

Attachment 1

MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
RECOGNIZING RANGER JOHN McCONNELoug FOR 20 YEARS OF DEDICTAED SERVICE TO THE DISTRICT
AND ITS CUSTOMERS**

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2026, Ranger John McConneloug will retire from the Marin Municipal Water District and hang up his patrol belt after 20 years of service patrolling and serving the community of visitors on Mt. Tamalpais Watershed; and

WHEREAS, Ranger McConneloug has worked as a Ranger for over 25 years serving the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Point Reyes National Seashore, Yosemite National Parks, Jefferson County Open Space District, Sequoia National Parks, US Army Corps of Engineers, and Marin County Parks and Open Space District, all before becoming a District Ranger in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Ranger McConneloug grew up in the Town of Fairfax at the base of Mt. Tamalpais, an upbringing that profoundly informed his understanding of the public's longstanding connection to the mountain and reinforced his appreciation for the importance of public access, responsible visitation, and stewardship of this significant natural resource; and

WHEREAS, Ranger McConneloug played an active role in interpretive education and watershed stewardship on Mt. Tamalpais. He routinely led family-friendly educational hikes, including programs such as "*Newts to Roots*" at Lake Lagunitas and promoted responsible recreation through engagement at *Slow and Say Hello* outposts; and

WHEREAS, he has been widely acknowledged by fellow Rangers as technically sophisticated, highly capable, and dependable in complex field operations; and

WHEREAS, Ranger McConneloug served as a District representative with Marin County Search and Rescue and, throughout his career, participated in numerous search and rescue operations on the Mt. Tamalpais Watershed, including challenging after-hours and night responses involving lost or distressed visitors, coordinating closely with fellow Rangers, Marin County Sheriff's Office personnel, and Search and Rescue volunteers to ensure the safe recovery of individuals in difficult terrain; and

WHEREAS, Ranger McConneloug played a critical role in the District's forest and watershed restoration initiatives, including participating in prescribed burns, pile burning operations, and other fuel reduction activities, and consistently responded to wildfires on the Mt. Tamalpais Watershed with professionalism and expertise, contributing to the protection of the District's natural resources, infrastructure, and the safety of the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, WHEREAS, Ranger McConneloug played a key role in the development and advancement of the District's Bike Patrol Program, including the integration of Electric Mountain Bikes,

significantly enhancing Ranger mobility, operational efficiency, response capabilities, and overall effectiveness in serving and protecting District lands; and

WHEREAS, Ranger McConneloug has been recognized for his approachable and knowledgeable engagement with the public, as noted in a May 2018 article in *Singletracks* titled “Viewing Wildflowers by Mountain Bike: A Wheeled Wildflower Wander,” which highlighted his ability to share the history and natural features of Mt. Tamalpais, foster positive interactions with visitors, and, while a skilled and respectable rider himself, enforce District regulations with such efficiency that he could issue a citation faster than one could say “Birthplace of Mountain Biking”; and

WHEREAS, WHEREAS, Ranger McConneloug has dedicated over 20 years to connecting people of all ages to the Mt. Tamalpais Watershed, fostering an appreciation for its natural and cultural resources, and guiding visitors to enjoy the mountain responsibly so that their presence leaves a positive impact, inspiring current and future generations—including his own children—to act as conscientious stewards of this vital landscape and support the Marin Municipal Water District’s mission to protect the community’s source water.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Marin Municipal Water District hereby expresses its deepest gratitude and sincere appreciation to Ranger John McConneloug for his more than 20 years of dedicated service, outstanding stewardship of the Mt. Tamalpais Watershed, leadership in public education, enforcement, search and rescue, and wildfire and prescribed fire management, and for inspiring future generations of Rangers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board extends its best wishes to Ranger McConneloug in his retirement, with hopes for continued health, happiness, and fulfillment in the years ahead.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of February, 2026, by the following vote of the Board of Directors.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Jed Smith
President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Terrie Gillen
Board Secretary