerous environmental benefits too.

1-Turf grass host wide variety of insects that aerate the soil beneath.

2-Birds use the grass to hop around to find seeds and catch insects. It's another important source of food to hunt for seeds and organism.

3-The lawns/grasses draw water to the surface and then it's dispersed to the air, cooling the neighborhoods, stadiums, parks, etc.

4-Millions of acres of turf grass absorb carbon-based gases while collectively releasing beneficial oxygen.

5-They are a safer, softer playground for children and their games.

6-The grasses absorb strong solar rays rather than reflecting them like hard and flush surfaces made of concrete, or stone tiles of marble and quartz.

8-Turf grasses and lawns are not so hard on the human body and healthier to relax on, enjoy a meal, or simply meditate. It's natural greenery is both pleasing and soothing to the eyes.

Now, as for better ideas to save water, here are some suggestions:

A- New hotels and resorts apply for building permits should be discouraged from building swimming pools and saunas, be they for adults or children.

B-New hotels, private and community pools, and gyms should be obliged to install automatic excessive shower chimes/alarms or digital timers that gently informs users of the amount of water already spent and time to turn it off.

Mandatory stickers should be placed directly above/beneath shower control knobs with words "Please, save our resources. Save water!", "Please, do your part to save water!", "Saving water is the right thing!", "Saving water is an intelligent choice!", "I pledge to save water!", etc.

The stickers have to be designed inexpensive, hard to remove, difficult to write over, and waterproof. They must be attached in direct view wherever a water faucet, knob, shower-head or sink is located inside the above establishments. No exceptions.

C-It's still not too late to create a system that rewards or fines businesses based on their water consumption. A maximum amount of water per guest can be calculated, averaged between gallons used during drought and non-drought conditions.

If water is hard to get due to increased high warm temperatures and decreasing water levels, why can't you county officials join forces with other counties and stop just one source of water wastage, the gym showers?

Up and down California, I have personally witnessed incredible amounts of water wasted in private gyms and swimming pools. Just because the members pay large fees, after brief exercises, they abuse the available showers by purposely lingering for tens of minutes.

D-New apartments, condos, and rental properties that offer paid/free (cold) water to renters, should be persuaded to install water saving devices. This is because usually free water means higher likelihood of negligent wastefulness.

E-Water treatment facility is still worth the investment because of prior examples that they work and partially alleviate decreasing water sources.

All the wastewater from pools, lawns, factories, showers, can be treated and recycled, if not for drinking, then to at least irrigate farmlands.

"If there is a will, there is a way." If taxes and human ingenuity are wasted to needlessly get man and materiel to planet Mars and beyond, how difficult is it to design and build several

wastewater treatment plants? The least you could do with treated water is to extinguish wildfires.

Last but not least, fixating on turf grass removal means overlooking the bigger picture.

Besides all the above mentioned benefits, the grasses prevent soil erosion. Else, wind blown dust from exposed dry soil would increase a lot more.

Certainly, it is possible to invest in a couple of desalination plants along the Pacific Ocean.

The money is there and so is the technology. If dozens of countries such as Spain, Australia, Mexico, Bahrain, Chile, etc. can afford to have desalination plants, some having imported this technology, can't we afford to build a couple in only one state?

Regards

Mike

Sent

From: [Christine Main](#)
To: [Cynthia Koehler](#)
Subject: October 15
Date: Thursday, October 14, 2021 5:25:49 PM

Is it true that MMWD is having an off site Board Meeting tomorrow with restricted public attendance and will not be recorded? What are you thinking???

This is appalling and needs to be restructured and cancelled until a “real” board meeting can be arranged

Christine Main
Larkspur

Sent from my iPad

From: [Douglas Main](#)
To: [Cynthia Koehler](#)
Subject: Public censure?
Date: Thursday, October 14, 2021 6:20:23 PM

Regarding MMWD “open meeting” Friday October 15 2021. What ever happened to the Brown Act?
Shameful,shameful!

Douglas Main
Larkspur,California

Sent from my iPad

From: [Larry Lancot](#)
To: [Cynthia Koehler](#)
Cc: [Larry Russell](#)
Subject: MMWD - Special Meeting at Retreat on October 15, 2021
Date: Friday, October 15, 2021 12:45:21 PM

Dear President of the Board: I learned of the special meeting of the Board of MMWD late yesterday afternoon, too late to submit comments by the 4:00PM October 14, 2021 deadline imposed in the Notice of Special Meeting/Retreat of the MMWD Board of Directors for receipt of emails by Board members about today's meeting. The notice to the public is inadequate to provide any meaningful chance for the public to comment in advance of the or at the meeting and is not compliant with the public light required to shine on public agency meetings under the Brown Act. The last day also happened to coincide with the final game of the National League Divisions Playoff game between the Los Angeles Dodgers and the San Francisco Giants which must have diminished greatly the number of members of the public who would be able to respond by that inadequately short notice period. I was not able to reply until now as the meeting continues today.

I object to a discussion of the topic greatest concern to all MMWD customers and voters namely the "short term and long terms approaches to managing the District's water supply". The key issue for the public because of the drought restrictions is what the District will do to increase water for MMWD's customers which has been discussed in the Marin IJ, but what counts is what you are planning on doing to improve the water supply for MMWD. There is, however, no staff report on what particular approach or approaches will be discussed at your so-called "retreat", and that is not in my view adequate notice to the public under the Brown Act. If documents are to be discussed at the meeting, they should be provided to the public well in advance of the date and time of the hearing.

The Notice of Special Meeting, dated October 12, 2021, states that there will be no public comment except for items on the agenda. The California Legislature passed and the governor signed AB 361 relating to the Brown Act and public meetings and among other things, it provides additional protections for public comment at agency meetings including the provision for the public to provide comments. The MMWD Board's short term notice of essentially two days before the meeting does not provide adequate notice for the public to receive and respond to issues relating to the meeting on this most critical topic to MMWD customers.

I was a member of the Larkspur City Council for twelve years ending in 2003. Larkspur City Council meetings then and now provide adequate notice to the public to receive staff reports and other relevant documents on the Friday before a Wednesday City Council meeting, and public comment on any subject is also specifically listed in the agenda of each meeting and the public is further invited at the start of each meeting to give any public comments during that portion of the meeting and they are not limited to matters on the agenda of that meeting.

You need to re-notice today's meeting so that Marin residents and MMWD water customers can meaningfully participate in the subject of today's meeting in compliance with Board's duties under the California Brown Act.

Very truly yours,

Lawrence R. Lancot
47 Meadowood Dr.

Larkspur, CA

From: [Kathy Flores](#)
To: [Jack Gibson](#); [Monty Schmitt](#); [Larry Bragman](#); [Cynthia Koehler](#); [Larry Russell](#)
Subject: MMWD Offsite Meeting?
Date: Friday, October 15, 2021 8:15:18 AM

Hello,

I has been brought to our attention that MMWD is planning to meet behind semi 'closed doors' today, 10/15/21, to discuss the future of our water supply! I am very confused why this is happening at this time of our drought? We've been in an on/off drought for **many** years but what has MMWD done to help this situation? Not A Thing! And now you are holding an offsite meeting to discuss it without much public input?
Is this 'special meeting' violating the Brown Act?

Only those who do not work or have no other responsibilities will be able to attend - hopefully vaccinated and masked. For those who can not attend MMWD is not offering ZOOM for those who can't show up in person, No Working class residents for representation, No recording, No livestream, No video, No staff report, No advance PowerPoint slides.

How are the rest of us going to know what **exactly** was talked about?

The net effect: **there will be relatively few attendees and no public record!**

How wrong is this?! And with MMWD, being under such close scrutiny, you would think/hope that you'd be more transparent!

Kathy Flores
Fairfax

From: [Marjie Shank](#)
To: [Monty Schmitt](#); [Jack Gibson](#); [Cynthia Koehler](#); [Larry Russell](#); [Larry Bragman](#)
Cc: [Marin IJ Opinion](#)
Subject: No More semi hidden retreats from the Public
Date: Saturday, October 16, 2021 12:46:37 PM

There was NO reason for this not to be a virtual meeting which should have been recorded.

You people send our \$ like water and we don't have much left.

Sincerely,
Marjie and Steve Shank, Rate payers
337 Lowell Ave.
Mill Valley

From: [Jonathan Pritikin](#)
To: [Jack Gibson](#); [Monty Schmitt](#); [Larry Bragman](#); Ckoelher@MarinWater.org; [Larry Russell](#)
Cc: [Ellen Eissler](#)
Subject: Desalinization
Date: Sunday, October 10, 2021 5:49:17 PM

Dear Board of MMWD

I am a 30 year resident of Mill Valley. I have a huge garden that I have worked on for 30 years, filled with rare and unusual plants. I thought that watering this garden would not be a problem in an area that normally gets over 45 inches a rain a year!. It would be heartbreaking to lose this garden. I understand that climate change is happening and will only worsen. I grew up in Santa Barbara. Santa Barbara obtains about 30 percent of its water from de-salinization. This has actually worked well for the city and has maintained a high quality of life and environment. I understand it is an energy intensive endeavor and there are issues of salt production. I don't think there is any long term alternative. The pipe plan still depends on the climate. De-salinization is the best, long term plan to maintain our quality of life in Marin. It is also imperative to keep gardens green because it decreases fire risk. Finally , Marin can offset the energy needs of de-salinization (at least environmentally) by placing solar panels on all county and city buildings and requiring it on all commercial and new houses built , and possibly all houses bought and sold. I have no doubt that one of the richest counties in the county will pass a bond to pay for de-salinization . please let me know your thoughts. Thank you.

Jonathan Pritikin
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Thank you.

From: [M](#)
To: [Monty Schmitt](#); [Jack Gibson](#); opinion@marinij.com
Subject: Desalination
Date: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 12:39:02 PM

Ms. Carlene Hollander wrote an articulate and informative letter about desalination. She cites the success of the city of Carlsbad in Southern California who has used desalination. There is nothing in the statement to debunk. There is nothing in her remarks to question. The only problem is we live in an area that fish and oyster are more important than people and cows. When dealing with the water board we are dealing with climate phoebes and environmentalists. They will never allow desalination because it touches their god the sea. These board members think the ocean is their domain not to be touched.

How dare us eat oyster and use sea water for our own selfish needs. Anyone who has a brain knows desalination is the answer and coming thing. But not in Marin. The water board will punish us with higher rates, criticize us for using too much water, tell us the water pipe will infringe on the bike lane and that's it. I am not sure why the IJ prints these letters, they are merely ignored by the board. The board has not given one reason not to adopt desalination. And they won't. I liked oysters and love cows.

Robert A. Casper, SR
San Rafael, CA

From: [joel cohen](#)
To: [Jack Gibson](#); [Monty Schmitt](#); [Larry Bragman](#); [Cynthia Koehler](#); [Larry Russell](#)
Subject: freaking inept MMWD
Date: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 10:59:15 AM
Importance: High

Hello,

As President of my HOA, I have the privilege of looking at our water bills. Water has gone sky high, we try to conserve, yet the reservoirs are becoming deserts.

I don't understand why MMWD can't set up multiple "desalinization" plants around the county.

I just read where Israel is sending 50million cubic meters a year to Jordan. Israel obviously is a desert country, yet can produce enough water from desalinization to help its neighbor.

MMWD can only install a pipe that may be able to bring in water from sources that are drying up daily.

I think you people need to hire the Israelis to set up water desalinization here. The cost is necessary.

We already pay you enormous amount of \$\$\$, this a rich county. Don't act like we are a poor Mexican burb.

Get on with modern methodology!

Israel signs deal doubling water supply to parched Jordan

Energy minister says agreement underscores Jerusalem's desire for 'good neighborly relations' with Amman; 50 million cubic meters a year to be delivered

By [AFP](#)Today, 5:03 pm

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A picture taken on July 11, 2021, shows a pipe system used to transfer water from Israel to Jordan by Mekorot, Israel's national water company, near Kibbutz Masada by the border with Jordan (background), south of the Sea of Galilee, or Lake Tiberias, one of the main water sources in Israel. (MENAHEM KAHANA / AFP)

Israel formally agreed Tuesday to double the amount of freshwater it provides to neighboring Jordan, one of the world's most water-deficient countries.

The agreement is proof that “we want good neighborly relations,” said Karine Elharrar, Israel's minister of infrastructure, energy, and water resources.

Elharrar traveled to Jordan for a signing ceremony between representatives to the Joint Water Committee that manages bilateral water relations. This capped an arrangement first announced in July.

The two countries agreed then that Israel would sell 50 million cubic meters of water a year to Jordan, doubling what it already supplies.

“This represents the largest water sale in the history of the two countries,” said Gidon Bromberg, Israel director of the regional environmental group EcoPeace Middle East.

He said that the deal “reflects the growing understanding that the climate crisis

already heavily impacting the region must lead to increased cooperation.”

“This is what good neighbors do, in line with Israel’s policy of connections with other countries,” Foreign Minister Yair Lapid said.

Jordan’s cooperation with Israel on water predates their 1994 peace treaty. Israel is also a hot, dry country, but desalination technology has opened opportunities for selling freshwater.

The additional water Israel will provide will come from the Sea of Galilee, said Shaked Eliahu, a spokeswoman for Elharrar.

The water deal comes after bilateral relations had cooled under Israel’s former prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Naftali Bennett, who took over in June, has made strengthening ties with Amman a priority. In July, Bennett met with King Abdullah II in secret at the crown palace in Amman, in the first summit between the countries’ leaders in over three years.

Joel Cohen

Joel Cohen
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Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail.

From: [John Sergeant](#)
To: [Board Comment](#)
Subject: De-Sal
Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 12:13:14 AM

In addition to the pipeline you need to implement de-Sal now!!

John Sergeant

Fairfax

From: [ELIZABETH GRASSETTI](#)
To: [Cynthia Koehler](#)
Subject: Pt Richmond pumping station and pipeline
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 7:45:07 PM

I am writing to register my disgust at your proposal to put a pumping station at Tewksbury and Castro street in Richmond. As a resident of point Richmond we deserve no less consideration than your wealthy rate payers. Please move/ alter your proposed plan to not block our neighborhood or fowl it with diesel and unneeded noise. Why not put in at steinMark drive as suggested by our mayor.? Or just let the lawns Of Marin go brown like many of us did and our doing in the East Bay.

While many of us in the point are not the neediest folks in Richmond, this proposal smacks of social injustice and arrogance.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Grasseti

Sent from my iPadthan your rate payers..

From: [Norma Wallace](#)
To: [Terrie Gillen](#)
Cc: [Tom Butt](#); [Linda Newton](#); [Dorian Van Cleve](#)
Subject: Question re MMWD Importing CCWD Water
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 9:30:44 PM

Hi,

The MMWD website directs that board questions are to be sent to you. I trust you will forward to the appropriate responsible party for immediate review and response.

I have just today learned that this laughable proposal to import CCWD water to Marin appears to be moving forward on greased skids. Some initial observations:

There is water in Marin, it's just being misallocated.

I lived in Marin for 10 years. Marin, the county that prides itself on water conservation. What happened?

Now I live in Richmond, exactly where the noise from construction and operations will directly impact.

The water comes from somewhere else.

CCWD planned. The wealthy of Marin did not support planning by MMWD? Maybe they should let their estate lawns and golf course lawns die. I drove to a protest against dairy ranching at Point Reyes National Seashore. Driving through San Geronimo, I was stunned to witness the verdant green of the golf course. So, you have water. But you need to KEEP the water for DRINKING.

Marin residents will receive all the benefits, Richmond residents will only suffer from both construction and operations, CCWD customers better not be bankrolling this.

1. I request being advised what public outreach efforts were taken for this project? I'll walk to the intersection in the morning, but I have not seen ANY signage posted about proposed projects, as one sees when an EMPTY LOT is being considered for development. I would be within the legally required distance for notification - except this is government work so it's ok to keep the most impacted people from knowing. :-(It's only Richmond too, not San Raf.

2. What analysis was conducted of the anticipated tremendous negative climate impact from this project's construction - in Richmond, as well as the impact of replacing bicyclists - who FINALLY got their trail and are using it regularly - with cars? We know the commute will be worse, so more black emissions in my house.

3. How were Environmental Justice issues weighed?

4. Was consideration given to this project adding to existing noise and air pollution sources from 580, exacerbated by the throngs commuting to Marin for jobs; Emergency Response Vehicles stuck in that same 580W morning traffic, sirens blaring; Chevron and ongoing documented illegal flaring; General Chemical; Simms Metal - renowned for having metal catch on fire, etc?

5. What review was made of allocations, specifically, to golf courses, home landscaping and dairy operations, and is the planned import allotment less than, equal to, or greater than these uses?

Frankly, I am in shock still, trying not to have a heart attack, and not thinking particularly clearly.

I am part Ohlone and Bay Miwok. It's hard to fathom how the Bay Area was populated by my incredibly smart ancestors for 10,000 years without despoiling or desecration. Yet, less than 300 years after taking unceded lands from unrecognized tribes and wasting it, smart and wealthy Marin doesn't have enough water.

Why would ANY resident of Contra Costa try to be "water smart" when Marin is not? California has NO extra water. It's ludicrous for Marin not to manage itself. Try a desal plant if you need more.

This is a complete joke and somebody's pockets are being lined with these contracts. Time will tell. Well, with any luck, people will grab hold of this as related to indigenous rights. Have you yet heard of the lawsuit on behalf of Wild Rice? NOT a joke, not one bit.

Thank you,
Norma Jean Wallace

"Animal products cause more damage than [producing] construction minerals such as sand or cement, plastics or metals. Biomass and crops for animals are as damaging as [burning] fossil fuels." United Nations

PS I am sharing this correspondence in Lucina Vidauri, the last living descendent of Chief Marin.

From: [Steve Early](#)
To: [Board Comment](#); [Jack Gibson](#); [Monty Schmitt](#); [Larry Bragman](#); [Cynthia Koehler](#); [Larry Russell](#)
Cc: [Tom Butt](#); [Gayle McLaughlin](#); [claudia jimenez](#); [mrmelvinwillis@gmail.com](#); [eduardo_martinez@ci.richmond.ca.us](#)
Subject: Comment on MMWD Richmond-San Rafael bridge pipeline project
Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 2:26:33 PM

Dear Marin Water Board Members:

I am writing as one of many Point Richmond residents who will be adversely affected by construction related to your proposed pipeline across the Richmond-San Rafael bridge, if that important infrastructure project is not undertaken in a different manner. I strongly agree with our Mayor Tom Butt, who has proposed the following modification of your construction plans:

"The Richmond Pump Station should not be placed in the residential & commercial district vicinity of Castro & Tewksbury. Rather, it and the associated generator set and piping should be installed in the industrial area on the other side of I-580 with the pipeline running along or under Chevron Way between Castro and Marine Streets on Caltrans and/or City of Richmond property. From Marine St., the pipeline could be attached to the soffit of the Scofield Avenue freeway bridge structure and westward outboard to the Bay Trail, rather than buried in it. This would eliminate most of the adverse construction and operational impacts on Richmond residents and businesses, while maintaining bicycle and pedestrian access to Point Molate and the Point San Pablo Harbor."

I can assure you that, on this side of the bridge, there will be mounting opposition to this project, as currently conceived—including active neighborhood lobbying of our city council related to the encroachment permit that you will need from the city of Richmond, and possible litigation.

Wouldn't it be far better for all concerned to modify this pipeline construction plan now, so that its physical impact falls on what Mayor Butt accurately describes as "the industrial side of I-580," rather than have it disrupt a densely populated, residential neighborhood, with narrow streets, located just across from it?

Thanks for taking these comments into consideration during your deliberations tonight.

Sincerely,

Steve Early

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From: [David Dolberg](#)
To: [Board Comment](#)
Subject: Comment on the MMWD Intertie Project
Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 8:48:01 AM

Dear Board Members:

I want to comment on the resolution approving the emergency intertie project. I live in Richmond, in Contra Costa County. I appreciate the difficulty your district is experiencing, but the solution you propose causes a serious negative impact on all Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Commuters and on the residents of the Point Richmond community. You have other alternatives, such as **taking water from EBMUD's existing 12-inch main at the Stenmark Drive exit from I-580 in Pt Richmond and avoid the need to install a new pipeline from Castro Street with a pump station in the Point Richmond residential and commercial district. Please be considerate of your less advantaged neighbors.**

Dr. David Dolberg, Esq.

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From: [Janet Heckmann](#)
To: [Board Comment](#)
Cc: [Larry Russell](#); [Cynthia Koehler](#); [Larry Bragman](#); [Monty Schmitt](#); [Jack Gibson](#)
Subject: Marin Water Pipeline across Richmond Bridge & Pump Station in Point Richmond (Agenda Item 5)
Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 8:44:45 AM

Tonight the Marin Municipal Water District is having a public meeting to discuss among other things Agenda Item 5 “Resolution Approving the Emergency Intertie Project....”

Our family has lived in Point Richmond for twenty five years. I understand the need for Marin to come up with additional water sources. However, I urge the Board of Directors to consider the following regarding the installation of a water pipeline and pump station in Point Richmond.:

(1) First, consider whether it is viable to tie into EBMUD’s existing 12 inch main at the Stenmark Drive exit from I-580. This may void the need to install a new pipeline from Castro Street with a pump station in Point Richmond.

(2) Second, if you have to put in a pump station, it should be placed on the industrial side of the highway, not in the vicinity of Castro & Tewksbury. This would eliminate the adverse effects on residents and businesses and preserve bicycle and pedestrian access to Point Molate and San Pablo Harbor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Janet Heckmann
Bishop Alley
Point Richmond, CA

Here is information about how to comment on the MMWD Intertie Project. [Click here for the agenda report.](#)

Marin Municipal Water District Public Meeting

Tuesday, October 19, 2021 7:30 PM

This meeting will be held virtually, pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 361.

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numbers and home address.

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From: [Savitri Khalsa](#)
To: [Board Comment](#)
Subject: MMWD Intertie Project
Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 11:34:35 AM

Dear Marin Water District Board Members,

I write today to let you know my family opposes Item 5 on your consent calendar, meeting 10/19/2021. Do not approve the Emergency Intertie Project as presented.

While we recognize that getting water from the Richmond, CA side of the San Rafael/Richmond bridge to the Marin side is your objective, we oppose the proposed location of the pumping station and pipeline.

This emergency project should be located on the Industrial area (the Chevron side) of I-580, it should not be adjacent to the Pt. Richmond neighborhood of homes and businesses.

The negative impacts in the proposed location of this project need to be reconsidered. Richmond struggles mightily to keep the environment inviting, clean, and quiet. Please hear us, Richmond residents, vote no today. Revise this plan for a more appropriate location.

Thank you,

Richmond, CA Resident
Savitri Khalsa

From: [Barton Hackworth](#)
To: [Board Comment](#)
Subject: MMWD pipeline project
Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 8:51:31 AM

Dear Board members,

I would like to voice my strong objection to a pump station being built in Point Richmond right next to a residential neighborhood. This is unacceptable. Further you will never get BAAQD approval for Diesel engines.

In addition, I strongly object to the pipeline being laid under the new pedestrian path between The Point and the Bridge. Alternatives must be considered.

Closing the bridge bike/pedestrian path for an extended period of time is bad enough, but we understand the problem Marin is in. However disregarding the wishes of Point Richmond residents is unacceptable.

Please work on a better plan.

Sincerely,

Bart Hackworth
Cell: 510-847-1633
Email: bbjasail@gmail.com

From: [Terri Hinte](#)
To: [Jack Gibson](#); [Monty Schmitt](#); [Larry Bragman](#); [Cynthia Koehler](#); [Larry Russell](#)
Subject: MMWD's proposed pillaging of Richmond
Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 1:11:42 PM

Folks,

You seem to be skipping many steps to a fair and proper handling of Marin's water shortage and the proposed pipeline to be built on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. You apparently think you can plow through this and put one over on us rubes in Richmond. Fortunately Mayor Tom Butt has brought the matter to our attention.

Halt everything and rethink this. Do unto others etc.

I remember living through a drought as a Mill Valley resident in the 70s and the severe restrictions we lived with. Are any restrictions in place now? Are residents limited to 30 gallons per person per day? Are restaurants required to use paper plates? And so on.

Until I hear about such restrictions being imposed, and until Richmond is given a voice in your "plans," I'll assume that you're operating in bad faith.

Sincerely,

Terri Hinte

Richmond resident

From: [Rebecca M](#)
To: [Board Comment](#)
Subject: No Exemption from CEQUA
Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 5:19:42 PM

Dear MMWD Board Members,

Regarding the application to ask for exemption for the CEQUA review, I urge you not to support.

This is not an emergency; anyone living in the Northern California area could predict another drought period. Years of reduced rainfall have been the norm over the last 30 years. MMWD's failure to plan for the latest cycle and try and put the burden on the residents and businesses of Richmond Point is unacceptable. Other than raising rates and "awareness" for your customers, there have been no other mitigation measures to save water. I owned property until recently in Kentfield, your service area; it is obvious raising rates on the wealthy is not going to have much of an impact. I believe this is a case of affluent Marin County trying to make the less so Richmond citizenry bare the burden of their short sightedness.

At the very least, should the project proceed, the pumps should be moved to the industrial side of the I-580 so that the noise generated does not affect Richmond residents.

Rebecca Motlagh
Waterline Community
Richmond CA

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Y](#)
To: [Board Comment](#)
Subject: pipeline over the R/SR bridge
Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 9:07:22 AM

Why not build your pipeline to the north, a region of more rainfall? The East Bay receives about the same rainfall as does Marin and our water storage is not that great.

Don Woodrow

From: jchesha@aol.com
To: [Board Comment](#)
Subject: PROJECT TRAFFIC IMPACT
Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 1:52:28 PM

I am a resident whose driveway is accessed from Castro Street. In the past, westbound commuters caused severe morning congestion by engaging in illegal U turns and other traffic violations. The resulting gridlock on Castro Street between Tewksbury and W. Richmond Avenues trapped residents in their driveways. The problem has been so severe that the Richmond Police Department had to place movable barricades at Tewksbury Avenue and Castro Street to block these vehicles.

This congestion is created by southbound Castro Street motorists proceeding past the I-580 onramp entrance. They then make U turns in the Tewksbury vicinity to access I-580 via the northbound Castro onramp entrance, believing their commute time is reduced. While cashless toll has significantly reduced this problem, Castro Street between Tewksbury and E. Standard Avenues still experiences gridlock as a result of illegal turning and illegal usage of a bus stop.

Tewksbury Avenue was narrowed a couple years ago to facilitate the bike trail, enhancing the occasional backups that sometimes reach Santa Fe Avenue. Failure to factor traffic delays and impediments into the project will be an error. My neighborhood will suffer the brunt of construction noise from this project, and don't need morning traffic jams as well.

Will a comprehensive traffic study of this vicinity be conducted?

JAMES CHESHARECK

From: [Norma Wallace](#)
To: [Board Comment](#); [Cynthia Koehler](#); [Larry Bragman](#); [Larry Russell](#); [Monty Schmitt](#)
Cc: [Amy Van Cleve](#); [Linda Newton](#); [Tom Butt](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT MMWD Importing CCWD Water
Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 4:48:06 PM

I checked the information on your website yesterday and discovered that I could send comments to this person for distribution to the board. I received a bounce back they were not at work and heard nothing further.

Please make the below comments part of the record. It is abundantly clear that you were only going through the motions and plan to go forward with this project come hell or high water or no water. It's inconceivable you cannot build a diesel plant in your own backyard but must take water from some other watershed that you don't care about and then claim Marin is Green. It just doesn't work that way.

I am angry, I am livid, I am beside myself that Marin, of all places, is even considering this highly impactful project so that you can keep lines and golf course is green and dairy operations flowing. Does Marin care about climate change? No, clearly it does not.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Norma Wallace** <thetqnj@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Oct 18, 2021 at 9:30 PM
Subject: Question re MMWD Importing CCWD Water
To: <tgillen@marinwater.org>
CC: Tom Butt <tom.butt@intres.com>, Linda Newton <lmnop4me@gmail.com>, Dorian Van Cleve <a.v.vancleve@gmail.com>

Hi,

The MMWD website directs that board questions are to be sent to you. I trust you will forward to the appropriate responsible party for immediate review and response.

I have just today learned that this laughable proposal to import CCWD water to Marin appears to be moving forward on greased skids. Some initial observations:

There is water in Marin, it's just being misallocated.

I lived in Marin for 10 years. Marin, the county that prides itself on water conservation. What happened?

Now I live in Richmond, exactly where the noise from construction and operations will directly impact.

The water comes from somewhere else.

CCWD planned. The wealthy of Marin did not support planning by MMWD? Maybe they should let their estate lawns and golf course lawns die. I drove to a protest against dairy ranching at Point Reyes National Seashore. Driving through San Geronimo, I was stunned to witness the verdant green of the golf course. So, you have water. But you need to KEEP the water for DRINKING.

Marin residents will receive all the benefits, Richmond residents will only suffer from both construction and operations, CCWD customers better not be bankrolling this.

1. I request being advised what public outreach efforts were taken for this project? I'll walk to the intersection in the morning, but I have not seen ANY signage posted about proposed projects, as one sees when an EMPTY LOT is being considered for development. I would be within the legally required distance for notification - except this is government work so it's ok to keep the most impacted people from knowing. :-(It's only Richmond too, not San Raf.

2. What analysis was conducted of the anticipated tremendous negative climate impact from this project's construction - in Richmond, as well as the impact of replacing bicyclists - who FINALLY got their trail and are using it regularly - with cars? We know the commute will be worse, so more black emissions in my house.

3. How were Environmental Justice issues weighed?

4. Was consideration given to this project adding to existing noise and air pollution sources from 580, exacerbated by the throngs commuting to Marin for jobs; Emergency Response Vehicles stuck in that same 580W morning traffic, sirens blaring; Chevron and ongoing documented illegal flaring; General Chemical; Simms Metal - renowned for having metal catch on fire, etc?

5. What review was made of allocations, specifically, to golf courses, home landscaping and dairy operations, and is the planned import allotment less than, equal to, or greater than these uses?

Frankly, I am in shock still, trying not to have a heart attack, and not thinking particularly clearly.

I am part Ohlone and Bay Miwok. It's hard to fathom how the Bay Area was populated by my incredibly smart ancestors for 10,000 years without despoiling or desecration. Yet, less than 300 years after taking unceded lands from unrecognized tribes and wasting it, smart and wealthy Marin doesn't have enough water.

Why would ANY resident of Contra Costa try to be "water smart" when Marin is not? California has NO extra water. It's ludicrous for Marin not to manage itself. Try a desal plant if you need more.

This is a complete joke and somebody's pockets are being lined with these contracts. Time will tell. Well, with any luck, people will grab hold of this as related to indigenous rights. Have you yet heard of the lawsuit on behalf of Wild Rice? NOT a joke, not one bit.

Thank you,
Norma Jean Wallace

"Animal products cause more damage than [producing] construction minerals such as sand or cement, plastics or metals. Biomass and crops for animals are as damaging as [burning] fossil fuels." United Nations

PS I am sharing this correspondence in Lucina Vidauri, the last living descendent of Chief Marin.

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Norma

Sent from Gmail Mobile, please excuse both the brevity and their "corrections"

Methane. Many times more polluting than carbon dioxide. One cow produces up to 265

pounds of methane annually. Want to reduce your carbon footprint? Stop eating cows on days that end in “y.”

From: [Leisa Johnson](#)
To: [Board Comment](#)
Cc: [Leisa Johnson](#)
Subject: Public Comments for MMWD Oct 19, 2021 Meeting - Agenda Item 5 (Intertie Project)
Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 3:00:09 PM

Dear Marin Municipal Water District Board Meetings,

I am writing in opposition to the Intertie Project as proposed.

People in Richmond wish that Marin County residents and representatives would please stop treating us with complete disrespect in order to meet your needs and enhance your quality of life. This happened with the Richmond San Rafael bridge when the east bound direction was modified to three lanes, and left the westbound direction with only 2 lanes and **no** breakdown lane. This has left us with significantly congested traffic and increased pollution from idling cars.

Now, Marin County is once again proposing to adversely impact the lives of Richmond residents, and in particular those living in Point Richmond, so that you have water.

I oppose the proposed location of the pumping station. The Richmond Pump Station should not be placed in the residential & commercial district vicinity of Castro & Tewksbury. Rather, it and the associated generator set and piping should be installed in the industrial area on the other side of I-580 with the pipeline running along or under Chevron Way between Castro and Marine Streets on Caltrans and/or City of Richmond property.

From Marine St., the pipeline could be attached to the soffit of the Scofield Avenue freeway bridge structure and westward outboard to the Bay Trail, rather than buried in it. This would eliminate most of the adverse construction and operational impacts on Richmond residents and businesses, while maintaining bicycle and pedestrian access to Point Molate and the Point San Pablo Harbor.

This process is being imposed on us with now CEQA protection.

We want our voices to be heard and our quality of lives to matter. Please stop treating us like second class citizens.

Please also request more stringent conversation measures on your residents.

Thank you.

Leisa Johnson

From: [Buzz Baylis](#)
To: [Janet Heckmann](#)
Cc: [Board Comment](#); [Larry Russell](#); [Cynthia Koehler](#); [Larry Bragman](#); [Monty Schmitt](#); [Jack Gibson](#)
Subject: Re: Marin Water Pipeline across Richmond Bridge & Pump Station in Point Richmond (Agenda Item 5)
Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 9:35:24 AM

Thank you Janet for your efforts on this topic.

I lived in Marin for 25 years that included 1976 and that era's version of the pipe over the Richmond San Rafael Bridge. Point Richmond has been my home since 1995 and when I read Mayor Butt's post regarding the MMWD plan on NextDoor I was in-part embarrassed for my former home (and current home to two of my grandchildren + their parents) county and outraged that fellow Point Richmond residents might be subjected to a permanent invasion of their neighborhood that their local government had nothing to do with!

The Mayor's mentioning of the possibility of utilizing a Stenmark Drive EDMUD water main had me thinking the MMWD didn't research many optional plans. I will assume this was because the MMWB is a bit embarrassed to be starting such a project well into the current drought.

I will close with the hope another plan will be forthcoming in the very near future!

..... *Buzz*
Point Richmond Resident

On Tue, Oct 19, 2021 at 8:44 AM Janet Heckmann <jmheckmann@me.com> wrote:

Tonight the Marin Municipal Water District is having a public meeting to discuss among other things Agenda Item 5 "Resolution Approving the Emergency Intertie Project...."

Our family has lived in Point Richmond for twenty five years. I understand the need for Marin to come up with additional water sources. However, I urge the Board of Directors to consider the following regarding the installation of a water pipeline and pump station in

Point Richmond.:

(1) First, consider whether it is viable to tie into EBMUD's existing 12 inch main at the Stenmark Drive exit from I-580. This may void the need to install a new pipeline from Castro Street with a pump station in Point Richmond.

(2) Second, if you have to put in a pump station, it should be placed on the industrial side of the highway, not in the vicinity of Castro & Tewksbury. This would eliminate the adverse effects on residents and businesses and preserve bicycle and pedestrian access to Point Molate and San Pablo Harbor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Janet Heckmann
Bishop Alley
Point Richmond, CA

Here is information about how to comment on the MMWD Intertie Project. [Click here for the agenda report.](#)

Marin Municipal Water District Public Meeting

Tuesday, October 19, 2021 7:30 PM

This meeting will be held virtually, pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 361.

To participate online, go to <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87823151194>. You can also participate by phone by calling **1-669-900-6833** and entering the **webinar ID#: 878 2315 1194**. To participate online, go to <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87823151194>. You can also participate by phone by calling 1-669-900-6833 and entering the webinar ID#: 878 2315 1194. PARTICIPATION DURING MEETINGS: During the public comment periods, the public may comment by clicking the "raise hand" button on the bottom of the Zoom screen; if you are joining by phone and would like to comment, press *9 and we will call on you as appropriate.

EMAILED PUBLIC COMMENTS: You may submit your comments in advance of the meeting by emailing them to BoardComment@MarinWater.org. All emailed comments received by 3 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be provided to the Board of Directors prior to the meeting. All emails will be posted on our website. (Please do not include personal information in your comment that you do not want published on our website such as phone numbers and home address.

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From: [Germansparkles](#)
To: [Board Comment](#); [Tom Butt](#); [Kron4](#); [Robert Rogers](#)
Subject: Richmond bridge water pipeline
Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 9:34:41 AM

This is another premature project Marin attempts to ram through in order to satisfy its entitled residents. At no point during the multi year drought instituted, not to mention failed to enforce, the Marin water district harsh fines for water guzzling households. While you claim Marin depends on the pipeline you fail to mention the minimum water reductions you achieved. Instead you quietly involve outside lobbyists in order to run over, or more clearer bully, Contra Costa and the city of Richmond into allowing this construction without the necessary environmental reviews. Like in all construction permitting, you can't just use grandfathered 1970's construction permits to justify this hasty major construction project. It disrupts existing Bay Trails, creating a major impact on recreational activities of an already socioeconomic disadvantaged community. And, above all, you fail to mention that at this point you only secured 40% water running through this pipeline. SHAME ON YOU ALL!

Best,
Claudia Citroen

From: [sara f](#)
To: [Board Comment](#)
Subject: Shocked and horrified
Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 10:37:19 PM

I am shocked that your organization would propose to steal water from Richmond and EBMUD customers. This is a smash and grab of epic proportions on communities of color while Marin continues to be the whitest and most segregated County in California. It is no surprise your agency is used to taking. How many of your members care are about the welfare of Richmond residents and EBMUD customers? It is clear that our welfare is not any of your concern.

Sent from my iPhone