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MENDOCINO COUNTY
PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND
RESOURCES COMMITTEE AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING
September 21, 2022 - 3:00 PM

This meeting will take place in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, at 501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, California, and virtual attendance will be available via Zoom (pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e)(1)(A)). Meetings are live streamed and available for viewing at <https://www.youtube.com/MendocinoCountyVideo>

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Zoom Webinar ID: 872 0705 1741
Zoom Phone Number (if joining via telephone): 1 669 900 9128

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Supervisor McGourty and Supervisor Haschak

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

- 2a) Discussion and Possible Action Including Consideration of Input from Local Water Districts, Purveyors, and Community Partners Regarding Proposal of Priority Projects by District (Sponsor: Supervisor McGourty)**

Recommended Action:

Consider input from local water districts, purveyors, and community partners regarding proposal of priority projects by district; and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

Attachments: [5 Priority Water Projects for Mendocino County Presentation](#)

- 2b) Discussion and Possible Action Including Consideration of Input from Local Water Districts, Purveyors, and Community Partners Regarding SB552 Drought Planning for Smalls Water Suppliers and Rural Communities (Sponsor: Water Agency)**

Recommended Action:

Consider input from local water districts, purveyors, and community partners regarding SB552 Drought Planning for Small Water Suppliers and Rural Communities; and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

- 3a) Approval of Minutes of August 15, 2022 Regular Meeting**

Recommended Action:

Approve minutes of the August 15, 2022 regular meeting.

Attachments: [08-15-22 PHSR Minutes](#)

3b) PUBLIC EXPRESSION

3c) ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Additional Meeting Information for Interested Parties

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***Thank you for your interest in the proceedings of the Mendocino County Public
Health, Safety, and Resources Committee.***



Mendocino County Board of Supervisors Agenda Summary

Item #: 2a)

To: Public Health, Safety and Resources Standing Committee

From: Supervisor McGourty

Meeting Date: September 21, 2022

Department Contact: Supervisor McGourty

Phone: 707-463-4441

CEO Contact: Sara Pierce

Phone: 707-463-4441

Time Allocated: 30 Minutes

Agenda Title:

Discussion and Possible Action Including Consideration of Input from Local Water Districts, Purveyors, and Community Partners Regarding Proposal of Priority Projects by District
(Sponsor: Supervisor McGourty)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Consider input from local water districts, purveyors, and community partners regarding proposal of priority projects by district; and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

On August 2, 2022 the Board of Supervisors provided support to Supervisor McGourty to bring back a proposal of priority of projects by district for which the newly formed Mendocino County Water Resource Team (MCWRT) could initially focus their efforts on and in pursuing grant opportunities.

Summary of Request/Referral:

The following is the initial proposal of priority projects by district for review and discussion with the Public Health, Safety, and Resource Standing Committee (PHSR) along with consideration from local water districts, purveyors, and community partners. Discussion from today will be brought back to the full Board of Supervisors for discussion at future date.

District 1: Consolidation of Russian River Water Agency (URRWA)

This is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) working for the consolidation of Ukiah Valley's water. The board includes a single member from Willow County Water, Calpella County Water, Redwood Valley County Water, Millview County Water, and most recently the Ukiah Valley Sanitation District. The planed objective is to connect water service from Ukiah to Redwood Valley to ensure there is a safe, clean, and reliable water system suppling potable water to residents in the service area managed as a unit. Consolidation of small water systems for more reliability and efficiency is a stated goal of State Water Resource Agencies.

Cooperating Agencies: URRWA and City of Ukiah

District 2: Winter Ground Water Recharge in Flood Plain Areas

The concept is to divert Russian River water during high flow periods onto the flood plain adjacent to the river

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where no damage is likely to happen to permanent structures, allowing water to infiltrate into the water table over a wide area. There are multiple places where this can be done in the Ukiah Valley, but the City owned property of River Park might be a good location to try a pilot project due to the close proximity to the Russian River and multiple high-volume wells in Aquifer 1.

Cooperating Agencies: City of Ukiah and Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

District 3: Delineating and Mapping the Ground Water Basin of Little Lake, Round and Long Valleys

Creating a better understanding of the water dynamics of storage and extraction in these important groundwater basins will inform the sustainable water yield beneath the communities of Willits, Laytonville, and Covelo. As water use has increased in the past decade for various purposes, drying of domestic wells is a huge concern of many residents. Developing a conceptual model of basin's hydrology and delineating probable boundaries and yields of the 3 aquifers would be the goal of this study.

Cooperating Agencies: City of Willits, Laytonville Water District, and Round Valley Water District

District 4: Increasing Surface Water Storage for the City of Fort Bragg

Fort Bragg depends on surface diversion from the Noyo River which is an adequate supply in normal years. In dry years, the flow may be greatly reduced, and having a backup surface water supply is essential. Presently, the system can store up to 45- acre feet, which is marginal in dry years. There is a desire to create up to 200-acre feet of storage over time to ensure there is an adequate water supply when drought years occur. In addition to supplying Fort Bragg, this water system provides potable water that is trucked to communities from Fort Bragg to Albion when drought conditions cause dry wells in the coastal area, especially around the town of Mendocino.

Cooperating Agency: City of Fort Bragg

District 5: Modernization of Mendocino City Wastewater Treatment Plant

Designed over 50 years ago, this facility is aging and needs rebuilding and upgrading to provide tertiary treated water that can be used for landscaping. Presently, there is only a 3-day emergency storage facility for untreated wastewater which is inadequate should a breakdown incapacitate the facility. Additionally, the town of Mendocino is very water insecure. Modern tertiary water treatment can be used for landscape irrigation and possible groundwater replenishment during summer months when over 25% of the wells supplying town water go dry.

Cooperating Agency: Mendocino City Community Services District

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: TBD - Would Require Submission to Grants Funding Sources **budgeted in current f/y:** No

current f/y cost: \$0

if no, please describe:

annual recurring cost: Unknown

revenue agreement: No

budget clarification: N/A

CEO Liaison: Executive Office

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CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Senior Deputy Clerk

Final Status: No Action Taken

Date: **SEPTEMBER 21, 2022**





5 Priority Water Projects for Mendocino County

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
Public Health, Safety and Resources Committee
September 21, 2022



What Can Mendocino County Do To Help?

- Political Advocacy for local, state and national assistance
- Creation of the Mendocino County Water Resource Team
- Public stakeholder meetings, technical support, grant writing and support, grant administration
- In most cases, Mendocino County will support and not necessarily lead if other agencies are involved.

District 1: Consolidation of the Upper Russian River Water Agency (URRWA)



- This is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) working for the consolidation of Ukiah Valley's water. The board includes a single member from Willow County Water, Calpella County Water, Redwood Valley County Water, Millview County Water, and most recently the Ukiah Valley Sanitation District.
- The planned objectives is to connect water service from Ukiah to Redwood Valley to ensure that there is a safe, clean, reliable, and water system supplying potable water to residents in the service area that managed as a unit.
- Consolidation of small water systems for more reliability and efficiency is a stated goal of State Water Resource Agencies. Funding is available.

District 2: Winter ground water recharge in flood plain areas



- The concept is to divert Russian River water during high flow periods onto the flood plain adjacent to the river where no damage is likely to happen to permanent structures, allowing water to infiltrate into the water table over a wide area.
- There are multiple places where this can be done in the Ukiah Valley, but the city owned property of River Side Park might be a good location to try a pilot project since it is close proximity to the Russian River and multiple high-volume wells in Aquifer 1.
- Interest from both City of Ukiah and Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency



District 3: Delineating and Mapping the Ground Water Basins of Little Lake, Round and Long Valleys:

- Creating a better understanding of the water dynamics of storage and extraction in these important groundwater basins will inform the sustainable water yield beneath the communities of Willits, Laytonville, and Covelo.
- As water use has increased in the past decade for various purposes, drying of domestic wells is a huge concern of many residents.
- Developing a conceptual model of the basin's hydrology and delineating probable boundaries and yields of the 3 aquifers would be the goal of this study.
- Potential water management can also be studied to avoid drying of shallow wells in dry years



District 4: Increasing Surface Water Storage for the City of Ft. Bragg:

- Ft. Bragg depends on surface diversions from the Noyo River which is an adequate supply in normal years. In dry years, the flow may be greatly reduced, and having a backup surface water supply is essential.
- Presently, the system can store up to 45-acre feet, which is marginal in dry years. There is a desire to create up to 200-acre feet of storage over time to ensure that there is an adequate water supply when drought years occur.
- In addition to supplying Ft. Bragg, this water system provides potable water that is trucked to communities from Ft. Bragg to Albion when drought conditions cause dry wells in the coastal area, especially around the town of Mendocino.



District 5: Modernization of Mendocino City Wastewater Treatment Plant:

- Designed over 50 years ago, this facility is aging and needs rebuilding and upgrading to provide tertiary treated water that can be used for landscaping.
- Presently, there is only a 3-day emergency storage facility for untreated wastewater which is inadequate should a breakdown incapacitate the facility.
- Additionally, the town of Mendocino is very water insecure. Modern tertiary water treatment can be used for landscape irrigation and possibly groundwater replenishment during summer months when over 25% of the wells supplying town water go dry.



Next Steps

- Assure that this is the priority project for each district (today)
- Gain approval by BOS on October 4th to support these projects
- Work with CEO Office to assemble Water Resource team for technical support, grant support and contract support



Mendocino County Board of Supervisors Agenda Summary

Item #: 2b)

To: Public Health, Safety and Resources Standing Committee

From: Water Agency

Meeting Date: September 21, 2022

Department Contact: Howard Dashiell

Phone: 707-463-4363

CEO Contact: Sara Pierce

Phone: 707-463-4441

Time Allocated: 1.5 Hours

Agenda Title:

Discussion and Possible Action Including Consideration of Input from Local Water Districts, Purveyors, and Community Partners Regarding SB552 Drought Planning for Smalls Water Suppliers and Rural Communities (Sponsor: Water Agency)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Consider input from local water districts, purveyors, and community partners regarding SB552 Drought Planning for Small Water Suppliers and Rural Communities; and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

On April 20, 2021, the Board of Supervisors created an Ad Hoc Committee comprised of Supervisors McGourty and Haschak to work on drought-related issues. Mendocino Countywide Drought Task Force began as an Ad-Hoc Committee meeting with public stakeholders on July 8, 2021, from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. via Zoom and met bimonthly or quarterly thereafter. The Ad Hoc Committee provided updates to the Board of Supervisors on October 19, 2021, November 9, 2021, November 16, 2021, and December 14, 2021, with a final update to the Board on August 2, 2022, at which time the function of Drought Task Force Committee (required by SB 552) was transferred to the Public Health, Safety, and Resources Standing Committee which conducted their first meeting August 15, 2022.

Summary of Request/Referral:

The Drought Task Force Ad Hoc Committee was established on July 8, 2021. Mendocino County staff provided some reports to organize meetings with smaller water agencies countywide who wished to share information about drought impacts. Several federal agencies, including the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, sometimes attended the Drought Task Force meetings; but for the most part, it was the California Office of Emergency Services, the Department of Water Resources, and the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board that took part in the meetings. Information was shared, and requests were made. County staff handled the drought hotline and drought/water related emails, and the Department Operations Center (DOC) synthesized general community concerns. Meetings were held every two months (or more frequently or less frequently as needed). A Friday meeting of the DOC was held during the month(s) when there was no Task Force meeting.

To meet Senate Bill 552 (SB 552) Drought Task Force requirements: To facilitate drought and water shortage

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preparedness for State Small Water Systems and domestic wells within the County's jurisdiction by January 1, 2022 - establish a standing drought task force or similar alternative. Utilize stand-alone or integrated as part (s) of existing County plans such as the Mendocino County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and General Plans well as the County Ordinance for drought emergencies.

Supplemental Information Available Online At:

<https://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/mendocino-county-water-agency>

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: PG&E Disaster Settlement

current f/y cost: \$250,000

annual recurring cost: Unknown

budget clarification: N/A

budgeted in current f/y: Yes

if no, please describe:

revenue agreement: No

CEO Liaison: Steve Dunncliff, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Senior Deputy Clerk

Final Status: No Action Taken

Date: SEPTEMBER 21, 2022





Mendocino County Board of Supervisors Agenda Summary

Item #: 3a)

To: Public Health, Safety and Resources Standing Committee

From: Executive Office

Meeting Date: September 21, 2022

Department Contact: Atlas Pearson

Phone: 707-463-4441

CEO Contact: Darcie Antle

Phone: 707-463-4441

Time Allocated: 15 Minutes

Agenda Title:

Approval of Minutes of August 15, 2022 Regular Meeting

Recommended Action/Motion:

Approve minutes of the August 15, 2022 regular meeting.

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Senior Deputy Clerk

Final Status: Approved

Date: **SEPTEMBER 21, 2022**



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MENDOCINO COUNTY
PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
ACTION MINUTES – August 15, 2022
BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF MENDOCINO - STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
(PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE §25150)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – Call to Order (9:02 A.M.)

Present: Chair McGourty and Supervisor Haschak.

Staff Present: Darcie Antle, Chief Executive Officer; Christian M. Curtis, County Counsel; Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; and Caruna Gillespie, Work Experience Trainee.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

2A) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION INCLUDING ACCEPTANCE OF UPDATE FROM THE DROUGHT TASK FORCE COMMITTEE (COUNTYWIDE)

Presenter/s: Supervisor McGourty; Supervisor Haschak; and Howard Dashiell, Director, Department of Transportation.

Public Comment: None.

Points of Discussion:

- Discussion around an update from the Drought Task Force Committee.

2B) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DRAFT MENDOCINO COUNTY WATER AGENCY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, ATTACHMENT “A” FOR SCENARIO #1 MENDOCINO COUNTY WATER RESOURCE TEAM, ATTACHMENT “B” FOR SCENARIO #1 WATER RESOURCE SPECIALIST RFP; UPDATE FROM MENDOCINO COUNTY WATER AGENCY FUNDING AD HOC COMMITTEE REGARDING RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF A STAND-ALONE MENDOCINO COUNTY WATER AGENCY; AND DIRECTION TO STAFF AS APPROPRIATE (COUNTYWIDE)

Presenter/s: Howard Dashiell, Director, Department of Transportation; Supervisor McGourty; Supervisor Haschak.

Public Comment: Devin Boer; Jim Shields; Deborah Edelman; and Elizabeth Salomone.

Points of Discussion:

- Discussion Surrounding Draft Mendocino County Water Agency Implementation Plan, Attachment “A” For Scenario #1 Mendocino County Water Resource Team, Attachment “B” For Scenario #1 Water Resource Specialist Rfp; Update From Mendocino County Water Agency Funding Ad Hoc Committee Regarding Re-Establishment of a Stand-Alone Mendocino County Water Agency; and Direction To Staff as Appropriate (Countywide)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – OTHER BUSINESS**3A) PUBLIC EXPRESSION**

Presenter/s: Jeff Smith.

3B) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Withdrawn.

3C) ANNOUNCEMENTS

Withdrawn.

THERE BEING NOTHING FURTHER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE, THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE ADJOURNED AT 10:26 A.M.

Attest: ATLAS M.A. PEARSON
Senior Deputy Clerk of the Board

