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**Please pull the Bolinas Rd. Pipeline Consent Calendar Agenda Item for further public discussion and address the questions that i have asked below in full before awarding the contract. Fw: Re upcoming March 2026 MMWD pipeline work in Fairfax. Fw: Pub...**

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**From** todd greenberg  
**Date** Tue 2/24/2026 3:20 PM  
**To** Board Comment <boardcomment@marinwater.org>

Dear MMWD Board,

Please see below correspondence re the MMWD Pipeline Project that appears on tonight's 2/24/2026 MMWD Board Meeting Agenda on the Consent Calendar,

Please pull the Bolinas Rd. Pipeline Consent Calendar Agenda Item for further public discussion and address the questions that i have asked below in full before awarding the contract.

If possible, please include this email in the published Public Record, or, if this particular email is deemed to have been submitted too late for publication,

please ensure that my prior submitted email on this topic is included in the published public meeting record as it was submitted many days prior with sufficient time and does pertain specifically to this MMWD Bolinas Rd Pipeline project that appears on tonight's agenda.

Thank you for your consideration and hard work.

With Safety, Cost Savings, and Minimization of Disruptions in Mind,

Sincerely,

Todd Greenberg

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**From:** todd greenberg  
**To:** Zachary Talbott <ztalbott@marinwater.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 02:48:33 PM PST  
**Subject:** Re: Re upcoming March 2026 MMWD pipeline work in Fairfax. Fw: Public Safety in Fairfax: Why isn't Fairfax getting PG&E to replace the documented as...

Hi Zachary-

I just left you a voicemail.

Thank you for the prior detailed response, though i would like to ask for additional clarifications.

Please further advise:

1. **Has MMWD specifically contacted PG&E re whether PG&E is willing to replace its 1935 Natural Gas Main** which runs along a close proximity parallel route as the upcoming MMWD Pipeline work, so as to minimize cost and disruption to businesses, residents, and visitors, not to mention the loss of sales to Merchants and sales tax revenues to the Town.

Notes:

a. **There have been numerous "emergency type" gas leak repairs from the 1935 PG&E Gas Main which runs along Bolinas Rd over the past 10 years.**  
b. **a PG&E employee has stated that the 1935 PG&E Gas Main which runs along Bolinas Rd, is "Whipcircled as needing replacement",** but as of several years ago, there was no date certain at which that was scheduled to be done.

2. Has MMWD asked RVFD what else it might do to help enhance RVFD's Downtown Fairfax Firefighting capabilities?

3. Has RVFD been consulted for the entire project specifications?

4. Will any Fire Hydrants be replaced?

5. Will any new Fire Hydrants be installed, and if so, at which locations?

6. Has Town of Fairfax provided a Sidewalk Concrete Color and Finish specification that is included in the bid specifications?

3. AT&T has yet to upgrade to Fiber in Downtown Fairfax, why isn't this being done at the same time or in a coordinated manner with the MMWD project?

4. Why aren't any "cost shares" happening on this project?

5. Upsizing a 3/4" meter to a 1" meter allows for between 50 and 70 gallons per minute, rather than 25-30 gallons per minute (**approximately 100% to 150% more!**). Wouldn't it be common sense to increase the available water flows to homes (and businesses) via unilateral upgrades to 1" Water meters at this time?

I hope to be able to ask these questions at tonight's 5pm+ MMWD meeting and hope that you can provide the Board answers to them ahead of time so they can be prepared.

Thank you for more details.

Best Regards,

Todd Greenberg

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On Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 11:47:38 AM PST, Zachary Talbott <ztalbott@marinwater.org> wrote:

Hi Todd,

Thank you for your questions. Please see below for District responses in blue:

1. IF MMWD has notified all other adjacent utilities and

Yes, Marin Water coordinates with all adjacent utility agencies throughout the design process. During early project development, we formally request utility record drawings and share project limits to identify potential conflicts and opportunities for coordination.

For the Bolinas Road Pipeline Replacement Project, Marin Water identified overlapping work with the Town of Fairfax related to the Park Road Storm Drain Project and with the Ross Valley Sanitary District. Since that time, Marin Water has been working closely with both agencies to coordinate design, scheduling, and construction activities to minimize impacts and ensure efficient delivery of public infrastructure improvements.

2. IF MMWD has been able to achieve any "cost shares" and/or other efficiencies (please provide documentation) by doing the necessary work in a coordinated manner with all the other adjacent utilities.

Yes, Marin Water pursues cost-sharing when project timing and scope align—most commonly when a City, Town, or County is planning roadway resurfacing within the same limits. In those cases, paving restoration costs may be shared to avoid duplicative work. For example, Marin Water coordinated paving with the Town of Fairfax on the Park Road Pipeline Replacement Project completed in 2025.

The Bolinas Road Pipeline Replacement Project is a standard capital improvement focused on replacing aging and seismically vulnerable infrastructure within a defined corridor. While coordination has occurred to minimize impacts, there are no cost-sharing agreements associated with this project.

3. Please also advise IF, in the interest of "Fire Safety" for Downtown Fairfax, whether MMWD will, as a matter of Public Fire Safety, at the same time as the MMWD pipeline work is done along Bolinas Rd, also replace all the MMWD Water meters along Bolinas Rd, with upsized less water flow constricting water meters (without additional or increased ongoing charges to customers who would not otherwise be required to upsize their water meters)

Marin Water coordinates all pipeline replacement projects with the local fire authority to review hydrant spacing and condition. As part of the Bolinas Road Pipeline Replacement Project, the existing 8-inch cast iron main (installed in the 1920s) will be replaced with new 8-inch welded steel pipe. The project also includes replacement of all hydrant laterals and service laterals, including fire service connections. Hydraulic modeling indicates an increase of more than 20% in available fire flow at hydrants within the project limits.

Standard domestic service laterals will be replaced with new 1-inch service lateral pipe to the existing meter location. In many cases, this represents an increase from older, smaller service lines. Select aging meters will be replaced at that time with new meters of the same size.

Meter size is determined by customer demand and on-site plumbing configuration and is not the controlling factor for hydrant fire flow within the public water main. Accordingly, meters will not be automatically upsized as part of this project. Customers who wish to request a meter upsize may contact Marin Water Engineering Services to evaluate service requirements and applicable fees under the District's established rate structure.

Regards,

**Zachary Talbott, PE**

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**From:** todd greenberg

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 11, 2026 12:56 PM

**To:** Board of Directors <[mmwdboard@marinwater.org](mailto:mmwdboard@marinwater.org)>

**Subject:** Re upcoming March 2026 MMWD pipeline work in Fairfax. Fw: Public Safety in Fairfax: Why isn't Fairfax getting PG&E to replace the documented as frequently leaking 1935 PG&E Gas Main along Bolinas Rd when MMWD does its Pipeline work? Fw: Road Closed...

Re. upcoming March 2026 MMWD pipeline work in Fairfax.

Fw: Public Safety in Fairfax: Why isn't Fairfax getting PG&E to replace the documented as frequently leaking 1935 PG&E Gas Main along Bolinas Rd when MMWD does its Pipeline work? Fw: Road Closed In Mill Valley Due To A Gas Line Break: Police | Mill Valley, CA Patch

Dear MMWD Board Members,

I am forwarding the below email to Town of Fairfax Town Manager Heather Abrams and other Town of Fairfax officials, as it relates to upcoming MMWD Water Pipeline work along Bolinas Rd in Fairfax which is scheduled to commence in March 2026.

Properly coordinating the MMWD work utilizing "best practices" with other utilities could achieve

cost savings for MMWD via "cost shares". planning and construction efficiencies, and minimization of otherwise unnecessary disruptions to the Town's businesses and residents and visitors.

Please respond specifically advising:

1) IF MMWD has notified all other adjacent utilities and

2) IF MMWD has been able to achieve any "cost shares" and/or other efficiencies (please provide documentation)

by doing the necessary work in a coordinated manner with all the other adjacent utilities.

Please also advise IF,,

in the interest of "Fire Safety" for Downtown Fairfax,

whether MMWD will,

as a matter of Public Fire Safety,

at the same time as the MMWD pipeline work is done along Bolinas Rd,

3) also replace all the MMWD Water meters along Bolinas Rd,

with upsized less water flow constricting water meters

(without additional or increased ongoing charges to customers who would not otherwise be required to upsize their water meters)

Thank you for considering and addressing these cost conscious and public safety minded concerns.

Please respond back, before the March commencement of the MMWD Pipeline project with details.

Thank you for your service to the community.

Best Regards,

Todd Greenberg

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**From:** "todd greenberg"

**To:** "Heather Abrams" <[habrams@townoffairfaxca.gov](mailto:habrams@townoffairfaxca.gov)>

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**Sent:** Wed, Feb 11, 2026 at 10:49 AM

**Subject:** Re: Public Safety in Fairfax: Why isn't Fairfax getting PG&E to replace the documented as frequently leaking 1935 PG&E Gas Main along Bolinas Rd when MMWD does its Pipeline work? Fw: Road Closed In Mill Valley Due To A Gas Line Break: Police | Mill Valley, CA Patch

Dear Town of Fairfax Town Manager Heather Abrams,

How many times does Bolinas Rd need to be shut down and repaired on an Emergency basis for PG&E Gas leaks? (At least 3 times in the last 5 years already)

Who will be held responsible when Downtown Fairfax has a Natural Gas explosion and fire similar to what has happened in the South Bay Area multiple times?

**Why isn't Fairfax getting PG&E to replace the documented as frequently leaking 1935 PG&E Gas Main along Bolinas Rd when MMWD does its Pipeline work commencing in March?**

Replacing the 1935 PG&E Natural Gas Main that runs along Bolinas Rd, near the MMWD Water Main that is to be replaced commencing in March, would allow for:

- 1) Cost sharing among the utilities doing the necessary work
- 2) Cost Savings among the utilities doing the necessary work
- 3) Disruption minimization to businesses and residences
- 3) Fewer lost Sales to businesses impacted by construction and street shutdowns,
- 4) Fewer lost Sales Tax Revenues for the Town of Fairfax, and

5) Most importantly, ensuring Public Safety for a documented as needing to be replaced, documented as frequently leaking 1935 PG&E Natural Gas Main.

(A PG&E employee is on record stating that PG&E's 1935 Natural Gas Main running along Bolinas Rd, is "whipcircled as needing replacement" but no date certain has been set for this to be done for years now, despite the ongoing documented leaks and numerous emergency repairs)

Please promptly advise IF and When each other Utility that runs along or near the MMWD pipeline project has been advised of the upcoming MMWD Pipeline work and Document that they have been asked to do any work that they need or would like to do in a time coordinated disruption minimizing manner.

Please email me a copy of those communications showing notification of each utility, including:

- 1) PG&E Gas and Electrical departments
- 2) AT&T (please ask AT&T if they will upgrade Downtown Fairfax to Fiber at this time, as they've done elsewhere in Fairfax already, or if not now, when?)
- 3) RVSD
- 4) MCSTOPP
- 5) Comcast
- 6) CMSA
- 7) Any other utilities located in proximity

Many persons are sincerely concerned about the ongoing lack of coordinated cost conscious planning in Fairfax.

Please promptly respond to this inquiry.

Best Regards,

Todd Greenberg

Example in Mill Valley:

Fw: Road Closed In Mill Valley Due To A Gas Line Break: Police | Mill Valley, CA Patch

<https://link.edgепilot.com/s/a30f451e/6YUSBnjKhESdnHeJxYpyvg?u=https://patch.com/california/millvalley/road-closed-mill-valley-due-gas-line-break-police>

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