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**TAMALPAIS LANDS COLLABORATIVE UNITES PUBLIC-PRIVATE  
PARTNERS IN LONG-TERM PRESERVATION, PROTECTION AND  
STEWARDSHIP OF MOUNT TAM**

MARIN COUNTY, CA.—Four major land-managing public agencies and a Bay Area conservation nonprofit have reached a landmark agreement to work together to steward the long-term preservation and restoration of Marin County’s beloved Mount Tamalpais.

A result of various collaborative efforts over the last decade, the Tamalpais Lands Cooperative (TLC) is a new initiative that brings together the resources, talents and philanthropy of the National Park Service, California State Parks, Marin Municipal Water District, Marin County, and the nonprofit Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy to support conservation, stewardship and public enjoyment of the nearly 10 square miles of local, state and national parklands that encompass the Mount Tam region.

As detailed in the newly signed agreement, the TLC’s mission is to develop and implement various projects and public programs that promote Mount Tam’s resource management and preservation, that increase community support, volunteer stewardship and education, and that enhance the visitor experience. The TLC will work together on more detailed action plans to achieve those broad objectives.

This more comprehensive partnership has evolved from many collaborative efforts of the past decade. “A multi-agency partnership for Redwood Creek showed us the power of

working together,” said Frank Dean, General Superintendent of the Golden Gate National Parks. “I’m very excited the National Park Service has the opportunity to work seamlessly as ‘Rangers without Borders’ as part of the TLC to care for the mountain we all love.”

More recently MMWD and Marin County Open Space saw the potential to make a greater impact by joining forces. MMWD General Manager Krishna Kumar said, “The TLC will further the water district’s two primary goals: protecting natural lands and managing water as a sustainable public resource and doing so within a larger context.”

“We are excited to be involved in this strong partnership focused on Marin’s iconic public lands. The TLC will magnify our capacity to protect our precious natural resources and better serve Marin’s communities,” said Linda Dahl, Director & General Manager Marin County Parks.

The challenges facing the California State Park System also brought new incentives to collaborate “It is essential for California State Parks to adopt unique and creative models that collectively consider the best interest of our public lands. This signature collaborative considers interpretation, restoration, preservation, protection, and recreation within Mount Tamalpais’ natural and cultural resources while engaging our communities,” said Danita Rodriguez, District Superintendent, Marin/Diablo Vista Districts, CA State Parks.

Bringing it all together, the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, known for its work in mobilizing volunteers, securing philanthropic grants and gifts, and restoring landscapes will provide this support to the collaborative. “Many of us have worked together on various projects in support of Mount Tam over the years, and with the TLC we are taking our combined efforts to the next level,” said Greg Moore, President and CEO of the Parks Conservancy. “This partnership enables four major public land-managing agencies to increase efficiencies, eliminate redundancies, and work together with the Parks Conservancy to realize a shared vision for the preservation, protection and public enjoyment of Mount Tam for generations to come.”

**Editor’s Note:** The five Tamalpais Lands Cooperative partners will celebrate the signing of the TLC Memorandum of Understanding at a reception and program on Friday, March 21, 2014 at 4:30pm in Tiburon. For more information and media access, please contact David Shaw, [dshaw@parksconservancy.org](mailto:dshaw@parksconservancy.org).

### **About the Tamalpais Lands Cooperative Partners:**

**California State Parks:** The California State Parks are dedicated to providing for the health, inspiration and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state’s biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation. [www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov)

### **Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy**

The Parks Conservancy is the nonprofit membership organization created to preserve the Golden Gate National Parks, enhance the experiences of park visitors, and build a community dedicated to conserving the parks for the future. The Conservancy is an authorized “cooperating association” of the National Park Service, and is one of more

than 70 such nonprofit organizations working with national parks around the country. [www.parksconservancy.org](http://www.parksconservancy.org)

### **Marin County Parks**

Marin County offers an extensive system of regional and community parks, open space preserves, and trails for public use and enjoyment an. It is dedicated to educating, inspiring, and engaging the people of Marin in the shared commitment of preserving, protecting, and enriching the natural beauty of Marin's parks and open spaces, and providing recreational opportunities for the enjoyment of all generations. [www.marincountyparks.org](http://www.marincountyparks.org)

### **Marin Municipal Water District**

Marin Municipal Water District is a public utility providing water to 186,000 people in - south and central Marin County, and managing watershed lands open to public use. In operation since 1912, MMWD is the oldest municipal water district in California. The district's mission is to manage natural resources in a sustainable manner and to provide customers with reliable, high-quality water at a reasonable price. [www.marinwater.org](http://www.marinwater.org)

### **National Park Service**

The National Park Service (NPS) is a federal agency within the U.S. Department of the Interior charged with managing the preservation and public use of America's most significant natural, scenic, historic, and cultural treasures. The NPS manages the Golden Gate National Parks, as well as 401 other park sites across the U.S. [www.nps.gov/goga](http://www.nps.gov/goga)

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