

Drought Update: 8/12/21

- Monday, 8/9/2021 the Mendocino Unified School District is now selling eight (8) truck-loads (28,000 gal) of water per week, two more than last week, and their wells appear to be keeping up. We are optimistic that Albion school will soon make one more daily load of water available for sale.

-Josh Metz of the County Drought Task Force informed MCCSD on 8/10/21 that the City of Ukiah has expressed a willingness to sell/provide water to the Coast. The County has expressed a willingness to fund the transport of water from Ukiah to the Coast. There is optimism this could begin by the end of August. Water would be sold at \$0.06 per gal to local/licensed haulers (\$0.03 per/gal from Ukiah, and \$0.03 per gal from F.B.) plus trucking from FB to Mendo, meaning about \$500 per (3,500 gal) load for residents. Commercial business would have to pay for the trucking from Ukiah, meaning \$1,000 + per load.

-The six (6) emergency portable toilets provided by the County have been placed around town at multiple business. Still no update on the request for additional toilets. Regional Cal OES visited MCCSD Wed. 8-11-21 for a first hand report on the current situation. They are working on putting together a regional request package. We are happy see their participation and proactive leadership.

-County OES and Niagara water is working on sending a truck load of bottled water to MCCSD. If you know any families that are out of water MCCSD will be helping to distribute the bottled water. It can be picked up at our WWTP M-F 9-4. Or by appointment 707-937-5790. No water has arrived to date.

-Josh Metz is continuing to advise that any and all businesses impacted by this drought continue to keep good records. Lost business, days you had to close due to lack of water, reductions in staffing, costs to purchase water, or disposable serving dishes. As potential funding comes in this information may be necessary to receive aid.

-Our community is receiving lots of State and National press at the moment. Hopefully this is helpful for some businesses. More importantly, I hope the attention leads to increased political awareness of our situation that results in funding for community water infrastructure.

-MCCSD's message is about education, conservation, mitigation, and investment in sustainability against climate change. We welcome visitors, but we are working to educate them on our situation, and improve conservation.

-No new information from Senator Dianne Feinstein's office.

-No news from County or State on the possibility of receiving a mobile treatment unit to create a coastal filling station. No news on the requested storage tanks.

-MCCSD had reached out to our State representatives to remind them of the situation we are in, invite them to visit, and request both short term and long term assistance. Meeting with Senator Mcguire 8/20/21 to discuss the drought.

-We are continuing to receive more survey's back and improving our data on the number of dry wells.

-The Sheriff's office has been informed about increased water theft in the area, and is making extra patrols

-Please continue to share any new ideas, proposals, or concerns, please share them with the District so that I might include them when I talk with the County and other officials.