



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: Watershed Committee/Special Meeting Board of Directors
Title: Watershed Facilities Assessment and Conceptual Plan
From: Shaun Horne, Director of Watershed Resources
Through: Ben Horenstein, General Manager
Meeting Date: September 17, 2026

TYPE OF ITEM: Approve X Review and Comment

RECOMMENDATION: Review and comment on the Watershed Facilities Assessment and Conceptual Plan

SUMMARY: The Watershed Facilities Assessment and Conceptual Plan is a high-level planning effort intended to result in a flexible outline of possible projects that could be advanced to update staff facilities, restore housing infrastructure, and improve visitor day use areas.

DISCUSSION: At the April 1, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting, the Board approved a grant award of \$200,000 from the Mt. Tamalpais Watershed Fund to advance a Watershed Facilities Assessment and Conceptual Plan (Plan). The Board subsequently approved entering into a Project Agreement with the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy (GGNPC) for project management support at the August 19, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting. The GGNPC, as part of the One Tam collaborative, has helped the District and other public land management agencies on similar planning efforts in the past; previous Mt. Tamalpais Watershed plans include concept plans for the Lake Lagunitas Picnic Area and West Peak.

District staff worked with GGNPC to develop a request for proposals for an architectural firm and selected PROTOinc and Roth/LaMotte Landscape Architecture to develop high-level assessments and visions for 1) the Sky Oaks Watershed Headquarters, 2) housing opportunities for seasonal staff, and 3) an outdoor education space. Staff will present progress on deliverables, including an initial assessment survey, a conditions analysis of priority facilities, architectural concepts, and cost estimates for various opportunities. Staff will also address fundraising and implementation options.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ATTACHMENT(S): None.