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**Meeting Type:** Watershed Committee/Board of Directors  
**Title:** Watershed Recreation Management Planning Feasibility Study Update  
**From:** Shaun Horne, Director of Watershed Resources  
**Through:** Ben Horenstein, General Manager  
**Meeting Date:** June 12, 2025

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** Review and comment on staff's update on the status of the E-Bike Pilot, other efforts advanced as part of the Feasibility Study, and next steps for advancing bike access planning

**SUMMARY:** The Marin Municipal Water District (District) partnered with the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy (GGNPC) to engage District Board members, executive leadership, stakeholders, and constituents in the development of a Watershed Recreation Management Planning Feasibility Study (Feasibility Study). Since June 2022, the District hosted six (6) community workshops, two (2) site visits, and completed an updated watershed census survey to solicit input relating to watershed operations and visitor management. The Board adopted the Watershed Recreation Management Planning Feasibility Study (Feasibility Study) at the April 16, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting.

**DISCUSSION:** The planning process for the Feasibility Study was designed to facilitate a conversation with the community regarding existing visitation in an effort to help address long-standing issues around various modes of recreation on Mt. Tamalpais. The Feasibility Study reviewed existing watershed recreational facilities, visitor use data, biological resources, stewardship and volunteer programs, and visitor management strategies. The planning process aligned with the District's adaptive watershed management strategy and informs multi-benefit outcomes that can be advanced to help protect the unique goals of different watershed visitors and the biodiversity of the District's watershed lands. The final section of the Feasibility Study presents a series of Strategic Opportunities organized around stewardship initiatives, visitor services, watershed facilities, and adaptive management operations.

Recently completed strategic opportunities include opening of Azalea Hill multi-use route, trail improvements along Azalea Hill hiking route, approval of an E-Bike Pilot Program, National Trails volunteer event, ongoing Ranger interpretive offerings, and the District is supporting Marin County Parks and Open Space with the purchase of a Terrain Hopper to improve accessibility opportunities on public lands. Staff will provide a brief presentation summarizing next steps for advancing bike access planning.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:** Not Applicable.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None.