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Ms. Pam Nicolai, General Manager
Marin Municipal Water District
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Dear Ms. Nicolai:

The Sierra Club – Marin Group would like to partner with MMWD to increase knowledge of landscape water efficiency. We are very supportive of MMWD's current "Water Wise" educational programs, but given the new rate structure recently adopted, it seems likely that there will be even greater receptivity to the important messages of responsible landscaping and water efficiency.

Components of an expanded program could include demonstration gardens in several cities that feature the beauty and low water needs of native landscapes, a portable demonstration vehicle that could be taken to property owners, and explicit assistance on irrigation efficiency and new technologies.

We would be delighted to partner with MMWD in expanding water education efforts, and are willing to work to coordinate our activities with other conservation minded organizations in Marin, including non profits, educational organizations, garden clubs, and landscape businesses.

Some of the ways we could assist in this water education include program include 1) soliciting volunteers who want to "adopt a garden" to demonstrate water wise plants and their beauty, 2) supporting fundraising efforts 3) educating our members through our newsletters, e-mails and websites, and 4) general coordination with the other groups.

We are most interested to learn what role or roles you and your staff consider to be the most useful ones we could play in supporting Marin's expanded water education efforts. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Gordon Bennett, Conservation Co-Chair