



# STAFF REPORT

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**Meeting Type:** Board of Directors

**Title:** Dedication of the Pine Mountain Tanks in Honor of Former Board Member Jack Gibson

**From:** Ben Horenstein, General Manager

**Meeting Date:** September 2, 2025

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**TYPE OF ITEM:**        X        Action                    Information

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve a resolution to name the Pine Mountain Tanks in recognition of Jack Gibson for his contributions through many years of dedicated service as a member of the Marin Municipal Water District Board of Directors

**SUMMARY:** Jack Gibson served as a Marin Water Board member from November 1994 through December 2022. In recognition for his services, staff is requesting that the Board of Directors review and approve a resolution to name the Pine Mountain Tanks after Jack Gibson.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Gibson served as Director of Division I for nearly 28 years as part of the Marin Municipal Water District's Board of Directors, representing areas including Sleepy Hollow, Terra Linda, Marinwood, Gallinas Valley, Santa Venetia and beyond. A graduate of the University of San Francisco School of Law, he maintained a private legal practice in Marin specializing in business, estate planning, and real estate law, and frequently provided pro bono services to local nonprofits. As a Board member, Mr. Gibson served on the Watershed, Finance, and Communications & Water Efficiency committees. He represented the District in regional partnerships including North Bay Watershed Association, North Bay Water Reuse Authority, Water Advisory Committee to the Sonoma County Water Agency, and One Tam collaborative.

Mr. Gibson brought a long-view perspective to water policy, grounding decisions in the historical evolution of Marin's watershed and infrastructure. As a local historian of Marin County he authored the *Mount Tamalpais and the Marin Municipal Water District* in 2012, which explores the century-long development of the District and its ties to the environmental history of Mt. Tamalpais. In chapter five, *Expanding the Water System*, Mr. Gibson discusses the Pine Mountain Tunnel being built as part of the Alpine Dam Gravity System to convey water from Alpine Lake to the Town of Fairfax. Work started on the Tunnel on December 5, 1916 and the tunnel was completed in 1918. Currently, the District is working to advance the Pine Mountain Tunnel Tanks Replacement Project, a multi-year two-phased project that will replace the existing Pine Mountain Tunnel. The Pine Mountain Tunnel is an 8,700-foot long tunnel designed to convey and treat water from Alpine Lake to San Rafael and the Ross Valley, now known as the Ross Valley System, which serves 44,000 District customers or roughly 23% of the

District's service area. Due to regulatory constraints, the District abandoned the tunnel as a conveyance system in 1971, but retained the tunnel to provide storage (approximately 3 million gallons) and surge protection. On December 14, 2021, the Board of Directors adopted the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Pine Mountain Tunnel Tanks Replacement Project. The project is anticipated to be completed in 2029.

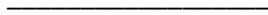

The District is requesting the Board approve a resolution to name the Pine Mountain Tanks in recognition of Jack Gibson for his many years of service as a Marin Water Board member. This project is a major facility upgrade that links the rich history of the District to ongoing water system modernization that is helping to ensure safe and reliable water is provided to the community for future generations.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:** Not Applicable.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Proposed Resolution

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