October 17, 2025

Notice of Availability and Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

Project Title: North Marin Line Stabilization Project (Project)
Project Location: San Geronimo Creek and Sir Francis Drake Boulevard between Lagunitas Road and Lower Peters Dam Road
Project Sponsor: Marin Municipal Water District (Marin Water), 220 Nellen Avenue, Corte Madera, CA 94925
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To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is to inform you of the availability of the environmental review document concerning the Project described below. The document is a Draft Supplemental Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) that contains information about new possible environmental effects of the Project since adoption of the *North Marin Line Stabilization Project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration* (2016 IS/MND; Marin Water, 2016). The Draft Supplemental IS/MND documents the determination by Marin Water that the Project would not have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Preparation of an IS/MND does not indicate a decision by Marin Water to carry out or not to carry out the Project as proposed. That decision will be made at a regularly noticed meeting of Marin Water's Board of Directors, either on December 16, 2025 or in January 2026.

Project Description:

Marin Water proposes to replace two seismically unsound San Geronimo Creek pipeline crossings of the North Marin Line (NML) with seismically resistant crossings. The NML was constructed in 1957 to convey raw water from Marin Water's Kent Lake and Nicasio Reservoir to the San Geronimo Treatment Plant. The existing San Geronimo Creek pipeline crossings are supported on concrete trestles installed in the creek bottom and emerge from the ground through the San Geronimo Creek banks.

Marin Water would replace one pipeline crossing with approximately 1,700 feet of new

pipeline within Sir Francis Drake Boulevard. The other pipeline crossing would be replaced with a 36-inch pipeline installed within a single span steel truss supported on drilled piers. The pipeline would emerge from the ground approximately 20-feet back of the creek's top-of-bank and rise approximately 2 to 3-feet above the adjacent ground surface before crossing the creek.

The Project also includes cutting and removing the existing pipeline and existing piles in San Geronimo Creek. Dewatering would occur upstream and downstream to 'dry' out work area in order to construct and remove components and provide safe access to work areas.

The Project would be constructed over approximately 3.5 months between August and November 2026. No construction activities would occur during the February 1 to July 31 nesting season. Construction and material staging would occur at the crossing sites within Marin Water's 20-foot-wide pipeline easement, at Kent Lake adjacent to Peter's Dam, and/or at Leo T. Cronin parking lot adjacent to Sir Francis Drake Boulevard.

The new pipeline segments would operate as the current NML does, providing water to Marin Water customers.

Cortese List: The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) are responsible for updating the Hazardous Waste and Substances Site List compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 (referred to as the "Cortese List"). An independent review of the hazardous materials databases confirms there are no active or closed hazardous materials sites within the Project site boundary (DTSC 2025; SWRCB 2025).

Available for Review: The Draft IS/MND is available to view or download from Marin Water's web page (https://www.marinwater.org/NorthMarinPipeline). Paper copies of the IS/MND, and all documents cited in the IS/MND, are available for review during normal business hours at Marin Water, 220 Nellen Avenue, Corte Madera, CA 94925.

If you have questions concerning environmental review of the Project, please contact the staff contact listed above.

Within 30 calendar days following publication of the IS/MND (i.e., by 5:00 p.m. on **Monday, November 17, 2025**), any person may:

1) Review the IS/MND as an informational item and take no action, or;
2) Review the IS/MND and make recommendations for amending the text of the document. The text of the IS/MND may be amended to clarify or correct statements and may be expanded to include additional relevant issues or to cover issues in greater depth. Reviewers should focus on the sufficiency of the document in identifying and analyzing the possible impacts on the environment and ways in which the significant effects of the project might be avoided or mitigated. Comments are most helpful when they suggest additional specific mitigation measures that would provide better ways to avoid or mitigate the potentially significant environmental effects.

References:

Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). 2025. EnviroStor database. Hazardous materials sites in Marin County.

Marin Municipal Water District, (Marin Water). North Marin Line Stabilization Project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, April 2016.

State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). 2025. GeoTracker database. Hazardous materials sites in Marin County.