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**Meeting Type:** Board of Directors  
**Title:** Reimbursement Agreement for Muir Beach Feasibility Study with County of Marin  
**From:** Alex Anaya, Acting Director of Engineering  
**Through:** Ben Horenstein, General Manager  
**Meeting Date:** December 5, 2023

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**TYPE OF ACTION:**      X      Action                      Information                      Review and Refer

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve and authorize Board President to execute MA-6252, a reimbursement agreement with the County of Marin for the Muir Beach Feasibility Study not exceed \$85,000

**SUMMARY:** The County of Marin has been awarded a Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant from the Federal Highway Administration to conduct corridor improvements along Frank Valley Road starting at Muir Woods National Park and continuing to Highway 1 ending at the community of Muir Beach. SB552 requires counties to look at possible solutions for small water systems and domestic wells within the county. The County would like to evaluate the feasibility of installing water supply facilities from the District’s system to serve the community of Muir Beach ahead of the County’s roadway project. The District has offered to support the County by managing the feasibility study under the oversight of the County, given the District’s experience and expertise in water pipeline construction projects. Under this proposed reimbursement agreement, the County will reimburse the District for all costs associated with the study. The County of Marin will be taking the proposed reimbursement agreement to the Board of Supervisors for approval on December 5, 2023.

**DISCUSSION:** The County of Marin has been awarded a Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant from the Federal Highway Administration to conduct corridor improvements along Frank Valley Road starting at Muir Woods National Park and continuing to Highway 1 ending at the community of Muir Beach. As part of this project, the County will resurface the roadway along this portion of Frank Valley Road. This award is contingent on the corridor improvements starting no later than April 2026.

Currently the community of Muir Beach receives water service from Muir Beach CSD from existing groundwater wells. SB552 requires counties to look at possible solutions for small water systems and domestic wells within the county. The County would like to evaluate the feasibility of installing water supply facilities from the District’s system to serve the community of Muir Beach ahead of the County’s roadway project.

This feasibility study will be used to inform the County and Muir Beach CSD as to the competitiveness for federal grants to fund the cost of a potential new pipeline that would connect the District's water supply to Muir Beach CSD. This feasibility study will be limited to an engineering review of the physical feasibility, proposed alignment and costs estimates of constructing a new water service line. The feasibility study will not include any evaluation of legal and jurisdictional issues involved in providing water service from District facilities to Muir Beach; right of way and access rights necessary to complete any construction; environmental review and analysis necessary for any such project, all of which remains future work necessary for any final project.



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**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:** The proposed reimbursement agreement will only fund a feasibility study to review the engineering components of a possible future project and is therefore not subject to environmental review pursuant to Section 15262 of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. Further consideration under CEQA will be necessary prior to any project approval.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Draft Reimbursement Agreement

DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION	DIVISION MANAGER	APPROVED
Engineering		
	<b>Alex Anaya</b> Acting Engineering Director	<b>Ben Horenstein</b> General Manager