

The national news and social media tell the story of the town of Mendocino, and their need for trucked water, mostly focusing on the tourism industry. However, there are thousands of residents out of water, or who will be soon. This means taking 1 min showers and saving that water to flush the toilet. Not having water for fire protection. Not having the funds to purchase and set up a holding tank, pump, and more. Then there is the cost of water delivery itself. While many of us with little to no water have been living on under 20 gallons a day, as our wells run dry or collapse, the story is about tourism. Glen McGourty has been an amazing advocate for the coastal residents on the adhoc committee. His hard work and efforts do not go unnoticed by those of us paying attention to this drought emergency.

It would be wonderful if the narrative was changed. This is not just a few quaint inns in Mendocino needing water. This is families, elderly, our neighbors who are in need. Erhaps the water haulers could supply a log of who is receiving water deliveries to emphasize the need for residential.. water deliveries. Thank you for the continued work to find solutions to our dire situation on the coast. Drilling wells deeper is not a solution for many, as our water table is not deep. Some neighbors drilled deeper and now have salt water intrusion. There are no easy answers, nor solutions for those of us not on city water systems. Landlords are being hit hard. When water deliveries are more than the rental income, this will lead to more homes sitting empty and more looking for housing that has sufficient water. The problem is dire, and I am grateful to those looking for short and long term solutions.

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