

on the WaterFront



Spring 2025

DISTRICT PURSUING LARGEST WATER SUPPLY MEASURE IN 40 YEARS

Marin Water has begun design and environmental review work for a new conveyance pipeline and pumping plant that would bolster water supply reliability in times of drought by diverting excess winter water from the Russian River in Sonoma County to a local Marin Water reservoir.

At 1,485 square miles, the Russian River Watershed is 40 times larger than the watershed feeding Marin Water's seven local reservoirs, capturing tremendous amounts of water during winter rainfall events, often swelling and frequently flooding. Records show that even during drought years there are plentiful "winter water" supplies in the Russian River between October and May resulting from winter rainfall, even after accounting for the in-stream water required to support aquatic life. This winter water source is not reliant on Sonoma County's stored supply but instead capitalizes on rainfall and excess river flows, which currently stream out to the Pacific Ocean.



If ultimately constructed, the project, now officially known as the Atmospheric River Capture (ARC) project, would provide the infrastructure needed to capture and move excess water to be stored in Marin Water's reservoirs for later use.

The planned preliminary work sets the stage for a project that would be the District's largest water supply measure in more than four decades. Efforts on this larger water supply project are coupled with continued focus on other water supply resiliency measures outlined in the District's Integrated Water Supply Roadmap.

Learn about the District's Water Supply Roadmap efforts by visiting marinwater.org/WaterSupplyRoadmap.

Watch a brief video explaining winter water conveyance – scan the QR code or visit qrc0.de/Conveyance.



MORE CASH FOR YOUR GRASS: LAWN REMOVAL INCENTIVE INCREASED

With new, higher rebates for customers who remove their lawns – up to nearly \$5 per square foot of grass removed – now is the perfect time to take advantage of Marin Water's Cash for Grass program and join the movement toward a more water efficient Marin. But act quickly, the most generous incentives are available for a limited time only! For more details about the Cash for Grass program, visit marinwater.org/Cash4Grass.

\$2.18/square foot – This base-level rebate was increased from \$1.50 and has the fewest requirements to provide customers with more flexibility while still achieving water savings.

\$3.68/square foot – This best-practices rebate was also raised by 68 cents, from \$3 per square foot, for customers who follow best management practices for lawn removal and replanting, and who install an alternative water source or stormwater capture feature.

\$4.68/square foot – For customers who follow best practices AND install a rain garden with disconnected downspouts, an additional \$1 per square foot is included in the rebate.

Marin Water is grateful to Sonoma Water, the Bureau of Reclamation and the Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program for the supplemental funding that allows us to make these higher incentives available to our customers for a limited time.

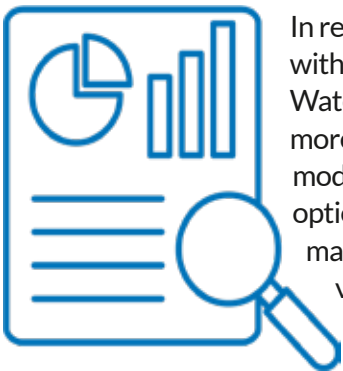


Invite a Master Gardener to your garden!

Schedule a free, Marin Friendly Garden Walk through UC Master Gardeners to sharpen your sustainable gardening practices with expert recommendations by scanning the QR code or visiting qrco.de/GardenWalks.



MARIN WATER LAUNCHES NEW BILLING SYSTEM



In response to customer feedback and in line with the District's Five-Year Strategic Plan, Marin Water has implemented a secure, convenient and more user-friendly online payment system. The modernized platform offers expanded payment options and intuitive features, improving account management and customer service. To learn more, visit marinwater.org/ways-to-pay.

HOW DO YOU USE WATER? COMPLETE A SURVEY FOR A CHANCE TO WIN AN IPAD!

To help plan for a safe, secure water future the Water Research Foundation is sponsoring the Residential End Uses of Water study, and we need your help. Please join thousands of people across the US and Canada and complete this important survey about how you use water by visiting qrco.de/bfniZV.



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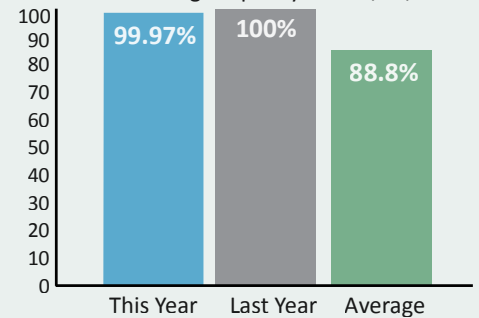
About Our Water Supply

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 March 1, 2025.

Find more data at marinwater.org/WaterWatch.

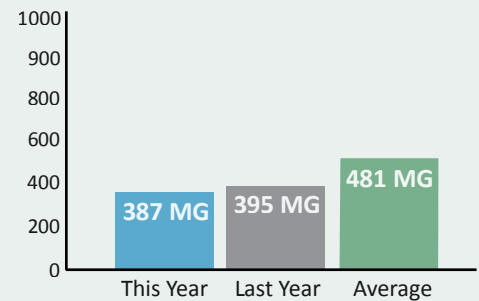
Reservoir Storage

% of total storage capacity as of 3/01/25



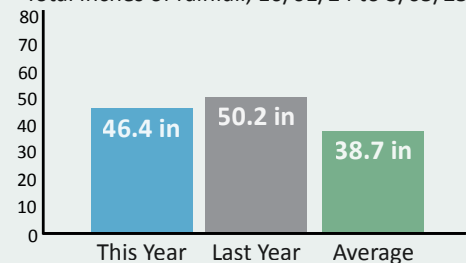
Water Usage

Total February water usage (MG = millions of gallons)



Rainfall Information

Total inches of rainfall, 10/01/24 to 3/05/25



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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Board of Directors meetings are typically on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. Learn more at marinwater.org.