



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: Operations Committee/Board of Directors
Title: Wildfire Preparedness
From: Shaun Horne, Director of Watershed Resources
Through: Ben Horenstein, General Manager *BH* *SH*
Meeting Date: January 17, 2025

TYPE OF ACTION: Action X Information Review and Refer

RECOMMENDATION: Receive a staff presentation on the District's efforts to prepare for wildfire events and improve water system resiliency

SUMMARY: The District has been actively implementing wildfire preparedness and mitigation actions to enhance water system resiliency. Staff will present an overview of planning efforts that have advanced the District's mitigation actions and discuss ongoing local collaboration supporting wildfire preparedness activities in Marin County.

DISCUSSION: California is facing unprecedented wildfire conditions as a result of decades of fire suppression and increasing impacts associated with climate change. In many of California ecosystems, biodiversity, carbon stability, watershed health and overall ecological resilience are dependent on the regular occurrence of fire. However, wildfire seasons over the past few years have brought record impacts to communities, critical infrastructure and ecosystems. In an effort to establish a more resilient water supply system, watershed, and community, Marin Water has undertaken a number of planning initiatives that have guided mitigation actions and water system improvements. Staff will provide a brief presentation that highlights past planning efforts, emergency preparedness, and mitigation actions being implemented.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Not Applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ATTACHMENT(S): None.