June 22, 2021

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: Update on Drought, Water Conservation Efforts at County Facilities

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION: Accept report and provide direction to staff.

On May 18, 2021, your Board received an extensive report from Marin County’s largest two water districts regarding current water supply levels in Marin and their plans to address water shortages. Your Board also adopted a resolution declaring a local emergency and imminent threat of disaster due to drought conditions, requesting Governor Newsom to add Marin County to the list of 41 declared counties where accelerated action is needed to protect public health, safety and the environment due to the drought.

Following up on May’s meeting, we return today with an update to provide information regarding current water conservation efforts by County departments at County facilities.

Staff from the Public Works, Parks, and County Fire Departments have collaborated to provide the attached summary of water conservation measures implemented to date, and potential future measures. Staff are available to answer questions, including staff from Agriculture, Weights and Measures, and the UC Farm Advisor.

Equity Impact
Water is essential to prosperity and progress; however, water challenges can disproportionately affect some of our most vulnerable residents. A policy goal of the County will be to conserve outdoor water use to foster and ensure opportunity for all people and communities.

Fiscal Impact
None as a result of accepting the report.

REVIEWED BY: [ X ] County Administrator [ ] N/A
[ ] Department of Finance [ X ] N/A
[ ] County Counsel [ X ] N/A
[ ] Human Resources [ X ] N/A

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Attachment: County of Marin Water Conservation Measures