

## Memo

**To:** MCCSD Commercial Property Owners  
**From:** District Superintendent  
**Date:** May 23, 2022  
**Re:** State Public Water System Survey

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MCCSD has been notified by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Drinking Water, regarding a Public Water System Survey being sent to businesses, and other entities, within the Town of Mendocino. The State Water Board's Public Water System Survey effort is their initial step(s) to promote and ensure the public health of our community. The Public Water System Survey was not initiated or requested by MCCSD. Due to the ongoing historic drought being experienced by the Mendocino Coast we have experienced an increase in the number of wells seasonally going dry, and a growing reliance on hauled water to supplement area water supply and drinking water to Mendocino coastal areas. The growing reliance on hauled water increases the risk that residents and visitors might be exposed to water contaminants.

The potential exposure to contaminants, water insecurity, and other public health concerns, prompted the State Water Board to conduct the survey to take a closer look at our Coastal area drinking water supply, which includes the town of Mendocino. MCCSD was notified by the State Water Board as a courtesy to be informed of the State Water Board's action, and asked to direct questions regarding the survey to the Division of Drinking Water. **Therefore, please direct any questions, or concerns, regarding the Public Water System Survey to Zachary Rounds with the State Water Board, Division of Drinking Water. Zachary can be reached at [zachary.rounds@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:zachary.rounds@waterboards.ca.gov).**

**In addition, please note that the the majority of the town residents rely upon individual residential wells for their daily water needs and do not qualify as a Public Water System.** The State of California's definition of what a "public water supply" is can be found at this location: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinkingwater/certlic/drinkingwater/documents/waterpartnerships/what\\_isapublicwatersys.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinkingwater/certlic/drinkingwater/documents/waterpartnerships/what_isapublicwatersys.pdf)

Again, the survey is a matter of the State Water Board, and not of MCCSD. We will continue to manage our local groundwater resources, as we have been, through our Ordinance 2020-01, 2020-02 and 2020-03. Navigating another year of drought is a priority of the District; through cooperative and community water conservation focused efforts we will get through another challenging water year.

Respectfully,  
Ryan Rhoades  
District Superintendent