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## **Vice President of Marin Water's Board of Directors appointed to EPA's Environmental Financial Advisory Board**

Cynthia Koehler, vice president of Marin Water's Board of Directors, has been appointed to serve on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Environmental Financial Advisory Board by EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler. Koehler's two-year appointment, which takes effect immediately, was announced Wednesday. She was one of 33 appointees selected nationwide. Koehler is an environmental attorney and water policy expert. She has represented Southern Marin on the Marin Water Board since 2005.

The Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB) advises the EPA administrator, EPA Regions and the agency's programs on innovative ways to address the costs of—and increase investments in—environmental and public health protection, according to the EPA. The advisory board's work has also included advising the EPA on diversifying funding and financing for the delivery of municipal drinking water and wastewater services.

"I am honored and proud to serve on the advisory board," said Koehler, a Mill Valley resident and executive director of the nonprofit WaterNow Alliance, a network of local water decision makers dedicated to advancing sustainable, equitable and climate-resilient water strategies. "This is a critical time for our environment and the fiscal health of cities, towns and utilities as they grapple with the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic. I look forward to working with the EFAB members in advising the EPA on affordable, equitable and transparent financial solutions to our environmental challenges."

"Director Koehler is an excellent choice to serve on this advisory board," said Jack Gibson, president of Marin Water's Board of Directors. "She has been a leader on the issue of the affordability of water and water use efficiency measures on Marin Water's Board and I am confident that she will be an asset to the Environmental Financial Advisory Board and provide an important perspective."

The Environmental Financial Advisory Board, established in 1989, is a chartered federal advisory committee designed to provide expert advice on environmental financing approaches from state and local governments, financial service companies, industry sectors and nongovernmental organizations, according to the EPA. The advisory board's work includes focusing on lowering the cost of environmental protection, and building state and local financial ability to comply with environmental programs.

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