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MENDOCINO COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING

August 24, 2021 - 1:00 PM
BOARD CHAMBERS, ROOM 1070
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER

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1. OPEN SESSION (1:00 P.M.)

1a) Roll Call

1b) Pledge of Allegiance

2. PUBLIC EXPRESSION

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<https://mendocino.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.*

2a) Public Expression

Attachments: [08-22-21 Ettelson Correspondence](#)
 [08-24-21 Naal Correspondence](#)

3. COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS

- 3a) Discussion and Possible Action Including Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Grant Application, Acceptance and Execution of Agreements by the Department of Transportation Water Agency Division for the Mendocino County Community Water Supply Replacement Project and to Advertise for Bids and Award Contracts to Implement Said Project at an Initial Estimated Cost of \$3,840,000 (Countywide) And Grant Matching Funds to be Allocated From PG&E Settlement Funds to Disaster Recovery Budget Unit 2910 (Sponsor: Water Agency)**

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution authorizing the grant application, acceptance and execution of agreements by the Department of Transportation Water Agency Division for the Mendocino County Community Water Supply Replacement Project and to advertise for bids and award contracts to implement said Project at an initial estimated cost of \$3,840,000 (Countywide) and grant matching funds to be allocated from PG&E Settlement Funds to Disaster Recovery Budget Unit 2910; and authorize Chair to sign same.

Attachments:

[Resolution 21-123](#)

[Resolution](#)

[08-23-21 Berman Correspondence](#)

[08-21-21 Bowers Correspondence](#)

[08-22-21 Caldwell Correspondence](#)

[08-23-21 L Barra Correspondence](#)

[08-24-21 C Barra Correspondence](#)

[08-24-21 Frev Correspondence](#)

[08-24-21 Clark - RVMAC Correspondence](#)

[08-24-21 Gaska Correspondence](#)

4. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND MISCELLANEOUS

- 4a) Discussion and Possible Action Including Presentation Regarding Increasingly Dire Drought Conditions and Abrupt Loss of Coastal Water Sale to Haulers; and Direction to Staff to Allocate Budget for Immediate Assistance Including the Implementation of a Water Hauling Assistance Program, Structured for Best Success in Future Reimbursement from State and Federal Partners
(Sponsor: Supervisor Williams)**

Recommended Action:

Accept presentation regarding increasingly dire drought conditions and abrupt loss of coastal water sale to haulers; and direct staff to allocate budget for immediate assistance including the implementation of a water hauling assistance program, structured for best success in future reimbursement from State and Federal partners.

Attachments: 08-21-21 Bowers Correspondence
 08-23-21 Fugman Correspondence
 08-23-21 Mullen Correspondence
 08-23-21 Potter Valley Community Unified School District Correspondence
 08-21-21 Artists' Co-op of Mendocino Correspondence
 08-24-21 Potenza Correspondence
 08-24-21 Shattuck Correspondence
 08-24-21 Presentation

5. CLOSED SESSION

Any public reports of action taken in the closed session will be made in accordance with Government Code sections 54957.1.

- 5a) Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation: One Case - Mendocino County Sheriff Matthew Kendall v. Mendocino County Board of Supervisors - Case No. 21-cv00561**

ADJOURNMENT

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Thank you for your interest in the proceedings of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors.



Mendocino County Board of Supervisors **Agenda Summary**

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My name is Richard Ettelson. I'm a resident here in Mendocino County. I hope the following comments may be of use to you concerning the severe drought conditions that you intend to discuss at the BOS meeting on 8-4-21.

Everybody supports the Board of Supervisors efforts in asking for public cooperation to conserve water in these severe drought conditions, but they have done nothing to address the two largest non-federal landholders in Mendocino County; the Jackson Demonstration State Forest (JDSF 48,652 acres), and the Mendocino Redwood Company (approximately 228,000 acres), both of which are dependent on the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) for timber project permits.

It's understood that our county government may not have the authority to order these two landholders to temporarily stop pouring our limited water resource on their roads for dust abatement as required in their Cal Fire permits, but our Board of Supervisors could formally request a temporary moratorium of the approved/ongoing timber harvests until the severe drought condition improves. They could also ask our political representatives to intercede. Cal Fire and the JDSF both have independent authority to issue a temporary delay to any project because of special circumstances.

Road watering is a required feature in most Timber Harvest Plans (THP) requiring a state permit. For example; The Caspar 500 THP (1-20-00006-MEN, Section 2, Item 26, page 59) indicated that 2,000 to 2,500 gallons of water will be needed daily for the 229-day time period from April 1st to November 15th for dust abatement. This water drafting totals between 458,000 gallons and 572,500 gallons. That's almost a half million gallons of this scarce water resource to be sprayed on their access roads in the THP for dust abatement. The Caspar 500 THP is only one of five approved THPs currently ongoing in the JDSF. A minimum of 8 more are under development or review at the moment, most of which have water requirements which dwarf that of Caspar 500.

The Mitchell Creek THP (1-20-00193-MEN, Section 2, Item 26, page 58) is another example that will require 4,000 to 8,000 gallons/day for road watering which in 229-days comes to a total of between 916,000 gallons and 1,832,000 gallons being drafted from locations in the Jughandle and Caspar Watersheds. The Mitchell Creek THP is up-aquifer from hundreds of residences, all of which rely on wells for their drinking water. Considering that the JDSF is only 4.5% of the Timberland Production Zone land in our county, these totals are but a fraction of total water usage for Cal Fire approved timber harvests which are mostly taking place on private property. That's a staggering amount of water being withdrawn from the limited water resource in Mendocino County

It would be appropriate for our county government to ask the JDSF and Cal Fire for a temporary moratorium on timber harvest activities because we all share the same water resource.

Richard Ettelson

To Board of Supervisors

As a constituent, residing in the 4th districts, I am demanding you to hold the Sheriff's department accountable to provide data for past and future expenditures and to comply with an audit of the department. It's incredibly important to have transparency of such a powerful organization, it is even more important to have that transparency for the residents of the affected area. It is extremely concerning to see that they refuse to provide this data or be truthful on the matter at hand. It is a highly questionable response and raising suspicion amongst residents, only building a distrust in our sheriff department.

Mariana Naal, of Fort Bragg, CA



Mendocino County Board of Supervisors Agenda Summary

Item #: 3a)

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Water Agency

Meeting Date: August 24, 2021

Department Contact: Howard N. Dashiell

Phone: 463-4363

Item Type: Regular Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: 30 Minutes

Agenda Title:

Discussion and Possible Action Including Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Grant Application, Acceptance and Execution of Agreements by the Department of Transportation Water Agency Division for the Mendocino County Community Water Supply Replacement Project and to Advertise for Bids and Award Contracts to Implement Said Project at an Initial Estimated Cost of \$3,840,000 (Countywide) And Grant Matching Funds to be Allocated From PG&E Settlement Funds to Disaster Recovery Budget Unit 2910 (Sponsor: Water Agency)

Recommended Action/Motion:

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Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

By Resolution Number (No.) 21-051 (April 20, 2021) the Board of Supervisors declared the existence of a local emergency related to drought; and creates an ad hoc committee comprised of Supervisors McGourty and Haschak to work on drought related issues.

Summary of Request:

The Department of Transportation (DOT) desires authorization to implement the Mendocino County Community Water Supply Replacement Project (the "Project") in response to the drought conditions facing the County. This Project is being implemented pursuant in response to a drought scenario as defined by Water Code section 13198(a) and may: (1) address immediate impacts on human health and safety; (2) address immediate impacts on fish and wildlife resources; or, (3) provide water to persons or communities that lose or are threatened with the loss or contamination of water supplies.

The Project will initially involve the delivery of replacement water supply and distribution from the inland portion of the County to the coastal areas of the County at an estimated cost of \$3,840,000. However, the Project is intended to have the ability to respond to water supply replacement needs that may arise in other areas of the County. This resolution would also authorize DOT to enter into any agreements related to either storing and/or treating the water that may be necessary in order to fully accomplish the provision of

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replacement water.

Funding in the amount of \$960,000 to be allocated from PG&E Settlement Funds to Disaster Recovery Budget Unit (BU) 2910. DOT is seeking authorization to use up to this amount of money for any required local match for grant funds, which funds would be spent in accordance to the requirements of the grant program.

This resolution would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or designee to apply for, accept and execute agreements for grant funds to implement the Project. The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has grant funding available, which is anticipated to be up to 100% reimbursable, and the CEO and DOT are requesting authorization to apply for, accept and execute documents for grant funds from DWR.

The CEO and DOT are additionally requesting authorization to apply for, accept and execute agreements for other grant funding that could be used to implement the Project. DOT believes it is prudent to seek out additional grant funding given the seriousness of the drought conditions facing the County and to ensure that the County has the ability to quickly respond to additional needs for water supply replacement. It is anticipated that other sources of grant funding would provide for 75% reimbursement.

Eligibility for grant funding will be confirmed prior to contracting.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Postpone advertising for bids and award of contracts and delay commencement of project.

How Does This Item Support the General Plan? N/A

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: DWR BU 2910

budgeted in current f/y: No

current f/y cost: To be allocated from PG&E Settlement Funds to Disaster Recovery Budget Unit 2910: Local share of \$960,000; Estimated cost of \$3,765,000, with anticipated 100% reimbursement through DWR grant programs and anticipated 75% reimbursement through other grants

if no, please describe:

annual recurring cost: N/A

revenue agreement: N/A

budget clarification: N/A

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: Yes

CEO Liaison: Judy Morris, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I

Date: August 26, 2021

Final Status: **Approved with Direction**

Executed Item Type: **Resolution** Number: 21-123

Item #: 3a)



RESOLUTION NO. 21-123

RESOLUTION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZING THE GRANT APPLICATION, ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WATER AGENCY DIVISION FOR THE MENDOCINO COUNTY COMMUNITY WATER SUPPLY REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND NEGOTIATE AND AWARD CONTRACTS TO IMPLEMENT SAID PROJECT AT AN INITIAL ESTIMATED COST OF \$3,840,000 (COUNTYWIDE), AND GRANT MATCHING FUNDS TO BE ALLOCATED FROM PG&E SETTLEMENT FUNDS TO DISASTER RECOVERY BUDGET UNIT 2910

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2021, the Board of Supervisors declared the existence of a Local Emergency related to the 2021 Drought; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mendocino proposes to implement the Mendocino County Community Water Supply Replacement Project, which will involve the water supply replacement of water to communities with drought caused water loss or contamination of water supplies; and

WHEREAS, the Mendocino County Project is being implemented in response to a drought scenario, as defined by Water Code section 13198(a) and is intended to: (1) address immediate impacts on human health and safety; (2) address immediate impacts on fish and wildlife resources; or (3) provide water to persons or communities that lose or are threatened with the loss or contamination of water supplies; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mendocino has the legal authority and is authorized to enter into a funding agreement with the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mendocino intends to apply for grant funding from the California Department of Water Resources for the Mendocino County Community Water Supply Replacement Project; and

WHEREAS, water delivery costs are currently estimated to be some \$3,840,000 and are anticipated to be approximately 75% reimbursable through various state and federal grants; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Transportation recommends and requests authorization to identify, apply for and accept additional sources of grant funding for the Mendocino County Community Water Supply Replacement Project, which sources of grant funding are anticipated to provide 75% reimbursement, so that the County will have the resources to quickly respond to additional need for water supply replacement and timely further implement the Mendocino County Community Water Supply Replacement Project; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Transportation recommends and requests authorization to negotiate and enter into agreements for water storage and/or treatment that may be necessary to implement the Mendocino County Community Water Supply Replacement Project; and

WHEREAS, funding to accommodate water supply replacement costs prior to reimbursement in the amount of \$960,000 to be allocated from PG&E Settlement Funds to Disaster Recovery Budget Unit 2910; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Transportation recommends and requests authorization to proceed with grant applications, acceptance, execution and the advertisement and award of contracts to deliver water upon receiving the authorization to proceed from granting agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors as follows:


1. That pursuant and subject to all of the terms and provisions of Budget Act of 2021 (Stats. 2021, ch. 69, § 112), the County of Mendocino Chief Executive Officer, or designee is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and file an application for funding with the Department of Water Resources and take such other actions as necessary or appropriate to obtain grant funding.
2. The County of Mendocino Chief Executive Officer or designee is hereby authorized and directed to execute the funding agreement with the Department of Water Resources and any amendments thereto.
3. The County of Mendocino Chief Executive Officer or designee is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and file applications for grant funding from any other state or federal agency offering grant funding which could be used for further implementation of the Mendocino County Community Water Supply Replacement Project, take such other actions as necessary or appropriate to obtain grant funding, and is authorized and directed to execute necessary funding agreements and any amendments thereto.
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8. Authorize and directs Auditor Controller to appropriate funds in the amount of \$960,000 from PG&E Settlement Funds According to Attachment A.

The foregoing Resolution introduced by Supervisor Haschak, seconded by Supervisor Williams, and carried this 24th day of August, 2021, by the following vote:


AYES: Supervisors Mulheren, Haschak, Gjerde, and Williams
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Supervisor McGourty
ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared said Resolution adopted and SO ORDERED.

ATTEST: CARMEL J. ANGELO
Clerk of the Board



DAN GJERDE, Chair
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors



Deputy


I hereby certify that according to the provisions of Government Code Section 25103, delivery of this document has been made.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CHRISTIAN M. CURTIS
County Counsel

BY: CARMEL J. ANGELO
Clerk of the Board





Deputy

ATTACHMENT A

FUND	Org	BU	Dept.	Account	Account Name	Adjust Request	Justification
1100	ND	1000	Non Departmental Revenue	865802	Operating Transfer Out	960,000	Allocate Pacific Gas and Electric Disaster Settlement Funds
1225	DR	2910	Disaster Recovery	827802	Operating Transfer In	(960,000)	Allocate Pacific Gas and Electric Disaster Settlement Funds
1225	DR	2910	Disaster Recovery	862189	Professional Services	960,000	Allocate Pacific Gas and Electric Disaster Settlement Funds
Total of all requested adjustments:						960,000	

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DAN GJERDE, Chair
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

Deputy

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CHRISTIAN M. CURTIS
County Counsel

BY: CARMEL J. ANGELO
Clerk of the Board

Deputy

Hello again Supervisors,

Please do not spend \$4 million of the PGE settlement funds to truck water to the village of Mendocino. That makes no sense. It is my understanding that the money was intended as reparations for the horrific fire in 2017 and for those communities that suffered directly from that disaster. Solutions to water shortage issues on the coast MUST come from a different source.

Please consult the RVMAC for advice on how to spend the \$10 million. They are the representatives for our community. And they listen to the community. Please open it up to public comment and don't make any decisions until you have talked to the people who lost their homes and loved ones and had to run for their lives and ask them what they would like to do with the money.

It seems like this current Board wants to do what they want and think they know better than their constituents. I have been lucky in my 10 years in Mendocino County to feel our local government really listened to the people and worked together with the people to make decisions and laws. Unfortunately, I am starting to lose hope in our local government.

Sincerely,
Sandra Berman

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
501 Low Gap Road, Room 1010
Ukiah, CA 95482

Re: August 24, 2021 Board of Supervisors Meeting

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

RE: Agenda Items 3)a and 4)a)

3a) Discussion and Possible Action Including Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Grant Application, Acceptance and Execution of Agreements by the Department of Transportation Water Agency Division for the Mendocino County Community Water Supply Replacement Project and to Advertise for Bids and Award Contracts to Implement Said Project at an Initial Estimated Cost of \$3,840,000 (Countywide) And Grant Matching Funds to be Allocated From PG&E Settlement Funds to Disaster Recovery Budget Unit 2910. (Sponsor: Water Agency)

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

I am writing to express my support for Agenda Items 3)a and 4)a).

As a Civil engineer, I've been studying our developing Coastal drought situation. What I like about the proposed Board action and resolution is that it takes a comprehensive approach to the problem. The various micro-water basins will need different solutions; wells, water hauling trucks, water storage tanks, ground water storage expansion, salt water barriers, water purchase and hauling, expanding Recycled water, etc. And yes of course funding.

I see your action as a means to materially change how our water collection and use is managed, as we experience and prepare for Global Warming. To this end, a citizen committee might be a helpful tool.

I look forward to supporting the grant application process. The County does in fact have a growing emergency problem!

Yours truly,

Leonardo Bowers, RCE 21,001

As a Mendocino county resident I need to say that using funds from PG&E fire \$ to truck water to the coast, specifically Mendocino village from inland should not happen. Inland is going to be having water issues before long if our water keeps being sold to other areas.

That money was meant for fire survivors of the 2017 fires & rebuilding structures that were lost in the fire, not to bail out tourist areas on the coast.

You on the coast have the ocean water to utilize with desalination units.

Ted Williams specifically needs to work on that for his town. Use the one at the old mill in Fort Bragg or purchase one like Fort Bragg is in the process of doing.

The people Mendocino county are tired of the BOS doing the wrong thing, such as for instance cannabis expansion which should not be allowed, our towns & valley areas are being ruined & crime is out of hand.

Do the right thing for your county or face possible recalls!

In good faith

Patricia Caldwell

Board of Supervisors:

I am concerned about the proposed plans to use several million dollars of the PG&E 2017 Wildfire settlement to truck water from the inland county to the town of Mendocino. I live in Redwood Valley and experienced the trauma of the 2017 fire as did our entire community. There was a tremendous loss of property and life, as you are well aware, and our community will forever bear the scars of it.

Now, we are experiencing extreme drought and are on water rationing. Our family pulled out acres of vineyard last winter and purchased new vines with the intention of replanting. We have been unable to do so due to the shortage of adequate water to sustain them.

Of course, we are concerned about the water shortage in the town of Mendocino as well. Nevertheless, the PG&E settlement fund exists because of the fire in REDWOOD VALLEY and that is where the bulk, if not all, of this money should be spent. We are in dire need of funding for important projects to help provide future water security for this community.

I would ask you to remember that just because you can do something doesn't mean that you should. It is not right and you should NOT divert the PG&E settlement dollars for the 2017 Redwood Valley fire to the town of Mendocino. We have urgent needs in this community and are entitled to those specific funds to meet those needs.

Sincerely,
Lori Barra

Board of Supervisors,

It's come to my attention that the PG&E 2017 Wildfire settlement money is in jeopardy of going in the wrong direction. I don't understand how that could be the case, as it is clearly earmarked for **Redwood Valley** due to the very traumatic, life altering event which took place in **Redwood Valley** on and after October 8, 2017.

It's a very simple equation...

To the degree in which Redwood Valley was impacted by the 2017 Redwood Complex Fire
=

The degree in which it should be supported.

And, there is not enough money in the world to bring back those lost or ease the minds those who lived through it.

Need we remind you of the devastation?

9 deaths

20+ hospitalized with severe burns

36,523 acres scorched

545 structures lost

8,000 evacuated

Schools shut down

Hundreds of animals lost, relocated, badly injured or died.

Ask yourselves "how would the Shepherd's feel about this?"

Shame on you for your consideration of misappropriating the PG&E funds.

I am deeply disappointed in your direction and I DO NOT support sending the PG&E settlement money anywhere that didn't experience the 2017 Redwood Complex Fire firsthand.

Christina Barra

Mia Bea Wines by

Barra Family Vineyards

Dear Board,

I am very much against using any of the PG&E funds that were given to the County for anything other than their intended use, which was to rectify damages done by the fire they caused in October 2017.

Although I sympathize with the drought conditions that are hard on the Village of Mendocino and their need for hauling water, there are other funds available such as the Mendocino County Tourism Commission coffers for this situation.

The leftover PG&E Settlement Funds should be used to help Redwood Valley with unmet needs related to the 2017 wildfire and nothing else.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Katrina Frey

Dear Supervisors,

I have had the opportunity to talk to many people about using PG&E Settlement Funds as seed money for the water hauling project. It has come up that there is another source of discretionary funds that would be more appropriate to tap for this purpose.

The Mendocino County Tourism Commission is [sitting on over \\$800,000 in cash](#). They obviously have money to spare. Meanwhile Visit Mendocino is actively advertising to bring people from the Bay Area to the coast, exacerbating the water problems there.

The leftover PG&E Settlement Funds should be used to help Redwood Valley with unmet needs related to the 2017 wildfire and nothing else. Please see the attachment below for a list of those needs.

Very Sincerely,

Sattie Clark



Redwood Valley Municipal Advisory Council

PO Box 243 Redwood Valley 95470

August 14, 2021

Mendocino County
Board of Supervisors

Re: PG&E Settlement Funds allocation, BOS Meeting 8/17/21 Agenda item 4f

Dear Supervisors Gjerde, Haschak, McGourty, Mulheren and Williams,

We, the members of the Redwood Valley MAC, representing the people of Redwood Valley, hope that we can all agree that the PG&E Settlement Funds only came about because Redwood Valley, and to a lesser extent Potter Valley, burned in October 2017. Hundreds of homes were lost. Nine people died. The trauma lives on in our communities.

We hope that we can all agree that the purpose of the PG&E Settlement Funds is to address the physical and emotional harm caused to these two communities. The only reason the money was sent to the county is that neither Redwood Valley nor Potter Valley are incorporated. We hope that we can all agree that this money should first and foremost address the impacts of that fire to the communities that suffered. Only after those needs are met should the money go to general emergency preparedness for the county, other county priorities, or funding for agencies and organizations that benefit the county at large.

We hope we can all agree that completely unrelated budget items, and items for which there are other sources of funding, should not come out of the PG&E Settlement Funds. The most egregious example of an unrelated item is *Carbon Reduction \$1,500,000* (a new line item since the Board discussed this issue publicly, and therefore possibly a violation of the Brown Act). An example of a budget item where other sources of funding are available is *Solar Panels and Batteries for Libraries \$500,000* which our District 1 Supervisor tells us should be funded by drought emergency monies.

It is both insult and injury to the people who lost so much in that fire and live with the trauma every day to treat these funds as if they are a windfall to the County. Make no mistake, Redwood Valley and Potter Valley have unmet needs to recover from this tragic disaster caused by PG&E's negligence. Until Redwood Valley and Potter Valley are made whole, it is inappropriate and unethical to spend these funds elsewhere.

It seems that you completely disregarded the Redwood Valley MAC's letter of May 14, 2021. The funding requests we made in that letter reflect the outcome of community meetings with our District 1 Supervisor Glenn McGourty and District 2 Supervisor Mulheren. Here are some excerpts from that letter detailing our funding requests which were completely ignored or insufficiently funded:

- "...the MAC strongly opposes funds going to projects throughout the County, as the **funds should mitigate problems caused by the fire in Redwood and Potter Valleys.**"
- "Water Security:...**Install and fill water storage tanks with pump capability for fire apparatus; Improve Willow Water District hookup with Redwood Valley Water District...**"

- “Evacuation Needs: Funding to Department of Transportation to provide evacuation egress, specifically:
 - Tomki Road to be passable to Willits: 2 lanes paved areas, bridges, side brush cleared
 - Road B: widen 1-way bridge and widen 1-way area
 - East Road, West Road, Laughlin Way: mow brush along roads
 - Road improvements on Road I, Colony Drive, and Road E in Redwood Valley
- “Redwood Valley Grange is an evacuation site: **Needs commercial kitchen, ADA upgrades, and a heating/cooling system; Provide charging stations for cell phones.**”
- “Survival Preparation: **Funding to drop and remove dead burned standing trees from private and public properties (severe fire hazard)**”

We respectfully requested you to fund these items and were largely denied. Now we demand that you revise the funding proposal as addressed in the following four categories:

1. Remove from the proposal:

a. *Mendocino County Library: Purchase & Install (Solar Panels & Batteries \$500,000)* — other funding source already identified

b. *Mendocino County Planning & Building Services Department (Reimburse for Permits & Staff Time from 2017 Disaster \$412,899)* — The only permits that were waived were for people whose homes burned to park trailers on their property while they rebuilt. The County has more than recouped any lost income or staff time through the increase in property taxes on these parcels since rebuilding.

c. *Carbon Reduction \$1,500,000*—This has absolutely nothing to do with the 2017 Fire or fire/emergency response or preparedness in general; further, it was not on the funding list at the last BOS meeting and is therefore a Brown Act violation by the CEO’s Office and/or whoever was involved in adding it to the list without public process.

2. Clarify or remove from the proposal:

a. *Mendocino County Department of Transportation: Roads and Bridges Repair \$1,400,318* — This should specifically fund Redwood Valley and Potter Valley egress improvements (starting with this list):

- Tomki Road to be passable to Willits: 2 lanes paved areas, bridges, side brush cleared
- Road B: widen 1-way bridge and widen 1-way area
- East Road, West Road, Laughlin Way: mow brush along roads
- Road improvements on Road I, Colony Drive, and Road E in Redwood Valley

b. *Mendocino County Facilities & Information Services: Park Hazards Mitigation \$400,000* — This needs to specify Mariposa County Park or other parks in Redwood Valley or Potter Valley. Otherwise this item needs to be removed from the proposal.

3. Add to the proposal or increase funding for these items:

a. *Resource Conservation District Mendocino County: Funding to cover property owners’ 50% matching funds requirement for removal of burned/hazardous trees \$3,000,000 (in addition to funds already listed for MCRCD)* — These dead trees are hazardous tinder for the next fire and they serve as a traumatic reminder of the fire. Fire victims should not have to bear the cost personally and most simply cannot.

b. *Redwood Valley Grange: Funding to cover repairs to building and installation of a commercial kitchen \$550,000* — The Grange is a critical community resource. It served as an emergency resource center after the 2017 wildfire. It provides space for community meetings and is a place people can go during emergencies to find family members, charge their phones and/or seek other resources. The building is 100 years old and in need of many upgrades. A commercial kitchen will support its ability to serve the

community including providing much needed economic opportunity for small food manufacturers.

b. *Redwood Valley County Water District: Funding to cover costs of annexing to Russian River Flood Control District \$750,000 (in addition to funds already listed for RVCWD)* — This is critical for Redwood Valley water security. It should only be funded from PG&E Settlement Funds if another funding source (e.g. Drought Emergency funds) cannot be found.

c. *Redwood Valley County Water District: Funding to stabilize district and secure their ability to provide water to Redwood Valley including purchase and installation of water tanks and improvement to the intertie with Willow County Water District \$3,000,000 (in addition to funds already listed for RVCWD)* — This is critical for Redwood Valley water security and consequently fire safety and reduction of fear/trauma.

Mendocino County Department of Transportation: Roads and Bridges Repair \$1,400,318 — Should fund only these Redwood Valley projects with the allocated amount:

- “Evacuation Needs: Funding to Department of Transportation to provide evacuation egress, specifically:
 - a. Tomki Road to be passable to Willits: 2 lanes paved areas, bridges, side brush cleared
 - b. Road B: widen 1-way bridge and widen 1-way area
 - c. East Road, West Road, Laughlin Way: mow brush along roads
 - d. Road improvements on Road I, Colony Drive, and Road E in Redwood Valley

4. Put these request requests to the back of the list, behind the requests for Redwood Valley and Potter Valley...because the PG&E Settlement Funds should first and foremost mitigate impacts of the 2017 wildfire and strengthen, repair and promote healing in the communities that suffered.

a. *Mendocino Fire Safe Council (\$1,400,000)* — Although this is an important organization for future fire prevention and preparedness, we should seek other sources of funding.

b. *Coastal Valley Emergency Medical Services (\$2,567,603)* — Although this is a critical organization related to general emergency response, we should seek other sources of funding.

c. *Mendocino County Sheriff Office (Emergency Operations Center \$2,044,000)* — Although our Sheriff’s Office is critical to emergency preparedness and response and they need an EOC, the County must fund the Sheriff’s Office and its requirements from tax revenue or other funding sources.

d. *The Community Foundation of Mendocino County (Distastes Fund for Future Disasters \$500,000)* — Although this is an important organization related to emergency response, it makes no sense to set aside funding for future disasters when Redwood Valley and Potter Valley still have unmet disaster recovery needs.

e. *Mendocino County Facilities & Information Services (Microwave & Radio Communications, Sheriff Station 1 Wiring only—will address other parts separately)* — Although these are critical projects related to general emergency preparedness and response, we should seek other sources of funding.

f. *Mendocino County Facilities & Information Services (Disaster Recovery Planning and Site Implementation only—will address other parts separately)* — Although these are critical projects related to general emergency preparedness and response, we should seek other sources of funding.

g. *Equipment for fire departments other than Redwood Valley or Potter Valley (Brooktrails Fire Department: Polaris UTV Side-by-side Rescue Vehicles \$120,000)*

h. *Equipment for other agencies/organizations (United Disaster Relief of Northern California - Disaster Resource Center - Forklift \$10,0000)*

We urge you to vote no on this agenda item or postpone the vote in a manner that a more robust public discourse may be had.

Very Sincerely,

Redwood Valley Municipal Advisory Council

Members:

Dolly Riley (chair)

Jini Reynolds (Vice Chair),

Katrina Frey (Treasurer)

Chris Boyd

Sattie Clark

Patricia Ris-Yarbrough

Adam Gaska

Marybeth Kelly (Alternate)

It's incredulous to me that the board is considering using close to 1 million dollars of the PG&E settlement money to basically give away water to the coast with no plan of oversight or cost recovery.

I have been looking into the water delivery systems over on the coast and it is obvious that they are lacking which is a large part of the problem. Even with what little system cohesion exists, there is no water rationing as far as I can tell, only suggestions for conservation. In stark contrast, Redwood Valley water has been on rationing basically since April when agricultural users were cut off and domestic users were told that rationing for them was imminent. Even before it became mandatory, most residents voluntarily started conserving water.

Where is this water going? Is it going to residences or to for profit businesses? Will there be mandatory rationing? Will there be cost recovery?

I understand we are in a drought. I understand things are still going to get worse before they get better.

What upsets me is that we are looking at funding expensive band aids without looking to fund long term solutions to problems that have been known about for years. We are looking to spend money that is only available because of the tragedy that Redwood Valley suffered. If Redwood Valley hadn't burned, we would still be facing a record setting drought. We would still be in the situation that we are in. What would we be doing then?

The coast contributes a lot of money in the form of bed taxes. Visit Mendocino/Mendocino County Tourism Commission has money in reserves. There are other organizations that should be funding this. This shouldn't be coming out of the money that is due to Redwood Valley.

Of course we would all like free money and free water considering the position we are all in but this money came at a cost. For 9 people, it cost them their lives. For many of us it cost us our homes. For all of us, it has cost us our sense of safety, security, and well being.

To give this money away, no strings attached and without oversight, is a misappropriation of funds. It's a travesty of justice. It's an insult to those of us that are still traumatized years later.

For the supervisors that vote to approve this, it really begs the question if they are fit to serve on the board.

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Adam Gaska



Mendocino County Board of Supervisors Agenda Summary

Item #: 4a)

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Williams

Meeting Date: August 24, 2021

Department Contact: Supervisor Williams

Phone: 4441

Item Type: Regular Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: 2 hours

Agenda Title:

Discussion and Possible Action Including Presentation Regarding Increasingly Dire Drought Conditions and Abrupt Loss of Coastal Water Sale to Haulers; and Direction to Staff to Allocate Budget for Immediate Assistance Including the Implementation of a Water Hauling Assistance Program, Structured for Best Success in Future Reimbursement from State and Federal Partners
(Sponsor: Supervisor Williams)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Accept presentation regarding increasingly dire drought conditions and abrupt loss of coastal water sale to haulers; and direct staff to allocate budget for immediate assistance including the implementation of a water hauling assistance program, structured for best success in future reimbursement from State and Federal partners.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

The Board of Supervisors declared a Local Drought Emergency on April 20, 2021.

County formed the Mendocino County Drought Task Force consisting of Supervisors Haschak and McGourty.

The Drought Task Force met with the Mendocino City Community Service District in June, when MCCSD explained the urgency of the situation. The county has been able to secure 6 port-a-potties to reduce water demands within the town, but mitigation efforts alone will not address the magnitude of dwindling water supply.

On August 17, 2021, the Drought Task force expressed optimism in regard to coastal water hauling potential.

Summary of Request:

Within 24 hours of the August 17, 2021 BoS meeting, Supervisor Williams became aware of imminent halting of offsite water sales from Elk, Irish Beach, Mendocino Unified School District and Westport, leaving coast residents and businesses without the ability to purchase water. Restaurants and hotels have begun cancelling reservations and closing a few nights per week due to the shortage of drinking water. The town of Mendocino has become the epicenter of acute drought crisis, but residents across our rural landscape are not immune to

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dry wells.

Water Operator Charlie Acker said, “never seen it this bad, there is no flow in Greenwood Creek” and he was here for the historic drought of 1976-77. Fort Bragg discontinued water sales on July 18, 2021. Westport will stop their two loads per day sales any minute. The coast is now left without an affordable place to purchase water.

Last week, Mendocino Volunteer Fire Department responded to a mutual aid request for a fire in Ukiah. Firefighters left their jobs and families, raced to the station and drove a water tender full of water from drought stricken Mendocino to Ukiah. Like fire, drought requires application of pooled resources.

Ryan Rhoades, Mendocino City Community Services District, will describe current conditions and immediate needs within the town of Mendocino.

Howard Dashiell, Director of Department of Transportation, will present short term concerns of all impacted communities.

Josh Metz, Drought Task Force staff, will share regulatory hurdles in regard to moving water from one basin to another.

Darcie Antle, Assistant CEO, will share possible grants, ARPA funding options/limitations, remaining PG&E funds and general fund options.

Supervisors should be prepared to discuss business, agricultural and domestic use as well as the county’s role in providing assistance. The town of Mendocino generates millions of county dollars per year through sales tax and transient occupancy tax (bed tax). Inaction will result in lost revenue and impact wage earners, the very people who have recently transitioned from post-COVID sheltering unemployment to the workforce. The crisis at hand demands State and Federal assistance, but the local economy and public welfare require immediate action which only the county can provide. While the town of Mendocino is leading acute symptoms of drought, it is anticipated other communities will follow. The board should provide clear guidance to staff and set public expectations. If adequate assistance cannot or will not be provided, guidance will allow residents and businesses can plan accordingly.

Time is of the essence. We must transition from brainstorming to action.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Advise public that county will not provide financial assistance.

How Does This Item Support the General Plan? N/A

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: N/A

current f/y cost: \$1-3M

annual recurring cost: N/A

budget clarification: N/A

budgeted in current f/y: N/A

if no, please describe: N/A

revenue agreement: N/A

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Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: N/A

CEO Liaison: Executive Office

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Final Status:**No Action Taken**

Date: August 26, 2021



Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
501 Low Gap Road, Room 1010
Ukiah, CA 95482

Re: August 24, 2021 Board of Supervisors Meeting

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

RE: Agenda Items 3)a and 4)a)

3a) Discussion and Possible Action Including Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Grant Application, Acceptance and Execution of Agreements by the Department of Transportation Water Agency Division for the Mendocino County Community Water Supply Replacement Project and to Advertise for Bids and Award Contracts to Implement Said Project at an Initial Estimated Cost of \$3,840,000 (Countywide) And Grant Matching Funds to be Allocated From PG&E Settlement Funds to Disaster Recovery Budget Unit 2910. (Sponsor: Water Agency)

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

I am writing to express my support for Agenda Items 3)a and 4)a).

As a Civil engineer, I've been studying our developing Coastal drought situation. What I like about the proposed Board action and resolution is that it takes a comprehensive approach to the problem. The various micro-water basins will need different solutions; wells, water hauling trucks, water storage tanks, ground water storage expansion, salt water barriers, water purchase and hauling, expanding Recycled water, etc. And yes of course funding.

I see your action as a means to materially change how our water collection and use is managed, as we experience and prepare for Global Warming. To this end, a citizen committee might be a helpful tool.

I look forward to supporting the grant application process. The County does in fact have a growing emergency problem!

Yours truly,

Leonardo Bowers, RCE 21,001

To: BOS

Re: Critical Water Shortages, Special Meeting 8/24/21

We want to acknowledge that your leadership and judicious policy making is now more vital than ever to the residents, businesses and the environmental health of our county's water sources and land. Today you are further considering the water crisis and how to address it. Here in Round Valley we are facing the severe problems of well going dry, of our aquifer being scarily drawn down. The renewing of our aquifers is of paramount importance to the well being and livelihood of our community. As you consider how to support other communities that are now suffering from lack of clean drinking water, please make sure that you make policy that doesn't continue the unbridled trucking of water to illegal cannabis grows in our area. We are suffering from lack of enforcement of policies to protect our water and community. Please keep that in mind as you determine policy for the planning department, the health department, and the sheriff's office as they seek to carry out and enforce your decisions.

Sincerely,
Paula Fugman
Covelo, CA

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,
Dee Mullen
Covelo, Ca.

Potter Valley Community Unified School District
P.O. Box 219
Potter Valley, CA 95469
(707) 743-2101

August 23, 2021

Dear Mendocino County Board of Supervisors,

The Potter Valley Community Unified School District contains the sole public source of potable water in Potter Valley. In a letter dated May 7, 2021, we asked that you consider allocating PG&E settlement funds to install a generator that would support our water system in the event of a power outage. We were disappointed to see that our request was not granted.

Over the past 4 years, beginning with the Redwood Complex fire, our campus has experienced numerous long term power outages either due to active fires or Public Safety Power Outages. Currently, our water supply is cut off during any disruptions to power. Without water, we cannot hold school due to sanitation reasons, causing significant disruption to our students who have already been affected so much by fire danger.

In September 2020, CalFire used our campus as a training area during the August Complex fires, in part because we had available indoor space with showers. In the event of an emergency, our site contains buildings with significant defensible space that could be used to shelter our students and other members of the community, or to support first responders. Without power, however, the utility of the site for these uses is significantly limited. Since October 2017, our community has had multiple experiences with nearby fires and power outages occurring simultaneously. It is time to prepare for this as an expected event.

The estimate we received to support this project is approximately \$120,000. This is a large expense for a district of our size. The value to the entire community and potentially to first responders is significant in increasing resilience in our valley. Any assistance in helping us to fund this project would be appreciated. If you would like any further information about this proposed project, please contact our Superintendent, Dr. Nicole Odell, at our district office at 707-743-2101.

Thank you for your consideration.

Elaine Lindelef
President, PVCUSD Board of Trustees



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

Artists' Co-op of Mendocino
Artcoopmendocino.com
POBox 1948, Mendocino CA 95460

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

Dear County Supervisors,

I am a resident of Mendocino and owned my home since 1977. I have often depended on trucked water since the old well goes dry often and no way on my small plot to dig deeper. Recently, water hauler's schedules were filled by the business' and now I understand even their sources on the coast for water are closed.

What will I do when the water I have left in my tank is out...?

I hope you can make it possible for water to be delivered here and that residents can be included in deliveries.
Thank you.

Catherine Potenza

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.

Jenny Shattuck
Fort Bragg



Mendocino County **Board of Supervisors** *Special Meeting*



August 24, 2021



- Drought Status
- Water Supply Replacement Project (WSRP) Concept
- WSRP Cost Model
- Regulatory Concerns





Mendocino Coast

- Historically Fort Bragg supplied 50-75k gallons/day hauled water during to points south
- Decreasing supplies led to curtailment in July
- Other local sources have been curtailed this week
- Currently no hauled water sources available on the coast

Countywide

- Increasing concerns and anecdotal reports of dry wells
- Russian River diversion curtailments
- Activated County Emergency Operations Center
- Regional Operation Area Partners Meetings





- **Initial scope**
 - Long Haul water from City of Ukiah to City of Fort Bragg
 - Treated through City of Fort Bragg
 - Made available for unincorporated hauling
- Potential State Funding Available for Health & Human Safety
 - **Domestic Price** = *Water* + *Local Haul*
 - **Commercial Price** = *Water* + *Long Haul* + *Local Haul*
- Designed to be scalable to other area if needed



WSRP Cost Model



Cost Items	Estimated Values
Daily Demand (Gal)	118,500
Water Cost	\$0.03
Haul Cost/Gal	\$0.24
Total Cost*/Gal	\$0.27
Total Cost* /Day	\$31,995
Total Cost*/Month	\$959,850

**Water sold to commercial customers may include long haul costs – which could be returned to the County. Water sold to domestic users may exclude long haul costs and may be reimbursable under State programs.*





- **Division of Drinking Water**
 - Treated water to municipal system
 - Vehicle Certifications
- **Division of Water Rights**
 - Place of Use
 - Groundwater
 - Pre-1914
 - Appropriative



Discussion



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Drought Hotline

(707) 234-6363

Drought@MendocinoCounty.org

Report Dry Wells

[mydrywatersupply.water
.ca.gov/report/](http://mydrywatersupply.water.ca.gov/report/)





Mendocino County Board of Supervisors Agenda Summary

Item #: 5a)

To: Board of Supervisors

From: County Counsel

Meeting Date: August 24, 2021

Item Type: Closed Session

Time Allocated for Item: 30 min.

Agenda Title:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation:
One Case - Mendocino County Sheriff Matthew Kendall v. Mendocino County Board of Supervisors - Case No.
21-cv00561

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I

Date: August 25, 2021

Final Status: **Direction Given to Staff**

