

STAFF REPORT

| Meeting Type: | Board of Directors | | | | |
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| Title: | Gen | General Manager's Report January 2024 | | | |
| Through: | Ben | Ben Horenstein, General Manager | | | |
| Meeting Date: | February 27, 2024 | | | | |
| TYPE OF ACTION: | Х | Action | Information | Review and Refer | |

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Report

SUMMARY:

A. HIGHLIGHTS:

- The daily average net production for the month of January 2024 was 14.0 MGD compared to 13.7 MGD for the month of January 2023. Typical usage for January is 17.2 MGD.
- The daily average flow from Sonoma County Water Agency for the month of January 2024 was 1.6 MGD compared to 3.1 MGD for the month of January 2023.
- The District has spilled a combined 20,426 AF of water through the end of January 2024 since the start of the water year on October 2023 (1,682 AF out of Phoenix, 11,251 AF out of Kent, 6,075 AF out of Nicasio and 1,418 AF out of Soulajule).
- A recent high wind event resulted in some defunct power lines and poles being blown down at the West Peak Site. Staff have been coordinating with PG&E to facilitate the cleanup. The power poles and lines are remnant infrastructure left from the old military base. In total there are 60 remaining poles, not all were damaged but staff is proceeding with permanent removal to ensure the site is safe and secure for the public.
- District crews have begun pile burning for the 2024 season burning approximately 100 piles at the Taylor Trail unit near Sky Oaks. Maintenance staff completed the 9th bridge site on the Azalea Hill Trail Project in conjunction with an all women volunteer crew from Access for Bikes. Staff are currently roadside brushing Shafter Grade Fire Road with the CAT 315 excavator enroute to the Bolinas Ridge Fire Road for ongoing vegetation management.
- Design drawings, specifications, and cost estimates for the Lagunitas Creek Phase-1 restoration sites (eight total) were advanced to the 90%-complete level by the District's consultant, ESA. Ongoing coordination with permitting agencies, California State Parks, and District Engineering staff continued to prepare this project for implementation beginning in summer 2024. High flows kept Fisheries staff out of the creeks for much of January, but monitoring results suggest Lagunitas Creek supported an above average run of Coho Salmon this year.

- The District continued implementation of Year 5 of the Biodiversity Fire, & Fuels Integrated Plan through January 2024 with multiple Forest Fuel Reduction and Doug Fir Thinning projects in South and East Potrero Meadow, Fuelbreak Maintenance work across the watershed, and Invasive Broom Removal at Pine Point. The 75 acre South Potrero Meadow Project was completed in January. Additional completed projects included routine Defensible Space Maintenance around West Point Inn, and the West Peak and Middle Peak Communications Leases.
- The District completed the development of a 5-Year Strategic Plan. This thoughtful and comprehensive document will inform the 2024 Annual Workplan which will be reviewed at the coming Board Retreat.

MARIN WATER GRANT STATUS

| | | | PROJECT | DETAILS | | | REQUIREMENTS | BUDGI | |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|---|-----------------|------------------------|
| OPPORTUNITY | FUNDER | FUNDER PRIORITIES | APPLICATION DATE | MATCHING PROJECT | DESCRIPTION | STATUS | PREREQUISITE | FUNDS REQUESTED | MATCH REQUIREMENT 9 |
| URRENT APPLIC | ATIONS | | | | | | | \$72,173,326 | |
| ocal Water Supply Storage rojects | DWR | Water Supply | 1/9/23 | Water Supply | Three projects: recycled water, local storage enhancement, and winter water conveyance | Unfunded (Grant program funding not allocated for 2024) | UWMP Compliance | \$53,000,000 | 50 |
| esal Feasibility Study | USBR | Desalination | 2/28/23 | Deslaintation | Exploring new brackish desal in Petaluma | Open | None | \$200,000 | 50 |
| op. 1. Round 2 IRWM sadvantaged Community | DWR | Water | 12/1/22 | Marin City/San Rafael Infrastructure | Replacing aging transmission lines and laterals in Marin City and San Rafael's Canal District | Funded | IRWM CC Approval | \$8,500,000 | o |
| orestry Corps | CCNB | Vegetation Management | Jan 2023 | Ongoing Forestry work | Workforce development; state funding directly to CCNB to fund crews working on the watershed | Funded | Corps Partnership | \$500,000 | 0 |
| sheries Restoration Grant ogram | CDFW | Fisheries | 4/20/23 | Lagunitas Creek Restoration | Funding for Phase II site design and CEQA | Funded | 30% designs | \$723,000 | 5 |
| gunitas Creek Salmonid awning Gravel Improvement oject | DWR Riverine | Fisheries | 11/1/22 | Lagunitas Creek Restoration | Gravel augmentation for Lagunitas Creek | Funded | None | \$590,000 | D |
| op 1. Fisheries Restoration | CDFW | Fisheries | 7/1/23 | Lagunitas Creek Restoration | Lagunitas Creek Restoration Sites 1-8 | Funded | 60% designs | \$4,422,898 | 0 |
| A Division of Boating & /aterways | NRA | Water Quality | 7/1/23 | Reservoir Water Quality | Monitor and prevent infestation of quagga and zebra mussels | Funded | NA | \$86,800 | O |
| ne Tam Forest Health trategy | CA WCB | Forestry Restoration | 11/21/23 | BFFIP Implementation | BFFIP Implemenation for 2-3 years | Open | CEQA | \$6,000,000 | 0 |
| /aterSMART Aplied Science | USBR | Fisheries | 10/15/2023 | Advanced Weather Modeling | Funding for weather modeling to inform water resources management | Open | TBD | \$150,628.00 | 50% |
| /aterSmart Energy Efficiency | USBR | Conservation | 2/22/2024 | AMI | Funding to expand AMI | Open | Environmental Compliance | \$1,000,000 | 50% |
| | | c | | | | | | \$0 | |
| azard Mitigation Program | FEMA | Natural | Summer 2023 | Treatment Plant | Funds to address seismic hazards in water treatment | TBD | NOI APPROVAL | TBD | |
| /aterSMART Planning & esign | USBR | Hazards Water Supply | 4/2/2024 | Clarifiers Water Supply Planning | facilities Funding for advancing implemenation of Strategice Water Supply Projects | Open | TBD | TBD | |
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| ONG TERM OPPO | DRTUNITI | ES (ongoi | ng develo | pment) | | | | | |
| 24 Water Bond | State of CA | Water supply projects | Fall 2024 | SWSA Water Supply Projects | Currently in Legislature | In legislature | Voter approval; District participation | TBD | |
| ater Resources Development t | Army Corps of Engineers | Water supply projects | FY 2024 | SWSA Water Supply Projects | Pursuing for No Regrets and regional projects | In appropriations | Authorization (secured 2022) | \$28,000,000.00 | |
| nall Storage Program | USBR | Water Supply | Fall 2024 | Phoenix Lake | Funding for new water supply projects | TBD | Approved Feasibility Study | TBD | |
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DISCUSSION

B. SUMMARY:

- AF = Acre Feet
- Mg/L = milligrams per liter
- MPN = most probable number
- MPY = mils per year
- MG = million gallons
- NTU = nephelometric turbidity units

1. <u>Water Production:</u>

| | FY 20 | 23/24 | FY 202 | 2/23 |
|-------------------------------|----------|-------------|----------|----------------|
| | (million | (acre-feet) | (million | (acre- |
| | gallons) | | gallons) | feet) |
| Potable | | | | |
| Total production this FY | 4,354 | 13,362 | 4,144 | 12,717 |
| Monthly production, January | 431 | 1,323 | 424 | 1,302 |
| Daily average, January | 13.91 | 42.69 | 13.68 | 41.99 |
| Recycled | | | | |
| Total production this FY | 163.78 | 502.62 | 143.02 | 438.91 |
| Monthly production, January | 11.99 | 36.79 | 6.17 | 18.94 |
| Daily average, January | 0.39 | 1.19 | 0.20 | 0.61 |
| Raw Water | | | | |
| Total production this FY | 38.84 | 119.20 | 42.81 | 131.38 |
| Monthly production, January | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Daily average, January | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Imported Water | | | | |
| Total imported this FY | 1,721 | 5,281 | 876 | 2,689 |
| Monthly imported, January | 49 | 151 | 95 | 292 |
| Reservoir Storage | | | | |
| Total storage | 25,927 | 79,566 | 25,884 | 79,435 |
| Storage change during January | 3,308 | 10,153 | 4,584 | 14,068 |
| Stream Releases | | | | |
| Total releases this FY | 2,009 | 6,166 | 1,642 | 5 <i>,</i> 038 |
| Monthly releases, January | 181 | 555 | 59 | 182 |

| 2. Precipitation: | <u>FY 2023/24 (in.)</u> | <u>FY 2022/23 (in.)</u> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Alpine | 26.21 | 37.03 |
| Bon Tempe | 23.09 | 36.07 |
| Kent | 26.88 | 33.49 |
| Lagunitas * | 27.70 | 45.19 |
| Nicasio | 17.06 | 30.21 |
| Phoenix | 26.83 | 41.43 |
| Soulajule | 17.26 | 30.41 |
| * Average to date = 30.3 inches | | |

3. Water Quality:

| Laboratory: | <u>FY 2023/24</u> | <u>FY 2022/23</u> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Water Quality Complaints: | | |
| Month of Record | 7 | 4 |
| Fiscal Year to Date | 51 | 97 |
| Water Quality Information Phone Ca | lls | |
| Month of Record | 10 | 2 |
| Fiscal Year to Date | 26 | 54 |

The WQ lab ensured that the water supplied met or surpassed water quality regulations by collecting and analyzing 1,965 analyses on treatment plants and distribution system samples.

Mild steel corrosion rates averaged 1.72 (0.37 - 3.17) MPY. The AWWA has recommended an operating level of <5 MPY with a goal of <1 MPY.

<u>Complaint Flushing</u>: No flushing events were performed for this month on record.

<u>Disinfection Program</u>: No new pipelines were disinfected during the month of November. Performed chlorination on 10 water storage tanks to ensure compliance with bacteriological water quality regulations.

<u>Tank Water Quality Monitoring Program</u>: Performed 21 water quality-monitoring events on storage tanks for various water quality parameters this month to help ensure compliance with bacteriological water quality regulations.

Summary:

The lab treated 10 tanks for low chlorine and checked an additional 21 tanks for low chlorine residual in January 2024.

4. Water Treatment:

| | <u>San Geronimo</u> | <u>Bon Tempe</u> | <u>Ignacio</u> |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Treatment Results | Average Monthly | Average Monthly | Average Monthly |
| | Goal | Goal | Goal |
| Turbidity (NTU) | 0.05 <u><</u> 0.10 | 0.04 <u><</u> 0.10 | 0.04 <u>≤</u> 0.10 |
| Chlorine residual (mg/L) | 2.76 2.75 * | 2.78 2.75 * | 2.83 2.75 * |
| Color (units) | 0.6 <u><</u> 15 | 0.6 <u><</u> 15 | 0.0 <u><</u> 15 |
| pH (units) | 7.8 7.8* | 7.8 7.8* | 8.0 8.1** |

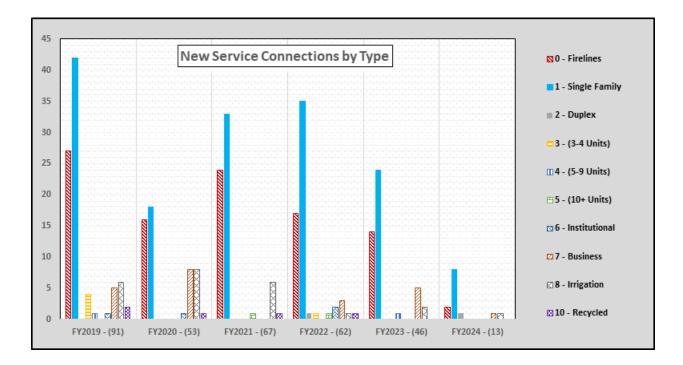
* Set monthly by Water Quality Lab

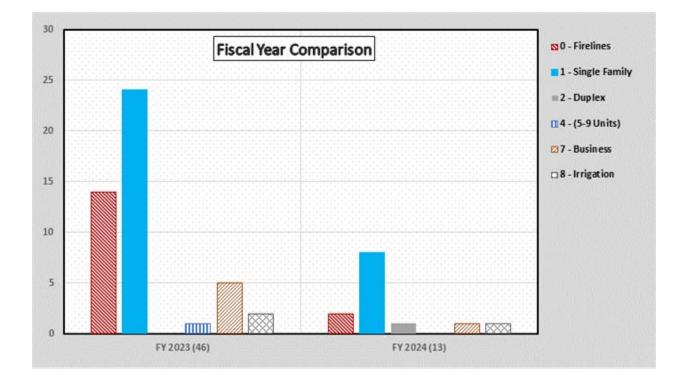
** pH to Ignacio is controlled by SCWA

5. Capital Improvement:

- a. <u>Pine Mountain Tank Phase 1 Rough Grading Project (D21043)</u>: The Pine Mountain Tunnel Tanks Replacement Project is a multi-year two-phased project that will replace the existing Pine Mountain Tunnel. This project (Phase 1) will excavate approximately 45,000 cubic yards of hillside and will install a soil nail retaining wall in preparation for a future project that will install two 2-million gallon pre-stressed concrete storage tanks (Phase 2). This Phase 1 project will also perform site grading and drainage improvements.
 - <u>Project Budget:</u> \$7,734,575
 - <u>Monthly Activities</u>: The project was winterized and temporarily suspended by January 31, and will restart August 1, 2024. Access is permitted on Concrete Pipe Road and Taylor Trail through the duration of the suspension period.
- b. <u>Spillway Condition Assessment Phase II (CN2006)</u>: This project is considered Phase II of a multiphase project that will investigate the concrete spillways at Peters Dam (Kent Lake), Seeger Dam (Nicasio Reservoir), and Soulajule Dam. Assessment work includes concrete coring, ground penetrating radar (GPR), video inspection and cleaning of sub-drains, and visual observation.
 - <u>Project Budget:</u> \$680,106
 - <u>Monthly Activities:</u> The project has been temporarily suspended due to the winter conditions and full reservoir levels. The project will resume this summer.

| 6. <u>Other:</u> | | |
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| Pipeline Installation | FY2023/24 | FY2022/23 |
| Pipe installed during January (feet) | 0 | 876 |
| Total pipe installed this fiscal year (feet) | 1,439 | 6,937 |
| Total miles of pipeline within the District | 908* | 908* |
| * Reflects adjustment for abandoned pipelines | | |
| Pipe Locates (1,328 Responses) | FY2023/24 | <u>FY2022/23</u> |
| Month of January (feet) | 29,762 | 17,539 |
| Total this fiscal year (feet) | 212,180 | 160,440 |
| Main Line Leaks Repaired: | FY2023/24 | <u>FY2022/23</u> |
| Month of January | 7 | 12 |
| Total this fiscal year (7/1/23-1/31/24) | 76 | 116 |
| <u>Services</u> : | FY2023/24 | FY2022/23 |
| Service upgrades during January | 0 | 13 |
| Total service upgrades this FY | 94 | 102 |
| Service connections installed during January | 0 | 1 |
| Total active services as of February 1st, 2024 | 60,555 | 60,522 |
| (Total Including firelines) | 61,936 | 61,897 |





7. Demand Management:

| | Jan-24 | FY 23/24 TOTAL | FY 22/23 TOTAL | FY 21/2 TOTAL |
|--|--------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| WATER-EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS | | | | |
| Water-Use Site Surveys | | | | |
| Conservation Assistance Program (CAP) Consultations | | | | |
| Residential properties resi 1-2 (single-family) | 29 | 211 | 291 | 731 |
| Residential properties resi 3-5 (multi-family units) | 0 | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| Non-residential properties resi 6-7 (commercial) | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Dedicated irrigation accounts resi 8-10 (large landscape) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Marin Master Gardeners' Marin-Friendly Garden Walks | | | | |
| Residential garden walks | 2 | 112 | 72 | 100 |
| Public Outreach and Education, Customer Service | - | | | 200 |
| | 0 | 1022 | 17775 | 1602 |
| Public outreach events (number of people attending) Public oducation quests (number of participants) | 0 | 0 | 328 | 536 |
| Public education events (number of participants) Customer calls/emails admin staff | 195 | 2333 | 4150 | 9508 |
| Outreach to new Marin Water customers (letters sent) | 220 | 1189 | 4150 | 0 |
| | 220 | 1105 | 0 | |
| School Education | _ | | | |
| School assemblies | | | | |
| Number of activities | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Number of students reached | 0 | 11500 | 0 | 0 |
| Field trips | _ | | | |
| Number of activities | 0 | 6 | 15 | 0 |
| Number of students reached | 0 | 117 | 307 | 0 |
| Classroom presentations | | | | |
| Number of activities | 2 | 6 | 17 | 0 |
| Number of students reached | 50 | 201 | 531 | 0 |
| Other (e.g. booth events, school gardens) | | | | |
| Number of activities | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Number of students reached | 0 | 0 | 480 | 0 |
| Incentives | | | | |
| Number of HECWs approved | 0 | 54 | 103 | 190 |
| Number of Rain Barrel/Cisterns approved | 1 | 6 | 15 | 76 |
| "Cash for Grass" Turf Replacments approved | 6 | 43 | 116 | 402 |
| Number of Laundry-to-Landscape Systems (kits) approved | 0 | 0 | 7 | 27 |
| Hot water recirculating system rebates | 0 | 3 | 30 | 122 |
| Pool Cover rebates | 0 | 16 | 27 | 298 |
| HET rebates | 1 | 7 | 22 | 92 |
| Number of Smart Home Water Monitor "Flume Direct Distribution" redeemed | 56 | 329 | 271 | 1568 |
| Number of Smart Controllers rebates approved | 2 | 26 | 35 | 69 |
| Number of Smart Controllers "RainBird compatible w/Flume" approved | 73 | 73 | 0 | 0 |
| Number of Smart Controllers "Rachio Direct Distribution" approved | 11 | 131 | 77 | 178 |
| Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) | | | | |
| AMI leak letters sent to customers (>200 GPD) | 78 | 848 | 1168 | 1050 |
| | | | | |
| ORDINANCES | | | | |
| Water Waste Prevention | | | | |
| Water Waste Reports Received | 4 | 115 | 392 | 4451 |
| Water Waste Notifications Sent | 2 | 27 | 81 | 0 |
| Landscape Plan Review | | | | |
| Plans submitted | 9 | 65 | 88 | 77 |
| Plans exempt | 1 | 15 | 5 | 1 |
| Plans completed | 3 | 24 | 20 | 17 |
| Plans in workflow (pass & fail) | 16 | 113 | 145 | 123 |
| Tier 4 Exemption | 10 | 115 | 145 | 125 |
| - | - | - | - | |
| Inspections that resulted in a pass Grauwater Compliance Form | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Graywater Compliance Form | | 73 | | 57 |
| Applications Received (as of Dec 2019) | 4 | | 123 | |

8. Watershed Protection:

Watershed Rescue on Cataract Trail

With the recent rains recharging the waterfalls, visitation on Cataract Trail has increased. With this in mind, the Rangers have increased foot patrols of the trail. These increased patrols paid off on January 21st when a 79-year-old hiker slipped, hit his head and lost consciousness as he landed in a small creek just below the trail. Another hiker on the trail found him unconscious, partially submerged face down in the creek. The assisting hikers got him out of the water and up to the trail. A Ranger was already in the area and was the first rescuer on-scene with the patient. The Ranger treated and stabilized the patient and directed the other first responders to the location. First responders, including the Ranger, did a carryout and the patient was taken to the hospital by ambulance.



The Cataract Trail rescue on January 21st

Foot and Bike Patrols in January

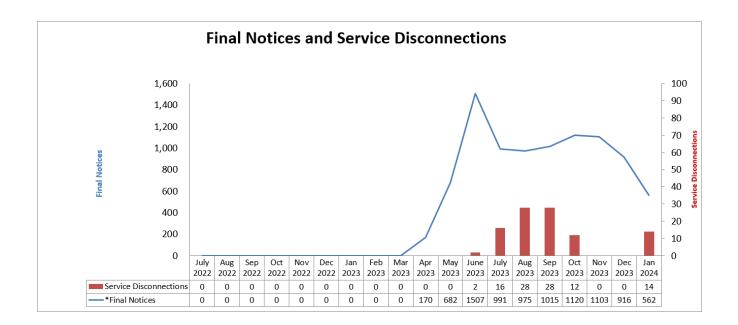
During January, the Rangers completed 165 miles of foot and bike patrols. These patrols are increasing the effectiveness of the Ranger program and providing better protection and support services for the watershed and its many visitors.

| Incidents and Events | 611 |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Visitor Assists | 154 |
| Warnings | 114 |
| Assist Watershed Maintenance | 96 |
| Dam Check | 87 |
| Citations | 69 |
| Fish and Game Contact | 37 |
| Misc Law Enforcement Calls | 17 |
| Preventative Search and Rescue | 7 |
| Suspicious Circumstance | 5 |
| Vandalism | 4 |
| Assist Other Agency | 4 |
| Citizen Complaint: Illegal Bike Use | 3 |
| Medical Aid | 2 |
| Ranger Callout | 2 |
| Citizen Complaint: Off Leash Dogs | 2 |
| Search and Rescue | 1 |
| Landslide Alarm | 1 |
| Illegal Fire | 1 |
| Theft | 1 |
| Illegal Dumping | 1 |
| Resist Peace Officer | 1 |
| Citizen Complaint: Misc | 1 |

| Citations | 69 |
|--|----|
| Non-Payment of Parking Fees | 54 |
| Obstruct Traffic/Parking within 6' of Center | 7 |
| Parking After Sunset | 4 |
| Bike on Trail | 3 |
| No Parking | 1 |



9. Shutoff Notices and Disconnections:



ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: None.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ATTACHMENT(S): None.

| DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION | DIVISION MANAGER | APPROVED |
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| Office of the General Manager | | Ver Haranden |
| | Ben Horenstein General Manager | Ben Horenstein General Manager |