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Subject: 3/11 EVENT CANCELED DUE TO FLOOD WARNING: Community Air Pollution Listening Session #1 Canceled
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Good afternoon,

We have **canceled** the first Marin City Community Air Pollution Listening Session on **Saturday, March 11th** due to expected heavy rain, flood warning, and high wind advisory.

Mark your calendar – the second scheduled Marin City Community Air Pollution Listening Session in two weeks on **Saturday morning, March 25th** is **still happening**.

Please stay safe and prepare for the atmospheric river that is on its way to the Bay Area today, with anticipated impacts and flood warnings over the weekend.

Here are resources to **stay informed** about the weather:

- [Weather | Public Emergency Portal - Marin County](#)
- [National Weather Service Forecast for Marin City \(NOAA\)](#)
- [NWS Bay Area \(@NWSBayArea\) / Twitter](#)

Here are resources to help stay safe and **get ready** for potential flooding and PG&E power outages:

- [Flooding | Public Emergency Portal - Marin County](#)
- [Sandbags | Public Emergency Portal - Marin County](#)
 - Government provided Sandbags (during an emergency) for Marin City available at the Marin County Fire Dept. - Drake Av./Philips Dr., behind the fire department
- [Alert Marin | Public Emergency Portal](#) to sign up for Emergency Alerts via call, text, email or smartphone app from Marin County
- [PG&E Safety & Preparedness](#) to plan for power outages

We look forward to seeing you at the Marin City Senior Center for the **Community Air Pollution Listening Session** on **Saturday, March 25th (3/25) at 10 am - 12 pm**.

Stay safe and take care,

Colin & the E/J Solutions team on behalf of Ms Terrie Green, Executive Director, Marin City Climate Resilience & Health Justice

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From: [Diane Lynch](#)
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Subject: Fwd: billing and water storage
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Dear MMWD Board

Sorry to have sent this email prematurely yesterday.

First let me congratulate the new directors who've come onto the board recently. I have high hopes for your time on the board being useful to all ratepayers. New blood is good for actually getting things done, which was not a hallmark of the old board. I look forward to the day when the entire board has been replaced.

My bill in 2017, five years ago, was \$71.78 before I turned on any water. My latest bill was \$176.40 before adding in actual water. Somewhere in these last five years they threw on another charge called Capital Maintenance Fee, which sounds like interest on borrowed money to me. Every few months these charges go up by a few dollars each, like no one will notice or care. Well, I care.

When I've done the rudimentary math on a neighbor's bill it appears that she's paying about 1.4 cents a gallon for water and I'm paying about 3.4 cents a gallon, which amounts to about three times as much per gallon of water for me. Why do I pay so much more for water? Because I have a one inch pipe, which has ABSOLUTELY NOTHING to do with how much water I actually use. In the case of said neighbor she used three times as much water for one person, 9 units, as we did for two people living in our house, 3 units. This seems incredibly skewed to me and not at all what MMWD seems to be looking for by penalizing me for conserving and rewarding her for using much more water. There's something quite wrong with this picture.

In my simplistic way of looking at this situation I think the board needs to figure out how much money is needed to run this huge operation that delivers clean, potable water to southern Marin County. Then simple math will allow you to know how much to charge per gallon of water delivered—none of these ridiculous fees and charges slanted to make some people pay way more than others. My suspicion is that these fees and charges can be increased willy nilly whenever revenues drop and, if that's the case, there's something wrong with that picture too.

I have tried several times over the years to get the supposed discount on the larger pipe I have, which I'm apparently entitled to, but to no avail. Yesterday I spoke to someone named Joseph in the engineering department and the only way I can prove to him that I have sprinklers is to hire someone to come in and service the system. This, despite the fact that the online

application requires me to swear that I have truthfully submitted the information—why can't I swear to that too?? Or why can't someone come out and see that I have sprinklers? Or why can't someone believe my photographs, especially since I have to certify that I'm giving true information anyway?

Now to my second topic: what to do about the fact that we don't have enough water banked for use in drought years. My understanding is that we have about a two year capacity and the grand jury recommendation is that we have a four year supply. I believe I was told that there is a plan on the books for another reservoir somewhere on MMWD's vast watershed acreage. If that's the case we need to build that reservoir, along with adding to the capacity of the existing reservoirs. It's astounding to contemplate how much water has flowed into the ocean these past two winters alone.

People love to throw out the desalination solution, like we could just build a desal plant in a year or so. San Diego Water took about 15 years of planning and had to deal with 14 legal challenges to get their's up and running so it makes no sense to tackle that first. Adding to storage makes more sense than the other ideas, including a pipe across the Richmond bridge when there's no guarantee there will always be water to be purchased from the east bay or central valley watersheds. Dig out the old reservoirs and add another one. If past boards hadn't been sitting on their thumbs commissioning study after study this could have already been accomplished. We're now looking at the state mandated building of much more housing in the county and the age-old excuse of limiting water hook-ups will no longer be a viable way of keeping people out of our little paradise so figuring out a way to add more storage seems like a good idea to me.

Sorry to have sent this prematurely but I hope something can be done about these issues and I appreciate your efforts.

Diane Lynch