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RE: Drought Emergency Update

Dear MCCSD Residents and Businesses,

Mendocino County Supervisors met August 24, 2021 to discuss the drought emergency and Coastal water needs. MCCSD explained the urgency of the situation and the need for immediate help, as did local business owners and residents. The Board then voted to allocate \$1.5 million dollars to subsidize water hauling to the Coast. Supervisor Williams was instrumental in getting the proposal aigenized and approved.

This is just the first step, but please know MCCSD is working hard on your behalf to make water available now, and for future resiliency.

MCCSD received a truck load of bottled water on Friday 8/20/21. Thanks to County Cal OES staff, Niagara Water, and Uber freight. If you have a dry well or are in need of drinking water please contact our office to arrange pick up of bottled water. Limit of 3 cases per household and you will be required to complete the well survey that was sent home July 9, 2021.

This past week MCCSD had meetings with State Senator McGuire, former head of the State Water Resources Control Board Felicia Marcus, Congressman Jared Huffman's office, Diane Feinstein's staff, and Jim Wood's office. They are all aware of our situation and are working to help with both short term and long term solutions but emphasize that the County needs to take the lead. The Supervisors meeting today showed that the County is willing and able to step up and do just that.

It may be a few more days before water begins to arrive on the Coast so please continue to conserve. MCCSD has learned that Elk and Irish Beach Water Districts shut off the bulk water purchases to local water haulers effective Friday 8/20/21. Fort Bragg discontinued water sales July 18, 2021. Westport is going to stop their two loads per day any minute. The Mendocino Unified School District has had to stop water sales pending contract agreements and legal review. We are hoping to get the School District and Fort Bragg (with County assistance) back on line but the exact time frame is unknown.

Residents and businesses need to take this emergency seriously and continue to conserve. Increase your storage capacity as we prepare for future droughts, contact haulers to get on their list now, not when your tank is empty and it's too late. Be prepared to pay higher prices for bulk water, the goal of County support is to keep water flowing and prices affordable. MCCSD is working very hard on your behalf but we need to stick together as friends and neighbors and continue to conserve to get through this emergency.

Respectfully,

Ryan Rhoades  
District Superintendent