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**Meeting Type:** Watershed Committee/Board of Directors  
**Title:** Watershed Trail Stewardship Update  
**From:** Shaun Horne, Director of Watershed Resources  
**Through:** Ben Horenstein, General Manager  
**Meeting Date:** March 19, 2026

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**TYPE OF ITEM:**                      Approve      X      Review and Comment

**RECOMMENDATION:** Review and comment on fiscal year 2025/2026 (FY25/26) Watershed Trail Stewardship work done in collaboration with Redwood Trails Alliance

**SUMMARY:** Staff will provide the Watershed Committee with a summary of FY25/26 Watershed Trails Stewardship work and outcomes, including trail assessments, volunteer trail days, and training efforts.

**DISCUSSION:** In February 2025, Marin Water contracted with the Redwood Trails Alliance (RTA) to hire a temporary Trails Coordinator to support and enhance the District’s watershed trail maintenance program. The one-year position has increased capacity to plan and implement maintenance projects using volunteers, staff, and contractors. This was an evolution from past years where the District partnered with Santa Cruz Trail Stewardship to support training for seasonal staff to support the Watershed Volunteer Program.

The RTA contract allowed the District to scale up trail assessments and volunteer trail stewardship offerings. Watershed wide trail assessments were conducted to identify and prioritize trail maintenance needs, develop projects for implementation through the District’s volunteer program, and expand community partnerships to support ongoing stewardship efforts.

To date, the partnership with RTA has increased the District’s ability to host volunteer trail events, provide trail training opportunities, and identify operational efficiencies within the maintenance program. Staff will present a detailed summary of program activities, assessments conducted, volunteer engagement, and overall outcomes to the Watershed Committee.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:** The District, as the Lead Agency, has prepared a Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR), pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act for roads and trails maintenance, which was adopted in 2005 and covers watershed trail stewardship work on the watershed.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None.