To: Mendocino County Board of Supervisors 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1010 Ukiah, CA AM

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Re: August 24, 2021 Board of Supervisors Meeting

By email: bos@co.mendocino.ca.us

RE: Agenda Item 4)a). (Discussion and Possible Action Including Presentation Regarding Increasingly Dire Drought Conditions and Abrupt Loss of Coastal Water Sale to Haulers... (Sponsor: Supervisor Williams)

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of the Artists' Co-op of Mendocino (ACM) I am writing to express our support for Agenda Item 4)a).

ACM was established in 1988. Currently we have 18 local artist members and 3 guest artists exhibiting at our gallery located at the corner of Kasten and Albion Streets in the village of Mendocino.

Over the last 33 years we have thrived through the resilience of our members. We survived the shelter in place shutdown of our State and County with the assistance of our supportive landlords, Bob and Susan Cimmiyotti and the best health practices of our members.

Taking all possible precautions at the gallery due to the Delta Variant we expected that we might see a decline in tourism due to that factor. Now, the town of Mendocino is drying up due to water shortage. We rely on local people and tourists, for the most part, to visit our gallery, enjoy and purchase art.

We are asking our elected officials to support the people who live and work here. Supervisor Williams represents the District in which ACM resides. Yet, this need for water for Mendocino should be realized as a whole County issue.

Thank you for your consideration,

Karen Bowers, President, ACM

Cc: ACM Members, Bob Cimmiyotti