

MARIN CITY WATER PIPELINE REPLACEMENT

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

What is getting replaced?

This project replaces all existing cast iron, galvanized steel and asbestos cement water mainlines in Marin City. In all, 3.65 miles of water main, as well as 192 service laterals, will be replaced. Here's a closer look at what that means:

- Water mains are large underground sections of pipeline that carry drinking water from Marin Water's pumping stations to customer properties.
- Service laterals are Marin Water-owned portions of lateral pipe that connect the water mains to the service meter and subsequent, customer-owned piping.

Why is Marin Water doing this project?

This project will replace Marin Water's aging underground water infrastructure along various streets in Marin City. The improvements will help reduce water loss to leaks and strengthen the overall resilience of the community's drinking water system. The existing pipeline is leak-prone and the community has experienced several large leaks resulting in disruption in water service at various times over the years. New welded steel pipe will replace the existing cast iron, galvanized steel and asbestos cement water pipeline. The modernized replacement pipe is also better designed to withstand and more quickly recover from natural disasters such as earthquakes or wildfires, strengthening the overall resilience of the community's water system.

How long will the project take?

The Marin City Pipeline Replacement Project will be completed in two phases, which are outlined on the below map.

During Phase 1, pipeline and service laterals will be replaced in the areas of the map that are outlined in **blue**. This phase begins in January 2025, with completion scheduled for the fall of 2025.

Phase 2 will start up quickly after Phase 1 ends with pipeline and service laterals being replaced in the areas of the below map that are outlined in **orange**. This phase begins in the fall of 2025, with completion scheduled for the fall of 2026.



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How is this project funded?

This project is largely funded by a grant from the California Department of Water Resources which awarded grants to communities for support of projects that improve climate change adaptation, support regional collaboration and self-reliance and serve disadvantaged communities. Marin Water contributed \$1.3 million in local matching funds to cover the remaining project costs. The grant funding greatly expands Marin Water's ability to address long-sought improvements to aging infrastructure, while also representing its commitment to reducing impacts on local ratepayers to the largest extent possible.

How is Marin Water outreaching to the Marin City community for this project?

Marin Water is collaborating with local community partner, Marin City Climate Resilience (MCCR), who will help to provide outreach and engage with the community for this project using direct mailers, door to door notifications, social media, community events and more. MCCR worked hard to help to secure the grant award that is being provided from the California Department of Water Resources to fund this pipeline replacement project and a portion of the grant is going to MCCR to support their outreach and engagement efforts for the project.

What service does Marin Water provide to Marin City?

Marin Water provides high-quality, locally sourced drinking water to more than 191,000 people in central and southern Marin County, including to our customers in Marin City. As part of our mission, Marin Water stewards every aspect of the water delivery process – from caretaking more than 18,000 acres of lands on the Mt. Tamalpais watershed, to maintaining our water infrastructure, to delivering safe, clean water to customers' meters.

Is Marin City's water the same as other towns and cities that are served by Marin Water?

Yes. The water delivered to Marin Water is the same as water served to Sausalito, Tiburon and other areas serviced by Marin Water. Marin Water customers are very fortunate to have drinking water that is 100% locally sourced. About 75% of our water supply originates from rainfall on our protected Mt. Tamalpais watershed and in the grassy hills of west Marin - 22,000 acres in all - with the remaining supply coming from neighboring Sonoma County's Russian River water system. Rainfall from the watershed flows into Marin Water's seven reservoirs. The water is treated at our treatment plants before traveling through our extensive distribution system, including 908 miles of pipes, 130 storage tanks and 97 pump stations before making its way to your home or business. It takes 24 hours for water to travel from a reservoir to a treatment plant and then through miles of underground mains into your faucet. Your cost for a gallon of water and its delivery through this system is less than two cents – far less than the cost of purchasing bottled water.

Is the water delivered to Marin City safe to drink?

Yes. Every year Marin Water conducts more than 120,000 water quality and process control tests to ensure your water is safe to drink. This includes ongoing process control testing at our treatment plants as well as laboratory testing of our water samples. When it comes to health and safety, your drinking water is required to meet or exceed all state and federal drinking water standards.

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Contact Marin Water Construction Mgmt. Group at 415-945-1560 or go to marinwater.org/MarinCityPipeline

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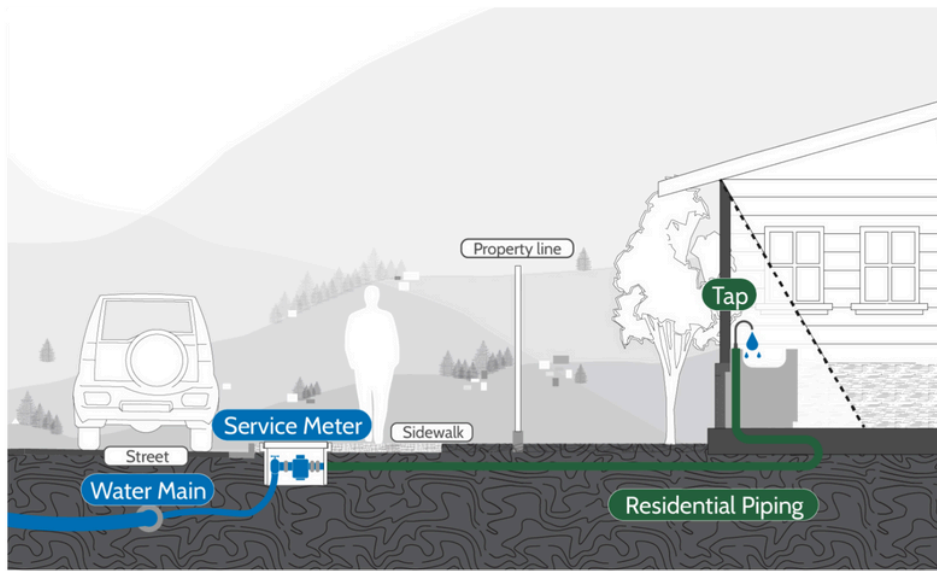


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Are any private service laterals being addressed as part of this project?

Private service laterals are the pipes that bring water from the customer meter to the customer home or building interior pipes. These private pipes are the sole responsibility of customers – not the District. As part of this project, Marin Water will be providing data on these pipes to Marin City, which may be useful for any future efforts Marin City pursues to seek grant opportunities for funding replacement of any privately-owned laterals, as necessary.



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