

**MARIN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION**

RESOLUTION NO. 24-05

**RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE OF THE NORTH MARIN  
WATER DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS** upon determination and adoption of a sphere of influence, the Marin Local Agency Formation Commission is required to periodically review and update adopted spheres of influence for each city and special district not less than once every five years, as necessary, within Marin County under Government Code Section 56425 (g); and

**WHEREAS** the Executive Officer has conducted a review of the adopted sphere of influence of local government agencies providing multi-regional services, prepared a summary, *Multi-Regional Services Municipal Service Review*, including his recommendations thereon, the summary having been presented to and considered by this Commission; and

**WHEREAS** a public hearing by this Commission was held on the *Multi-Regional Services Municipal Service Review* and this Sphere of Influence Amendment, and staff's recommendations contained in that report on the date and at the time noticed thereof, and at the hearing, this Commission heard and received all oral and written testimony, objections and evidence which were made, presented or filed, and all persons present were given an opportunity to hear and be heard with respect to the proposal and the Executive Officer's report.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, based upon the information contained in the Executive Officer's report, correspondence from affected agencies and information received during the public hearings, the Marin Local Agency Formation Commission **DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER** as follows:

Section 1. The sphere of influence of the North Marin Water District is hereby amended as shown on Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference and the Commission makes the written determinations pursuant to Government Code section 56425(e) as provided for in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. All currently active powers for the District are listed within the *Multi-Regional Services Municipal Service Review* within the District's agency profile section.

Section 2. Pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the Commission finds that this review and amending of the sphere of influence of the North Marin Water District is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

Section 3. The Executive Officer is hereby directed to mail copies of this resolution to affected local government agencies in the Multi-Regional Services area.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Marin Local Agency Formation Commission, on August 8, 2024, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Commissioners Coler, Kious, Murray, Chu, Lucan and Moulton-Peters

**NOES:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ABSTAIN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Burdo

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Barbara Coler, Chair  
Marin LAFCo

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

Jason Fried  
Jason Fried, LAFCo Executive Officer

Malathy Subramanian  
Malathy Subramanian, LAFCo Counsel

Attachments to Resolution No. 24-05

- a) Exhibit A - Determinations
- b) Exhibit B - Map

## EXHIBIT A

## NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT SPHERE OF INFLUENCE DETERMINATIONS

## GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 56425

- 1) The present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural and open-space lands.

Present and planned land uses in the adopted sphere of influence are governed by the City of Novato General Plan, Marin Countywide Plan, Sonoma Countywide Plan, Dillon Beach Community Plan, and Point Reyes Station Community Plan. Based on currently adopted zoning standards, the City of Novato and each of the unincorporated census-designated places are essentially built out at this time. Land uses within the District's sphere of influence include (but are not limited to) both single and multi-family residential, general commercial, commercial/industrial, open space, agriculture, conservation, rural residential, coastal open area, coastal agricultural residential, and coastal village commercial residential.

- 2) The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area.

The need for the North Marin Water District's current facilities and services included in the sphere of influence show no signs of diminishing in the foreseeable future. As the sole municipal water provider within the greater Novato area as well as the community of Point Reyes Station and the sole provider of wastewater collection and treatment for the Oceana Marin community, at this time there is no sign of any other service provider that could meet or exceed the District's current levels of service to these areas..

- 3) The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide.

The operating departments and public facilities of the North Marin Water District are adequate to provide service to the District's currently established boundary and areas within its sphere of influence. The District, within its Urban Water Management Plan, has shown that it has the necessary infrastructure and capacity to continue to provide services at its current levels for currently projected levels of growth within its service boundary through 2045. Additionally, the proactive measures that the District has taken in making the necessary adjustments to its rate schedule in order to keep pace with imported water rates from the Sonoma County Water Agency have positioned the District to avoid any interruption of a critical service within its sphere for the foreseeable future.

- 4) The existence of any social or economic communities of interest in the area if the commission determines that they are relevant to the agency.

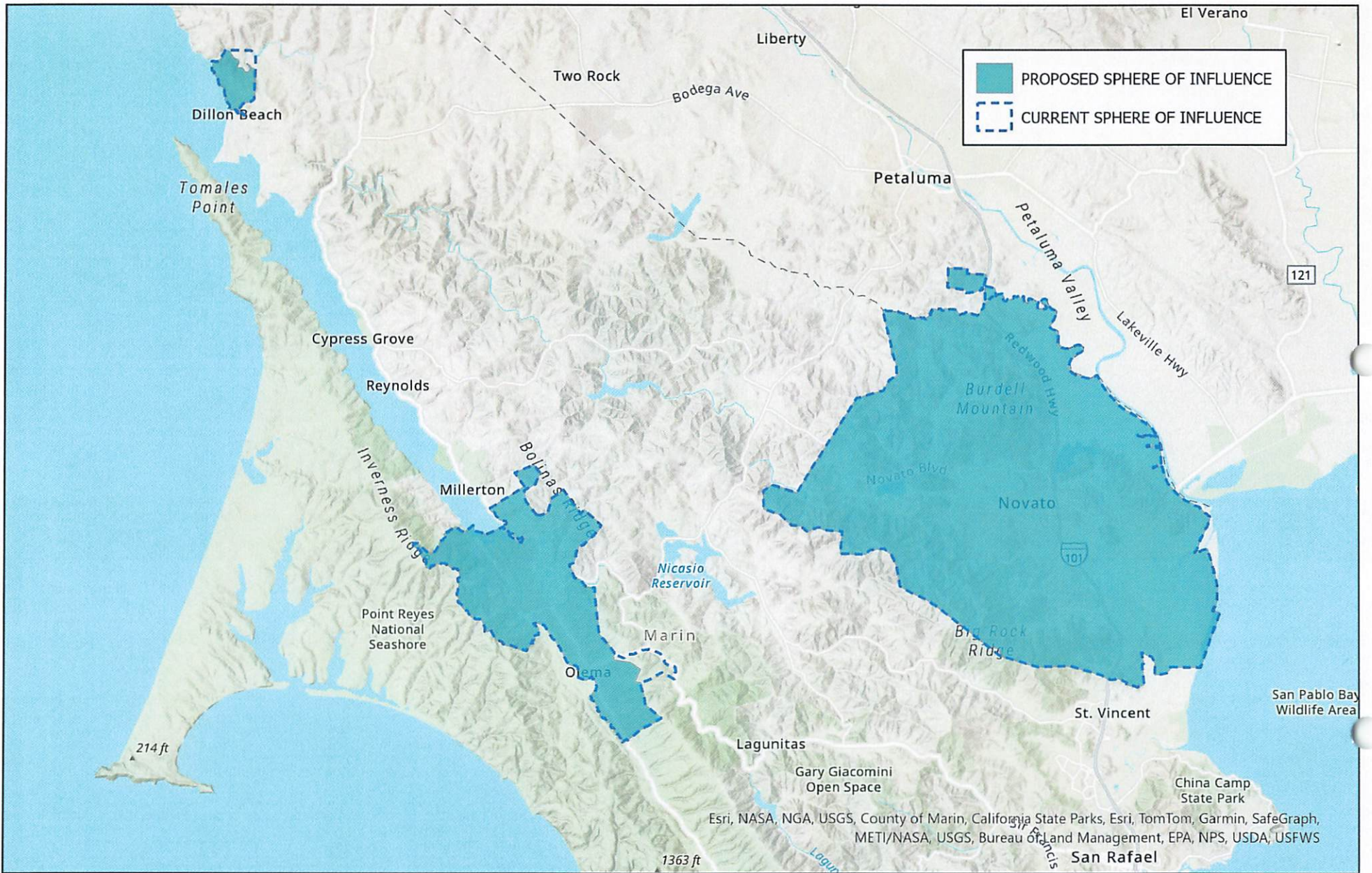
The Commission has determined that social and economic communities of interest between areas currently within the boundaries of the North Marin Water District and the area

surrounding its jurisdiction are not relevant to the determination of the District's sphere of influence.

- 5) For an update of a sphere of influence for a city or special district that provides public facilities or services related to sewers, municipal and industrial water, or structural fire protection, that occurs on or after July 1, 2012, the present and probable need for those public facilities and services of any disadvantaged unincorporated communities within the existing sphere of influence.

No disadvantaged unincorporated communities have been identified by Marin LAFCo within the sphere of influence of the North Marin Water District





**NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT PROPOSED SPHERE OF INFLUENCE AMENDMENT**



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