

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-333

**RESOLUTION OF THE MENDOCINO CITY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
APPROVING THE EXPANSION OF THE DISTRICT'S RECYCLED WATER
PROJECT, DETERMINING THE EXPANSION WOULD NOT REQUIRE THE
PREPARATION OF A SUBSEQUENT OR SUPPLEMENTAL MITIGATED
NEGATIVE DECLARATION, AND AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT
SUPERINTENDENT TO SOLICIT BIDS**

WHEREAS, the Mendocino City Community Services District ("MCCSD" or the "District") owns and operates the wastewater treatment plant located at 10500 Kelly Street in Mendocino, and is authorized to deliver recycled water to approved use sites pursuant to Regional Water Quality Control Board Order No. R1-2022-0001; and

WHEREAS, the Mendocino Unified School District ("MUSD"), proposed the Recycled Water System Project in 2021 to expand the use of recycled water on properties owned by MUSD to offset potable water use, provide additional fire water storage and supply, and provide for future system expansion and additional reuse, which will be achieved through new recycled water pipelines, irrigation systems, fire hydrants, and a new recycled water storage tank; and

WHEREAS, the MUSD, in its role as Lead Agency, prepared an Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Recycled Water System Project in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended ("CEQA"), and state and local guidelines implementing CEQA; and

WHEREAS, MUSD, by Resolution 2022-09, made findings pursuant to CEQA, adopted the MND, approved the Project, and adopted a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) on April 21, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the District has received grant assistance through the State Water Resources Control Board's Water Recycling Funding Program to construct the Project; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2026, the Board of Directors awarded the construction contract for the Project at an amount substantially below the Engineer's Estimate, leaving grant funding available to extend the beneficial use of recycled water; and

WHEREAS, the District's engineer has identified additional Project elements, described in the GHD Technical Memorandum dated June 19, 2026, including the extension of approximately 3,300 linear feet of recycled water mains within existing public rights-of-way, new recycled water service connections and irrigation systems, and repairs to existing school irrigation systems (collectively, the "Expansion"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15096, as a Responsible Agency, the District must consider the environmental effects as shown in the MUSD IS/MND and has responsibility for mitigating or avoiding the direct or indirect environmental effects of those parts of the Project which it decides to carry out, finance, or approve; and

WHEREAS, in its capacity as a Responsible Agency under CEQA, the District has independently reviewed and considered the environmental effects of the proposed Expansion Project considering the Mendocino Unified School District's Mitigated Negative Declaration; and

WHEREAS, based on the reasoning and evidence in the accompanying June 22, 2026 staff report and proposed Addendum, both of which are fully incorporated by reference herein, staff has reviewed the Expansion under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq., and the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15000 et seq. Staff recommends that the Board determine the Expansion would not require major revisions to the Project's previously adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; that there are no substantial changes in the circumstances under which the Expansion Project is undertaken requiring such major revisions; and that there is no new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence when the MND was adopted, showing any of the effects described in CEQA Guidelines section 15162, subdivision (a)(3). The Expansion Project therefore would not require the preparation of a subsequent or supplemental Mitigated Negative Declaration or Environmental Impact Report under Public Resources Code section 21166 and CEQA Guidelines section 15162; and

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED the foregoing Recitals are true and correct and made a part of this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board determines that the Recycled Water Project Expansion would not require major revisions to the Project's previously adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects, and therefore would not require the preparation of a subsequent or supplemental Mitigated Negative Declaration or Environmental Impact Report under Public Resources Code section 21166 and CEQA Guidelines section 15162, and direct staff to file a Notice of Determination; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby adopts the proposed Addendum for the Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors hereby approves the expansion of the District's Recycled Water Project to include the additional Project elements described in the June 19, 2026 GHD Technical Memorandum and the accompanying staff report; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that compliance with and implementation of the mitigation measures in the April 21, 2022 MND are made a condition of approval of the Expansion Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board finds that there is no substantial evidence that the Expansion Project, with mitigation, will have a significant adverse impact on the environment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Superintendent is hereby authorized to advertise and solicit bids for the Expansion from qualifying contractors in accordance with the competitive bidding requirements of the California Public Contract Code, and to take such further administrative actions as are necessary to carry out this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Mendocino City Community Services District at a Regular Meeting on June 29, 2026 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: 4
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Sullivan)

ATTEST:


Katie Bates, Board Secretary


Andrea Shepard, Board President