

# on the WaterFront



## Build Your Own Oasis

Summer 2026

## SMART LANDSCAPE CHOICES CAN MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE

Our Mediterranean climate now brings longer stretches of little to no rain, making irrigation-dependent lawns one of the most water-intensive features in a yard. While you may not be ready for a complete landscape makeover, replacing portions of rarely used grass can make a meaningful difference.

Get inspired with some of the featured options below to help your landscape work with today's conditions while reducing long-term demand on local water supplies.



### Create a garden filled with life

Grow native plants to attract local birds, bees and butterflies.

### Keep it cool

Reduce irrigation needs in your garden with the cooling effect of trees. Keep existing trees as you redesign your landscape or select from our climate-forward tree list.

### Choose fire-smart privacy

Instead of dense hedges or bamboo, select lower-risk alternatives for privacy screening, such as this pacific wax myrtle along a metal fence.

### Turn soil into a sponge

Add compost and mulch to develop living soil that holds water, keeps plants healthy and reduces irrigation needs.

### Picture the possibilities

Build outdoor spaces for relaxing, entertaining and family fun.

### Let rainwater sink in

Use permeable hardscape to slow, spread and sink water into your landscape.

### Manage your irrigation wisely

Use a smart irrigation controller and regularly maintain your system to reduce water waste and protect your property from damage, slip hazards and mosquitos.

### Protect your home from fire

Create defensible space with non-combustible materials in the 0 to 5 feet around your home (Zone 0).

## Marin Water Is Here To Support You

### Professional guidance

Find local landscape professionals familiar with our Cash for Grass program to assist with project planning, design or installation.  
[marinwater.org/LandscapeProfessionals](https://marinwater.org/LandscapeProfessionals)

### Design and plant selection tools

Download free landscape templates designed to scale to your yard's unique footprint, and discover water-wise plants and groundcover.  
[marinwater.org/WatersmartGardening](https://marinwater.org/WatersmartGardening)

### Cash for Grass

Take the next step to remove and replace your lawn. Get planning resources and program guidance.  
[marinwater.org/Cash4Grass](https://marinwater.org/Cash4Grass)

## Investing In Your Infrastructure

### WORK UNDERWAY ON A VARIETY OF PROJECTS

The water infrastructure that helps us deliver fresh, clean drinking water to our customers requires ongoing investment to ensure that system is functioning at peak performance.

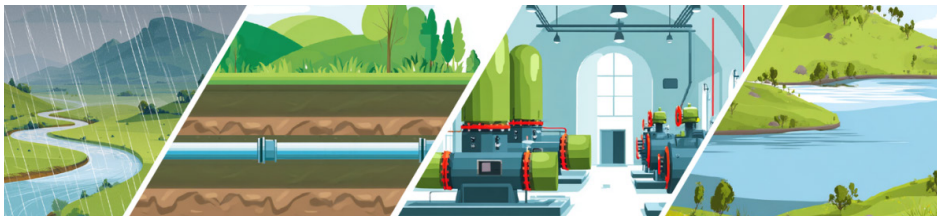
This year, Marin Water is tackling a number of important projects as part of the District's Capital Improvement Program. Here's a closer look at a few key investments:



**Tocaloma Pump Station** – The project replaces aging pumps and electrical equipment used to pump up to 20 million gallons of water daily from the Soulajule and Nicasio reservoirs to the San Geronimo Water Treatment Plant. It includes construction of a new fire-hardened electrical controls building designed to the highest seismic safety specifications to bolster water supply reliability.

**Marin City Pipeline** – This project leveraged state grant funding to replace more than 3.6 miles of existing cast iron, galvanized steel, and cement water main with modern, seismically resilient welded steel pipe with a life expectancy well over 100 years.

**Pine Mountain Tanks Project** – After work to construct a massive retaining wall and important underground infrastructure, construction of a pair of 2-million-gallon concrete tanks to be known as the Gibson Tanks, will soon begin. Taking shape on the Mt. Tam Watershed, this project will bolster the District's water supply resiliency by improving seismic stability and water quality, boosting firefighting capabilities on the watershed and increasing water system capacity for Ross Valley.



## LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE

As climate change brings more extreme swings between wet and dry years, Marin Water is proposing a new infrastructure project to strengthen long-term water supply resilience. The Atmospheric River Capture (ARC) Project would provide the infrastructure needed to deliver high flows from the Russian River during and following key winter storms to Nicasio Reservoir for storage, where the water can be used later during dry periods. Learn more about how it works at [marinwater.org/ARCProject](https://marinwater.org/ARCProject).

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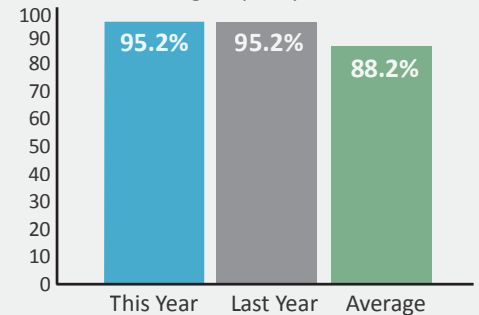
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## About Our Water Supply

About 75% of the District's water supply comes from local reservoirs located on Mt. Tamalpais and in west Marin. The following chart displays storage, usage and rainfall data as of May 31, 2026. For real-time data, visit [marinwater.org/WaterWatch](https://marinwater.org/WaterWatch).

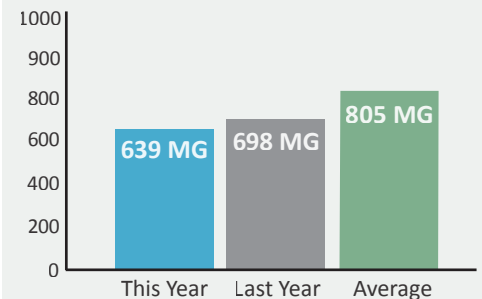
### Reservoir Storage

% of total storage capacity as of 5/31/26



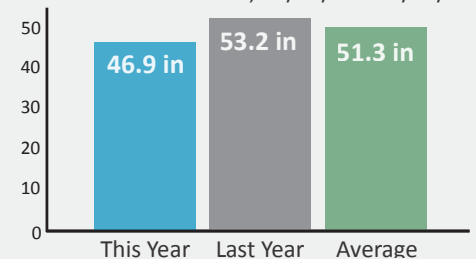
### Water Usage

Total May water usage  
(MG = millions of gallons)



### Rainfall Information

Total inches of rainfall, 10/01/24 to 5/31/26



## OUR MISSION

*Marin Water manages the lands, water, and facilities in our trust to provide reliable, high-quality water and adapt and sustain these precious resources for the future.*

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