

on the WaterFront



Fall 2025

MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MOVES INTO ITS SECOND PHASE

Construction began over the summer on Phase 2 of a multi-year project that will install a pair of 2-million-gallon storage tanks on the Mount Tamalpais Watershed. Located near Sky Oaks and Bolinas-Fairfax roads, these tanks will eventually replace the Pine Mountain Tunnel for water storage, bringing about a host of benefits in the process.

Currently, water for Ross Valley is stored in the Pine Mountain Tunnel, which was constructed in 1919 to convey water from Alpine Reservoir to Fairfax and San Rafael. The tunnel was converted to a water storage facility in 1971 and remains in that use today.

In its place, Marin Water is installing pre-stressed concrete tanks to boost firefighting capabilities on the watershed, increase water system capacity for Ross Valley and bolster overall water supply resiliency due to improved water quality and seismic stability. The new tanks to be installed will be known as the Gibson Tanks, in honor of long-serving former Board member Jack Gibson.

Phase 2 of the Pine Mountain Tanks Project comes after two years of work to prepare space for the tanks, including the construction of a 460-foot concrete retaining wall that reaches 75 feet at its highest point. Like the wall, the concrete storage tanks will be stained a natural brown to blend in with the rugged hillsides of the surrounding Mt. Tam Watershed environment.

Construction will continue through January 2029, with seasonal pauses for weather and environmental factors. For more information about this project, visit marinwater.org/PMTanks.



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Investing in your water infrastructure

Through our Capital Improvement Program, Marin Water plans, prioritizes and executes a portfolio of construction projects each year to maintain our critical water infrastructure system. Learn more and view our interactive map to see what's planned, in progress or has recently been completed at marinwater.org/CIP.

WORKING WITH A QUALIFIED WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPER

Many home and business owners in our community work with gardeners or landscapers to help create and maintain their outdoor spaces. You can help to make sure your landscape is maximizing water-efficient practices and curb appeal by ensuring your landscaping provider is QWEL-certified.

QWEL – short for Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper – is a program of the Sonoma-Marín Saving Water Partnership. Through a free, 20-hour training and a low-cost annual renewal, this professional certification program bolsters industry expertise and makes selecting a local landscaper an easier process for homeowners. Classes are offered regularly, both in-person and online.

Currently looking for a landscaper? Use the QWEL database to search for a QWEL pro.

Already have a landscaper or gardener? Mention the free certification program to them!

Visit
qwel.net
or scan the
QR code to
learn more:



DIY Rain Barrel Giveaway – See How Michael Made It Work

Through a partnership with EO Products, Marin Water provides free barrels that customers can easily transform into DIY rain catchment systems. Lucas Valley resident Michael P. recently took advantage of the program and found it solved two problems at once. See how he put his barrels to use and learn how to get your own at marinwater.org/CustomerStory.

It's that time of year: Time to reduce outdoor irrigation

As the weather cools and the days get shorter, the amount of water used outdoors on gardens and landscapes should be decreased as well. Apart from supplemental watering during dry spells, outdoor irrigation can be turned off completely after Daylight Savings. While smart irrigation controllers make these important adjustments automatically, our Weekly Watering Schedule can help customers with conventional controllers reduce unnecessary watering. Sign up for our Weekly Watering Schedule at marinwater.org/WeeklyWateringSchedule.



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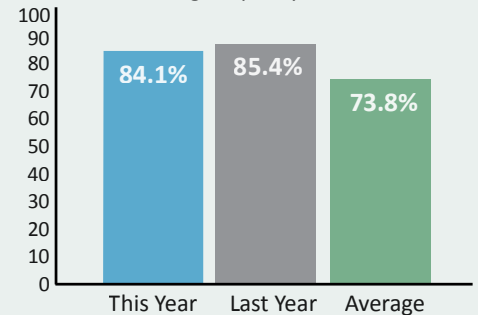
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About Our Water Supply

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 Sept. 2, 2025. For real-time data, visit marinwater.org/WaterWatch.

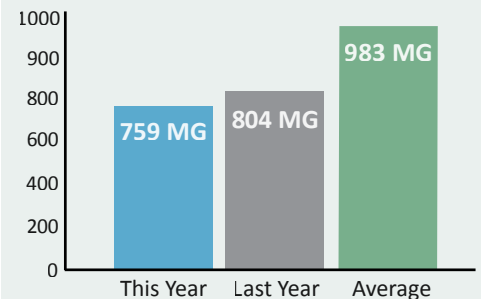
Reservoir Storage

% of total storage capacity as of 9/02/25



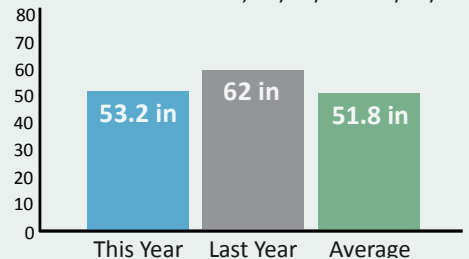
Water Usage

Total August water usage
(MG = millions of gallons)



Rainfall Information

Total inches of rainfall, 10/01/24 to 9/02/25



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 on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. Learn more at marinwater.org.