

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS'

MEETING DATE: March 14, 2023

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: This meeting will be held in-person and virtually.
Director Russell will be participating at another location.

<i>Open Session</i>	<i>Outside Location for Director Larry Russell</i>	<i>Virtually</i>
Marin Water Board Room 220 Nellen Avenue Corte Madera, CA 94925	200 Martinique Ave Tiburon, CA 94920	URL: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88134852296 Webinar ID: 881 3485 2296 Phone Call: 1-669-444-9171 or 1-669-900-6833

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 3:00 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 addresses.)**

PARTICIPATION DURING MEETINGS:

In-person Attendee: Fill out a speaker card prior to the meeting and place it in the container for a District staffer to collect. List the number of the agenda item(s), for which you would like to provide a comment.

The board secretary will call first the in-person attendees. Once your name or identifiable mark is called, go to the lectern, and you have up to three (3) minutes to provide a comment. After your comment or after the timer goes off, please go back to your seat.

Virtual Attendee: Click on 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 staff will call on you by the last four digits of your phone number. Virtual attendees will be called upon after the in-person attendees.

(Note: The board president may shorten the amount of time for public comment due to large numbers of both in-person and virtual attendees.)

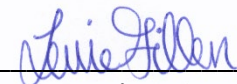
MARIN WATER BOARD OF DIRECTORS: RANJIV KHUSH, LARRY RUSSELL, MATT SAMSON, JED SMITH, AND MONTY SCHMITT

AGENDA ITEMS**RECOMMENDATION****Call to Order and Roll Call****Adopt Agenda***Approve***Discussion Item****1. Rate Setting Process Update***(Public Comments will occur at the end of the discussion)**Information***Adjournment** (7:00 p.m. – Time Approximate)**ADA NOTICE AND HEARING IMPAIRED PROVISIONS:**

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FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS (BOTH IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL)

Dates	Meetings
Thursday, March 16, 2023 1:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Watershed Committee/ Board of Directors (Watershed) Meeting
Tuesday, March 21, 2023 6:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Closed Session to immediately follow (Only Board and Staff)

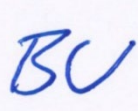


Board Secretary

Informational Item

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Bret Uppendahl, Finance Director



THROUGH: Ben Horenstein, General Manager

DIVISION NAME: Administrative Services Division



ITEM: Rate Setting Process Update

SUMMARY

The District provides high quality water to over 191,000 residents in a 147 square mile area that includes most cities, towns and unincorporated areas within Marin County. Novato and West Marin are located outside of the District's service area.

As a municipal water district that relies on water rates to fund ongoing operations and capital improvements, Marin Municipal Water District (District) is subject to the procedural requirements of Proposition 218 in order to adopt new or increased rates. These procedural requirements include, but are not limited to, an analysis of the cost of providing water service and a public hearing to consider the proposed rate adjustment.

Throughout the rate setting process, the District has been working with Bartle Wells Associates, a public finance consulting firm with over 50 years of experience providing independent financial advice to public agencies throughout California. Bartle Wells will be providing an overview of the draft Cost of Service Analysis, changes to the rate design and preliminary rate proposals.

DISCUSSION

Since December 2022, the District has provided seven updates to the Board, including a special meeting, detailed updates at Finance and Administration Committee meetings, and various presentations during regularly scheduled Board meetings. The District also recently completed a series of four community workshops, three of which were in-person at different venues within the district, and one of which was a virtual meeting. The District has also created a dedicated webpage for customers to find all rate-setting information in one place. The website includes an overview of the process, FAQ's, links to previous presentations and information on current rates. The website can be accessed through links from the District's homepage or directly at www.marinwater.org/2023ratesetting.

During the February 23rd Finance Committee meeting, staff presented multiple revenue requirement scenarios. The staff recommendation included funding for water supply

enhancement, further investments in water conservation, additional funding for fire fuel reduction (BFFIP) and service enhancements, reserve replenishment, increased capital investment, and funding for critical technology systems. The Board also indicated that funding to begin Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) and a valve exercising crew should be included in the 4 year rate period.

Bartle Wells, the District's rate consultant, will be providing an overview of the Cost of Service Analysis. Their presentation will include a discussion of the rate design changes as well as preliminary rate impacts associated with the revenue requirement for the items noted above.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

ATTACHMENT(S)

None