



MENDOCINO COUNTY
AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

GLEN E. STEPHENS, P.E.
Air Pollution Control Officer

May 21, 2026

Subject: Mendocino County Air Quality Management District Budget for FY 2026-2027

Honorable Board:

Section 40131 of the California Health and Safety Code requires each air pollution control district to hold an initial public hearing where proposed budget for is presented for discussion. A second hearing where final budget is considered for adoption is scheduled to be held at the July 7, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting.

Thirty days before the first hearing, the Mendocino County Air Quality Management District (District) must make its proposed budget available for public examination. Additionally, the District must notify each person, of whom a fee was imposed the preceding year, of the availability of the proposed budget summary and the hearing date.

The District staff fulfilled these mandates by the following:

1. Fiscal Year (FY) 2026/27 Budget was publicly noticed in two Mendocino County newspapers on May 4th and 7th, 2026 (Ukiah Daily Journal, and Fort Bragg Advocate-News) respectively;
2. Proposed FY 2026/27 Budget was made available on our website (www.mendoair.org) and at our office since May 1, 2026;
3. Also, public notice sent to newspapers circulated in Mendocino County, served to notify persons who paid a DMV registration fee surcharge during FY 2025/26.

District Staff has prepared the Proposed FY 2026/27 Budget. Please note, there is no direct cost to Mendocino County or any of the cities in the County from this proposed budget. The Proposed FY 2026/27 Budget has recommended expenditures of \$1,514,145. There is a proposed expenditure increase of \$19,582 (1.3%) for all budget expenses in this Proposed FY 2026/27 Budget from the previous year's Budget.

The Proposed Budget for actual District operations, salaries and benefits is \$ \$1,027,100 (67.8 % of budget). The District operations budget represents a proposed \$76,378 (6.9%) decrease in District operational cost from prior year.

IT IS RECOMMENDED your Board open hearing; receive public comment; close hearing and direct staff to consider all comments received in preparation of its final Proposed Fiscal Year 2026/27 Budget for Board consideration at the July 2026 Board of Directors Meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Glen E. Stephens".

Glen E. Stephens, P.E.
Air Pollution Control Officer