

To: Mendocino Board of Supervisors (open letter)

Re: Critical Water Shortage, Special meeting 8/24/21

As you consider the water crisis in our county, please acknowledge that conditions and solutions vary greatly and can be counter to one another. I am specifically focusing on the discussion of WATER HAULING. Although that may be a solution for the coastal crisis, water hauling is a major problem for Round Valley. Water trucks are syphoning water from our aquifer and shipping it to illegal grows in the hills. Meanwhile valley wells are going dry and tensions are mounting over the loss of our most precious resource.

Please be sure that your decisions don't exacerbate the problem by encouraging water hauling. Please review the process of permitting new wells. Please pay attention to the inability of the planning department or the sheriff's office to review and enforce regulations. Don't make matters worse with short sighted decisions.

Sincerely,
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