

STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: Board of Directors

Title: Updated Marin Community Foundation Fund Agreement

From: Shaun Horne, Director of Watershed Resources

Through: Ben Horenstein, General Manager

Meeting Date: October 7, 2025

TYPE OF ITEM: X Action Information

RECOMMENDATION: Review and approve the updated fund agreement for the District's Mount Tamalpais Watershed Fund with the Marin Community Foundation

SUMMARY: Marin Community Foundation, which manages the District's Mount Tamalpais Watershed Fund, has requested that the District update its fund agreement with the Foundation to include new language to conform to current fund agreements. The current fund agreement dates back to 1996 when the fund was established.

DISCUSSION: The District established the Mount Tamalpais Watershed Fund in 1996 with the Marin Community Foundation, which was established to give watershed visitors the opportunity to help protect the mountain through tax-deductible donations and to support watershed management activities. Projects supported by donations to the fund are conducted by the District to advance stewardship and management of the Mt. Tamalpais Watershed and associated facilities. Since the creation of the Fund, the District has issued grants totaling \$618,220 for planning and implementation of projects on the Mt. Tamalpais Watershed and the current fund balance is \$593,918. Recently, the District updated its watershed visitor map with a QR code to help raise awareness about opportunities to donate to the Mt. Tamalpais Fund. The Board of Directors also approved use of up to \$200,000 from the fund for work on a watershed facilities assessment and conceptual plan on April 1, 2025.

The proposed amended agreement would update District information and fund access as well as include current language consistent with Marin Community Foundation management of its other funds. Specifically, the proposed amended agreement would update the list of fund contacts to reflect current staff. The proposed amended agreement would also include newer language to conform to current fund agreements managed by the Marin Community Foundation, as the original agreement dates back to 1996 when the fund was established.

Staff will provide a brief presentation highlighting past projects funded by the Mt. Tamalpais Fund and the Watershed Staff and Visitor Facility Assessment that is currently underway.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- 1. Marin Community Foundation Fund Agreement (1996)
- 2. Marin Community Foundation Fund Agreement (2025)

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