# Community Attitudes Towards the Tamalpais Community Services District 

Key Findings of a Survey Conducted April 22 - May 2, 2024

## Survey Methodology



## Community Context

# Voters widely approve of the job being done by TCSD. 

I am going to mention a few local organizations. Please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the job they are doing.

■ Strng. Appr.
-
Smwt. Disappr.

Strng. Disappr.

- Heard of/Can't Rate Heard of Don't know

Tamalpais Community Services District


Total
Total App. Disapp.

$\square$

Marin Water

| $21 \%$ | $49 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |$\quad 71 \% \quad 19 \%$

## Voters are highly likely to recommend living in the community.

How likely are you to recommend living in your community on a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being Extremely Unlikely and 10 being Extremely Likely to recommend?


## Views on the Tamalpais Community Services District

# Voters are most familiar with TCSD's solid waste services. 

As far as you know, what services does the Tamalpais Community Services District provide in your area?

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(Open-ended)
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Solid waste/Trash/Recycling/Compost/Debris



36\%



## They are also widely satisfied with the services offered.

How satisfied are you with each of the following services provided by Tamalpais Community Services District: very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

■ Very Sat. ■ Smwt. Sat.
Smwt. Dissat.
■ Very Dissat.

- Don't Know

Solid Waste services, including trash, recycling, and green waste collection


Parks and recreation facilities maintenance and open space management

Wastewater and sewer services

Community events and activities

Total Total Sat. Dissat.

96\% 4\%

90\% 5\%

87\%
5\%

## Broad majorities rate each of the services as a good value.

Thinking about what you pay for the services provided by TCSD, how would you rate the value you receive for these services: an excellent value, a good value, an only fair value, or a poor value? If you don't know you can tell me that too.

Exc./ Fair/ Good Poor

Solid Waste services, including trash, recycling, and green waste collection

Parks and recreation facilities maintenance and open space management


81\%

Community events and activities

| $35 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $77 \%$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $10 \%$ |  |
| $34 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $77 \%$ |$\quad 11 \%$

## Views on Parks and Recreation Facilities

## Eastwood Park receives the most visits.

The District manages local parks, as well as other facilities. For each park or facility, please indicate how often you or someone in your household visits it: daily, at least once per week, at least once per month, at least once per year, or rarely/never.


## Voters are most satisfied with the open space and grassy areas and walking paths at Eastwood Park.

I am going to name some different types of facilities and amenities available at Eastwood Park and I'd like for you to tell me how satisfied you are with those facilities and amenities at Eastwood Park: very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, very dissatisfied.


## At Kay Park, they are also most satisfied with the walking paths and open space.

I am going to name some different types of facilities and amenities available at Kay Park and I'd like for you to tell me how satisfied you are with those facilities and amenities at Kay Park: very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, very dissatisfied.


# Voters most want to see the parks clean and increased shaded areas. 

What specific improvements would you like to see at Kay and Eastwood Parks? (Open-ended; Grouped Responses Shown, 2\% and Above Shown)

| Cleaner bathrooms/Improving the restroom facilities | 16\% |
| :---: | :---: |
| Maintaining cleanliness/Continued maintenance | 13\% |
| More shaded areas/Increased shelter over picnic areas | 9\% |
| Better amenities/More park activities/Park services | 8\% |
| Increased seating areas/More benches/Cleaner sitting areas | 7\% |
| Better lawn maintenance/Landscaping improvements/Control of vegetation | 7\% |
| No improvements needed/Nothing to suggest | 7\% |
| Improved athletic fields (courts)/More exercise equipment | 6\% |
| Improved walking paths/Better trails (pathways/park trails) | 5\% |
| Increased parking spaces/Parking lot renovations | 4\% |
| Upgrading the playground/A newer playground | 4\% |
| Does not use the public parks/Hardly attends the park spaces | 3\% |
| General positive | 3\% |
| More picnic tables/Improved picnic areas | 3\% |
| No dogs allowed/Pet restrictions | 2\% |

## Improved bathrooms are the top driver of increased park use.

Here are some changes that could be made to Kay and Eastwood Parks. Please indicate if this change would make you and other members of your household more likely to use Kay Park, more likely to use Eastwood Park or more likely to use both parks.

| ■ Kay Park ■ | astwood Par | - Both Parks | ■ Not a Reason | - Don't Know | *Total More Likely |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cleaner bathrooms | 12\% | 35\% | 25\% | 24\% | 51\% |
| More bathrooms | 9\% 5\% | 36\% | 24\% | 27\% | 50\% |
| Improved overall park maintenance | 7\% 9\% | 31\% | 34\% | 20\% | 47\% |
| More open court time for tennis and pickleball | 5\% 13\% | 24\% | 30\% | 27\% | 42\% |
| Improved grassy area maintenance | 6\% 10\% | 24\% | 37\% | 22\% | 40\% |
| Requiring dogs to be on leashes | 7\% | 31\% | 42\% | 18\% | 40\% |
| More parking | 11\% | 24\% | 44\% | 20\% | 36\% |

## A majority agree that dogs should be off leash but under voice control in designated areas in Eastwood Park.

Which of the following statements comes closest to your personal opinion?

Dogs should be allowed off-leash, but under voice control, as is currently the policy, in designated areas of Eastwood Park


Dogs should only be allowed on-leash at all times of Eastwood Park


Dogs should be allowed off-leash in all areas of Eastwood Park other than playgrounds


62\% of dog owners agree that dogs should be allowed off-leash but under voice control.

Don't know 5\%

## A majority have the same opinion when it comes to Kay Park.

Which of the following statements comes closest to your personal opinion?

Dogs should be allowed off-leash, but under voice control, as is currently the policy, in designated areas of Kay Park


Dogs should be allowed off-leash in all areas of Kay Park other than playgrounds


Dogs should only be allowed on-leash at all times of Kay Park


60\% of dog owners agree that dogs should be allowed off-leash but under voice control.

Don't know
8\%

## Voters have very positive opinions of the condition of the Community Center and the Cabin.

Thinking about the other facilities managed by TCSD, how would you rate the condition of each: excellent, good, only fair, poor?


## Tamalpais Community Service District Events

## Three-quarters have attended a community event hosted by TCSD.

Have you ever attended a community event hosted by TCSD?


# Those who have attended an event favor live music, Creekside Fridays, and the farmers market. 

What was your favorite TCSD event that you attended?
(Open-ended; 2\% and Above Grouped Responses Shown; Asked of Yes Voters Only, n=194)


## Those who attended events felt that parking could be improved.

In a few words of your own, what are some things that could be improved about the TCSD events you have attended?
(Open-ended; 2\% and Above Grouped Responses Shown, Asked of Yes Voters Only, n=194)


# Most who have not attended any events are not interested, but more than one in ten say they don't know enough about them. 

Why have you not attended any of TCSD community events?
(Open-ended; Asked of No Voters Only, n=64)


| Other | $2 \%$ |
| ---: | :---: |
| Don't Know/Unsure | $2 \%$ |
| Refused/No Comment | $4 \%$ |

## Voters are most interested in Hazardous Waste Day and more activities for adults.

Here is a list of new community events and activities that some have suggested that TCSD offer.
Please indicate if you're very interested, somewhat interested, not too interested, or not at all interested in this event.
$■$ Very Int. $\square$ Smwt. Int. $\square$ Not Too Int. ■ Not at All Int. ■ Don't Know/No Opin.

Very/Smwt. Interested 86\%


Q18.

## In their own words, they suggested more kids activities, music and sports.

What other community events would you like to see offered by TCSD? (Open-ended; $2 \%$ and Above Grouped Responses Shown)


Q19.

## Nearly three-quarters are interested in a new centrally located park.

TCSD is considering creating a new centrally located park. How interested are you in having a new centrally located park in your community?


| Not too interested |  | $15 \%$ | Not Too/ <br> Not at All <br> Interested <br> $23 \%$ |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

> Majority interest cuts across the District's major demographic groups.

## Customer Service and Communications

# Many have had direct contact with the District and a majority have in the last year. 

Have you or anyone in your household had direct contact with the Tamalpais Community Services District?


## Those who has contact with the District were overwhelmingly satisfied.

## How satisfied were you with the service you received from the

 Tamalpais Community Services District?(Asked of Those Who Had Contact with the District Voters, $n=144$ )


| Somewhat dissatisfied | $3 \%$ | Total <br> Dissatisfied <br> $3 \%$ |
| ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Very dissatisfied | $0 \%$ |  |

Don't know 1\%

## Voters most recall seeing posted signs in the last 12 months.

Here is a list of ways TCSD may have provided you with information in the last 12 months. Please tell me if you recall receiving information from TCSD in this way in the last 12 months.
■ Recall ■ Don't Recall ■ Don't Know
Posted signs and flyers $\quad 62 \% \quad 31 \% ~ 6 \%$

|  | Mailers and newsletters | $57 \%$ | $37 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  | $6 \%$ |  |

Emails and e-newsletters $\quad 54 \% \quad 40 \% \quad 6 \%$

Information at community events

| $53 \%$ | $35 \%$ |
| :---: | :---: |


| $45 \%$ | $45 \%$ |
| :---: | :---: | $10 \%$

## Voters want to see TCSD focus on waste and recycling and community events in the coming years.

TCSD provides solid waste services, wastewater collection services, parks and recreation, and community events in your area. What is the most important thing you would like TCSD to focus on in the coming years?
(Open-ended; 2\% and Above Grouped Responses Shown)


## Conclusions

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- TCSD voters have a very positive view of the District and are highly satisfied with the services offered, although they are most familiar with the solid waste services.
- Those who have had contact with the District are very satisfied with the service they received.
- Eastwood Park is most visited, and voters are highly satisfied with the open space and walking paths in both parks.
- Ensuring bathrooms are clean is a top priority for voters.
- When it comes to dogs, majorities favor designated off-leash areas where dogs can be under voice control.
- Most respondents have attended a TCSD event with live music and Creekside Fridays the most common favorites.
- Voters are interested in a wide array of additional events, particularly Hazardous Waste Days and more activities for adults.
- Additionally a wide majority across demographic groups were interested in a new centrally located park.
- Voters most want to see the District continuing to focus on waste and recycling, events, its current services, wastewater and parks in the coming years.

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