

# November 2022 Superintendent's Report

## **Wastewater Treatment Plant:**

Operators performed routine repair and maintenance to the WWTP in November of 2022. Operators continue to work towards completing the other ½ of the annual sewer main cleaning, though staff shortages have delayed progress. The morning of 11-14-22 influent pump #1 failed, as a bearing blew. This was an unexpected failure. We are working on acquiring bids for repair and replacement. Current estimates are between \$10,000-15,000 plus we will need to get the old pump rebuilt. Lead time on these pumps is around April of 2023.

**Outfall Update:** Alpha Diving had planned another dive in early November that was cancelled due to weather. Their goal is to get here before the end of the year.

## **Recycled Water:**

MCCSD did not transfer any recycled water during the month of November. We are awaiting funding and upgrades to the WWTP to be compliant with the current discharge permit. Recycled water remains a high priority. November 1, 2022 the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors listed the MCCSD Recycled Water System Upgrades as one of the top five (5) County priority water projects, and the top priority for the 5<sup>th</sup> District.

## **Biosolids Trailer and Transport:**

MCCSD transported one load of biosolids in November 2022.

## **Drought Update:**

While we wait and hope for more rainfall, the District continues to focus on water conservation. I still haven't seen any recent water trucks in town, nor received any official reports of dry wells.

In this third year of drought District admin continue to spend 80-90% of staff time on issues related to groundwater and groundwater management.

## **Grant and Project Updates:**

GHD continues to move forward on the Emergency Water Storage Tank Project. MCCSD has not received any official updates on the Federal Bureau of Reclamation grant application. We did learn that our application to the State DWR Small Communities Drought Relief Program had 92 application ahead of it in line, with almost no funding remaining. Almost all of the PSPS grant purchases have been made. We took delivery of some new generators, generator fuel, and a generator trailer the week of Thanksgiving.

The California SAFER program (Safer and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience) continues to work with the District on community engagement, water resiliency discussions, and the potential for a more current feasibility study.

## **Office Update:**

Covid and seasonal illness continued to impact staffing in November as well as October.

## **Safety Meeting and Plant Safety Inspection:**

The District is still following County, State, Federal, and CDC guidelines regarding COVID-19 safety precautions. The 30-minute monthly safety meeting was held November 22, 2022. The topic was *Safe Driving*.

## **Sanitary Sewer Collection System:**

There were no MCCSD collection system sanitary sewer overflows to report during January 1, 2020 to November 22, 2022.