



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**To: Board of Supervisors**

**From: Supervisor Haschak and Supervisor McGourty**

**Meeting Date:** September 27, 2021

**Department Contact:** Glenn McGourty

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**Item Type:** Regular Agenda

**Time Allocated for Item:** 60 Min

**Agenda Title:**

Discussion and Possible Action Including Receiving a Status Report on Water Hauling Response; Provide Input Regarding the Water Supply Replacement Project (Coastal Water Hauling) and Possible Next Steps Supporting Local Agencies and Community Stakeholders in Securing Project Funding; and Approve Transmission of Letters of Support for Community Partners Seeking Funding Independently (Sponsors: Drought Ad Hoc Committee of Supervisors McGourty and Haschak)

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Receive Status Report on Water Hauling Response; Provide Input Regarding the Water Supply Replacement Project (Coastal water hauling) and possible next steps supporting local agencies and community stakeholders in securing project funding; Approve Transmission of letters of support for community partners seeking funding independently; and authorize Chair to sign same.

**Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

On August 31, 2021 the Board of Supervisors Directed Staff to to return with an analysis regarding the amount of Transient Occupancy Tax funds received annually, where the funds came from, and how the funds were used in the last 10 years; and on August 24, 2021 the Board of Supervisors took action and adopted Resolution 21-123, authorizing the grant application, acceptance and execution of Agreement by the Department of Transportation Water Agency Division for the Mendocino County Community Water Supply Replacement Project and to advertise for bids and award contract 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.

**Summary of Request:**

The Drought Ad Hoc Committee of Supervisors McGourty & Haschak has been working with drought response consultant Joshua Metz of Regional Government Services (RGS). Earlier this spring a list of potential drought response projects was compiled from local agencies, tribes and community organizations by the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District under contract with Mendocino County. The County submitted these projects for initial review by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and State Water Quality Control Board (SWQCB) for funding eligibility under the Small Community Drought Relief Program (DWR) and Urgent Drinking Water Needs Program (SWCQB).

Initial feedback from the agencies has been received and shared back with local partners.

In order to secure project funding, local agencies and community groups need to submit complete grant funding applications. Typically, the County would not directly apply for these projects. Recognizing capacity limitations at the local agency level, there could be a role for the County to increase the likelihood of State funds coming to advance local projects. The Board could chose to support these community water purveyor applications in some form within the limitations of the County budget.

**Alternative Action/Motion:**

Provide Alternative Direction to Staff

**Does this Item Support the General Plan?** N/A

**Supervisory District:** All

**vote requirement:** Majority

**Supplemental Information Available Online At:**

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

**Fiscal Details:**

**source of funding:** America Rescue Plan Act

**current f/y cost:** Up to \$1.3 Million

**annual recurring cost:** N/A

**budget clarification:** N/A

**budgeted in current f/y:** No

**if no, please describe:**

**revenue agreement:** N/A

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

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**CEO Liaison:** Executive Office

**CEO Review:** Yes

**CEO Comments:**

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I

Date: September 27, 2021

Final Status: **Approved with Modification**

