

Almonte District Improvement Club
105 Wisteria Way
Mill Valley, CA 94941

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Marin Municipal Water District
220 Nellen Avenue
Corte Madera, CA 94925

Dear MMWD Board of Directors,

The Almonte District Improvement Club (ADIC) Board of Directors understands you are making decisions on how to provide a plentiful and reliable water supply during drought conditions. We urge you to forgo using desalination as a solution until all other safer and less expensive alternative water sources have been developed to the greatest extent possible. We believe these alternatives combined together will provide ample water for the existing MMWD patrons. If, in a few years, after all alternative methods have been implemented, there is still a need for more water, then a desal plant could be discussed again.

In order to provide a sufficient and reliable water supply, please implement the following list of measures:

- Reduce Distribution System Leaks
- Provide Improvements in Reservoir Operation
- Increase Efficient Toilet and Urinal Refits
- Retrofit to Efficient Clothes Washers & Dishwashers
- Retrofit to Efficient Landscape Irrigation Systems
- Increased Water Recycling
- Develop Additional Groundwater
- Urban Area Rain Harvesting, Cisterns and Gray water

Furthermore, we urge you to petition Marin County and the cities of Marin to lower their allowable build out of potential new development and thus lower future water demand.

The above alternative package of water generating methods coupled with a decrease in future development & water demand are more environmentally friendly, economical, safe and politically acceptable than the proposed desalination facility.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration.

Very truly yours,
The Almonte District Improvement Club Board of Directors