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From: Miles Raphael <milesrap@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 6:04 AM
To: Board Comment
Subject: Water Conservation

Dear Board,

I was unable to listen in to the meeting on the 4th; however, I did listen to the you tube recording. I would like to comment on Larry Menekes last comment regarding conservation. I do wonder why the most emphasis is not placed on conservation of our water use.

Our household water use was a bit excessive (tier 2) prior to February 2021. We took a very aggressive approach to the problem and have maintained a reduction of approximately 70% over the last 8-10 months. We have been able to sustain a 50 gallon per day per person use rate. We achieved this by eliminating all outside irrigation, removing our lawn at our own expense, and installing wood chips in place, installing a recirc pump at a cost well above your rebate, and reducing toilet flushings and using shower buckets for irrigation. Our yard was dry and most plants looked dead until the rains. About 60% have endured the dry spell and are now thriving with the water.

It troubles me greatly that the district was unable to achieve it's goal of a 40% reduction. Rather than spend so much money on a pipeline, why not focus on incentives to get users to the 50 gallons per day that is more than adequate for household needs.

I look at water watch on your site at least a couple of days a week, and I believe our use has been running around 20% less since the rains in October. We have to do better than this...

To Larry Russell, as the leader of the new board, please look for a solution to your internet connectivity problems, and if you can't fix it, go to another location for the meetings. It would be nice to have your presence throughout the entire meeting.

Thanks for listening.

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From: John Leszczynski <johnl5447@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 6:15 PM
To: Board Comment
Subject: Lack of Credibility of the Current MMWD Board And How to Restore It

Gentlepersons, **I'd like to offer comments at the opening of the 1-14-2022 Board Meeting given the following:**

1. Spotswood's Columns in the IJ (surely you've been reading them!);
2. **The complete lack of a sense of urgency exhibited in your board meetings**, regarding the ongoing desertification of California. In fact, you mention this not at all, anywhere that I can find! Droughts will intensify, growing longer and reappearing at shorter intervals...all stemming from the **RELENTLESS, unmitigated, exponential increases of CO2** content in the global atmosphere in the future..
3. **The ridiculous dithering about, and current abandonment of, the pipeline across the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.**
Clearly, God answered your prayers and sent a couple of heavy rainstorms, lately. A perfect excuse to stop planning for the future, see point 2, above.
4. **In an inadvertent defense, the pipeline was a bad idea to begin with for the long term.** Begging/borrowing water from similarly drought- prone areas, at the well-documented expense of their local flora and fauna environments, is a moral travesty....even if those counties are "well paid" for the water by Marin. As a side note, any supply contracts that Marin signs will undoubtedly include "Force Majure" wording that will deny us water if a county needs it for their residents. So the pipe is rendered useless just when we might need the water the most!

SUGGESTION FOR RESTORING THE MMWD BOARD'S CREDIBILITY

This suggestion is based on what I did as a member of the Zone4Flood District Advisory Board here in Tiburon, when we were in the planning stages for a new Pump Station....on a much smaller scale of course. .

1. Form a Board Subcommittee of 2-3 board people and call it **The Marin Independent Water Operating Committee.**
Acronym: MIWOC (not to be confused with the MIWOK Indians, our first conservators of water in CA)
2. This committee is charged with identifying two, not more than 3, options for the future supply of our potable [water.to](#) carry us through our basic water needs regardless of the length of any drought.

3 .Desalination must be the first option! It will be the underpinning of Marin's complete independence from other counties and the lack of rain for any period of time well into the future. It is the only option that will not impact our local environment, nor anyone else's! Of course, the plant needs to be located properly in the county jurisdiction, much like a sewage treatment plant, so as not to "offend the eye").

4. MOST IMPORTANT.....Include a report of the progress of this committee, meeting definable goals, as a permanent Agenda Item at each Public Board Meeting.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

You must also be aware there is an intense effort underway to recruit candidates (me among them) to run against Ms. C. Koehler, Mr. J. Gibson, and Mr. L. Bragman. I haven't decided whether or not to make a go of it in the public domain.. although I've worked with engineers in the public sector,as well, quite a few times over the years. .

I've worked in, and now retired from, private work. However, my expertise, starting from when I got a B.S. in Chemical Engineering ('69), has been in the CAPITAL EQUIPMENT side of air pollution control , water/ wastewater and sewage treatment plants, and the thermal destruction of solid, hazardous waste materials.

Last 25 years I was Founder, President, and CEO of the North American Subsidiary of a Danish Company specializing in supplying equipment systems to make large concrete precast components for Elevated Highways, Parking Garages, Water Piping, Tunnels, and Large Multi-Story Buildings.. I've worked with A,E&C companies and their engineering staff, similar no doubt to your internal technical support organization.

Any questions you may have, I can answer during PUBLIC COMMENTS on the 14th.

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