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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As many of you know we are in the middle of a third year of historic drought. Climate change is making weather patterns more extreme and more difficult to predict. Severe drought could be the new normal. Fire season is now year round and areas once considered pretty safe are now at greater risk. To help prepare for the impacts of climate change, extreme fires, and droughts, the Mendocino City Community Services District is working with the Mendocino Unified School District, and the State Department of Water Resources to increase water storage.

The school district currently has about 115,000 gals of water storage capacity. This limited water supply feeds multiple school campuses and supplies the primary fire hydrant system in the town of Mendocino. One big structure fire could wipe out this supply. Much of our historic town is built from old dry redwood and needs more protection.

On March 21, 2022 MCCSD was awarded \$4.9 million from the State Department of Water Resources to plan, design, and construct a 500,000 gal water storage tank. This tank will be located on MUSD property near their existing water storage tanks. Included with the tank is an intertie with the existing school district water system, and some new supply wells. The goal is to store water during the winter so that emergency water is available for the community during times of drought and fires.

The project is in the early planning stages and will have to go through rigorous environmental review, Coastal Commission, County Building and Planning, CEQA, and more. We just want to make sure you are aware and informed. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Ryan Rhoades. We also plan to hold a town hall style meeting in the near future to tell you more about the project and address questions.

Respectfully,



Ryan Rhoades  
District Superintendent