

on the WaterFront



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EO PRODUCTS' STORY

CARING FOR AN ESSENTIAL RESOURCE, HELPING OTHERS



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San Rafael-based company, EO Products, is a certified B-Corporation, a certified California Green Business and is powered by 100% renewable energy.

So how does a personal care products producing business where even the forklifts are zero-emission electric vehicles carve out an even larger impact in the environmental space? In a word: water.

EO Products staff have installed a pilot rainwater catchment system to collect and store rainwater for landscaping use on the company's San Rafael campus. But the company isn't stopping there.

As part of its effort to divert more than 90% of its waste away from landfills, EO Products in the spring of 2024 began donating barrels previously used in its business operation to Marin Water. These

non-food-grade barrels can easily be converted into water storage barrels for use in residential and commercial rainwater catchment systems, enabling Marin Water customers to supplement their own outdoor watering needs. As of Sept. 10, 2024, more than 300 customers had expressed interest and nearly 300 barrels have been given away.

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With the free barrels, a few needed supplies and some DIY instructions, customers can create their own rain catchment systems at a reduced cost. Learn more about rain catchment at marinwater.org/CatchtheRain.

ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE COMING TO MARIN WATER

A significant investment in infrastructure that supports the District's water supply resiliency efforts and helps customers is coming. Marin Water is testing technologies as it plans for a service area-wide rollout of Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI).



This system provides a continuous link between the District and its customers via cellular networks or radio frequencies. AMI can provide a nearly real-time look at water use that can help customers detect leaks, or abnormal water usage, while giving customers greater understanding of their water use patterns.

More than 5,000 customers are already piloting the program, and product testing will expand next year with an eye toward fine-tuning the customer experience. System-wide implementation is expected to be complete by 2030.

SPILLWAY MODIFICATIONS TO BOOST CAPACITY, WATER RESILIENCY

After experiencing a water shortage emergency in 2021, Marin Water formulated a plan to strengthen its water supply resiliency in the face of future droughts. The plan is a roadmap of specific actions – both near- and longer-term – and includes, among other strategies, plans for enlarging local storage facilities.

Modifying Nicasio Reservoir's spillway, one of the near-term storage enlargement projects identified in the roadmap, is now in the early stages of implementation with work on the project's design, environmental review and permitting all getting underway. Like all water supply or storage projects, modifications to the Nicasio Reservoir spillway requires intensive planning efforts, careful study, environmental review, and permits from other public agencies.

While not a sole solution to our local water supply needs, the spillway modifications project at the Nicasio Reservoir has advanced from planning to the design phase due to its unique advantages in flexibility. By modifying the spillway, the capacity of this storage facility will ultimately increase by a total of around 3,000 acre feet. Despite the complexity of this project, these spillway modifications remain a relatively quick and cost-effective way to achieve additional water storage capacity as compared to many other water supply alternatives within the District's roadmap, and the District is sharply focused on expediting its completion.

In parallel, the District also continues more incremental work on its longer-term water supply projects that will take much more time, planning, and regulatory work to bring to fruition.

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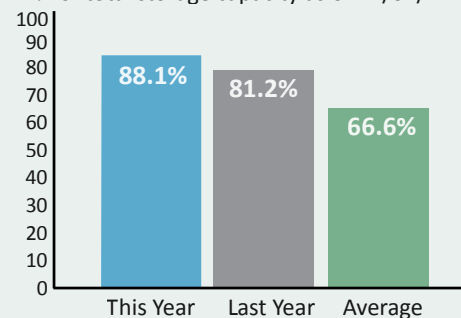


About Our Water Supply

About 75% of the District's water supply comes from local reservoirs located on Mt. Tamalpais and in west Marin. The following chart displays storage, usage and rainfall data as of Dec. 1, 2024. For real-time data, visit marinwater.org/WaterWatch.

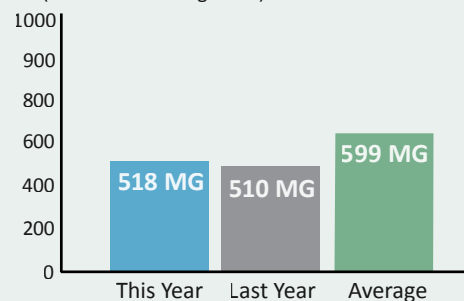
Reservoir Storage

% of total storage capacity as of 12/01/24



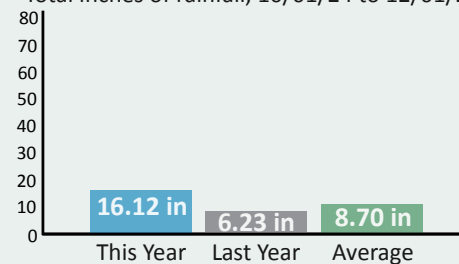
Water Usage

Total November water usage (MG = millions of gallons)



Rainfall Information

Total inches of rainfall, 10/01/24 to 12/01/24



OUR MISSION

Marin Water manages the lands, water, and facilities in our trust to provide reliable, high-quality water and adapt and sustain these precious resources for the future.

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