



Sonoma-Marín Water Supply Agreement

**WATER ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING**

August 4, 2025

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Agenda Item 6



Overview

- Water Supply Agreement
 - History
 - Key Terms Comparison
 - Key Terms Summary
- Agreement Schedule & Process

Background - Two Agreements Cover Water Supply From Sonoma

- Marin Water agreement with Sonoma
Water for water supply is comprised of the Off-Peak and Sale of Water Agreement
- Agreement expired June 30, 2025 –
(Extension to Dec 2025 executed early June)
- Opportunity to clean up terms

Water Supply Agreement Between the Sonoma County Water Agency and Marin Municipal Water District

- Initial agreement initially signed in July 1975
- Amended/extended agreements several times (Renewed in 2015, expired June 2025)

Exhibit A - Off-peak Water Supply

Establishes 4,300 AFY as minimum take or pay and provides flowrates schedule

Exhibit B - Second Agreement for Water Supply

Establishes additional volume of 10,000 AF, max flowrates for delivery and purchase limits based on prior year usage, adds 1,000 AF to take or pay minimum from the Offpeak, for total take or pay of 5,300 AFY



- 14,300 AFY total volume
- 5,300 AFY minimum take or pay

Lump Sum Payments by Marin

- Lump-sum payments by Marin Water made for 14,300 AFY of “Firm Water” from the 75,000 AFY net yield of the Warm Springs Dam Project:
 - May 3, 1984 — \$168,347.89 for 4,300 AFY
 - July 31, 1996 — paid \$2,867,344 for 5,000 AFY
 - July 1, 2005 — paid \$6,326,257 for second 5,000 AFY
- Additionally, Marin Water pays an 11% premium over the highest cost of water (not including the Windsor 20% surcharge) as well as Russian River Project and Conservation charges.

Agreement - Summary of Changes

- **Simplified Delivery Caps** Seasonal acre-foot delivery caps would be eliminated. In their place, updated daily delivery limits—aligned with the 2006 Restructured Agreement—would be established. Marin Water’s maximum annual delivery of 14,300 acre-feet (AFY) and its 5,300 AFY minimum take-or-pay volume remain unchanged.
- **Elimination of Ramp-Up/Ramp-Down Provisions** The mechanism that adjusts future-year deliveries based on prior-year amounts would be removed.
- **Addition of a Roll-Over Provision** In cases where Sonoma Water is unable to deliver the full minimum take-or-pay volume due to emergencies or other factors beyond its control, Marin Water would be allowed to receive the undelivered portion in the following fiscal year, subject to availability. This maintains the 5,300 AFY take-or-pay requirement while introducing operational flexibility.
- **Capital Investment** Marin Water would make a one-time \$12.5 million capital payment to Sonoma Water - \$9 million would fund regional water resiliency projects in the Russian River watershed and \$3.5 million would support Sonoma Water’s efforts to improve winter water delivery capacity.
- **Infrastructure Planning Shift** The Draft Agreement removes prior references to constructing a parallel aqueduct along the Petaluma Aqueduct corridor. Instead, it acknowledges Marin Water’s exploration of a new pipeline from the North Marin Aqueduct to the Nicasio and/or Soulajule Reservoirs, supporting long-term “winter water” storage objectives.
- **Extended Agreement Term** The Draft Agreement would establish a 15-year term, aligning with expiration of the 2006 Restructured Agreement
- **Participation in Future Planning Discussions** Although Marin Water is not a prime contractor under the 2006 Restructured Agreement, the Draft Agreement includes a statement of support from Sonoma Water for Marin Water’s participation in future discussions regarding the renewal or extension of that agreement. Final participation would still require unanimous approval by all parties to the 2006 Agreement.

Schedule

- ✓ Draft Agreement reached between Sonoma Water and Marin Water –April/May 2025
- ✓ Draft agreement reviewed by Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair & Vice Chair & North Marin - May 2025
- ✓ TAC members review of agreement - May – June 2025
- ✓ TAC voted to recommend approval - June 2, 2025
- ✓ TAC members process for Water Advisory Council (WAC) consideration – June/July 2025
- WAC vote August 4, 2025

Approval Process - Water Advisory Council

- Sonoma Water – Marin Water restated agreement is subject to approval by the Water Advisory Council (WAC)
- Marin Water and Sonoma Water are seeking WAC approval of the agreement