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To: MCCSD Board of Directors
From: District Superintendent
cc: Seph Petta
Date: October 23, 2025
Re: Groundwater Management Report

The 2025-26 Rain Year

October 1, 2025 was the beginning of the 2025-26 rain year. Average annual precipitation in Mendocino is 39.41 inches, and average rainfall in October 2.30 inches. 0.89 inches of rainfall have been measured in the District for October, as of October 23, 2025 (Figure 1, Table 1).

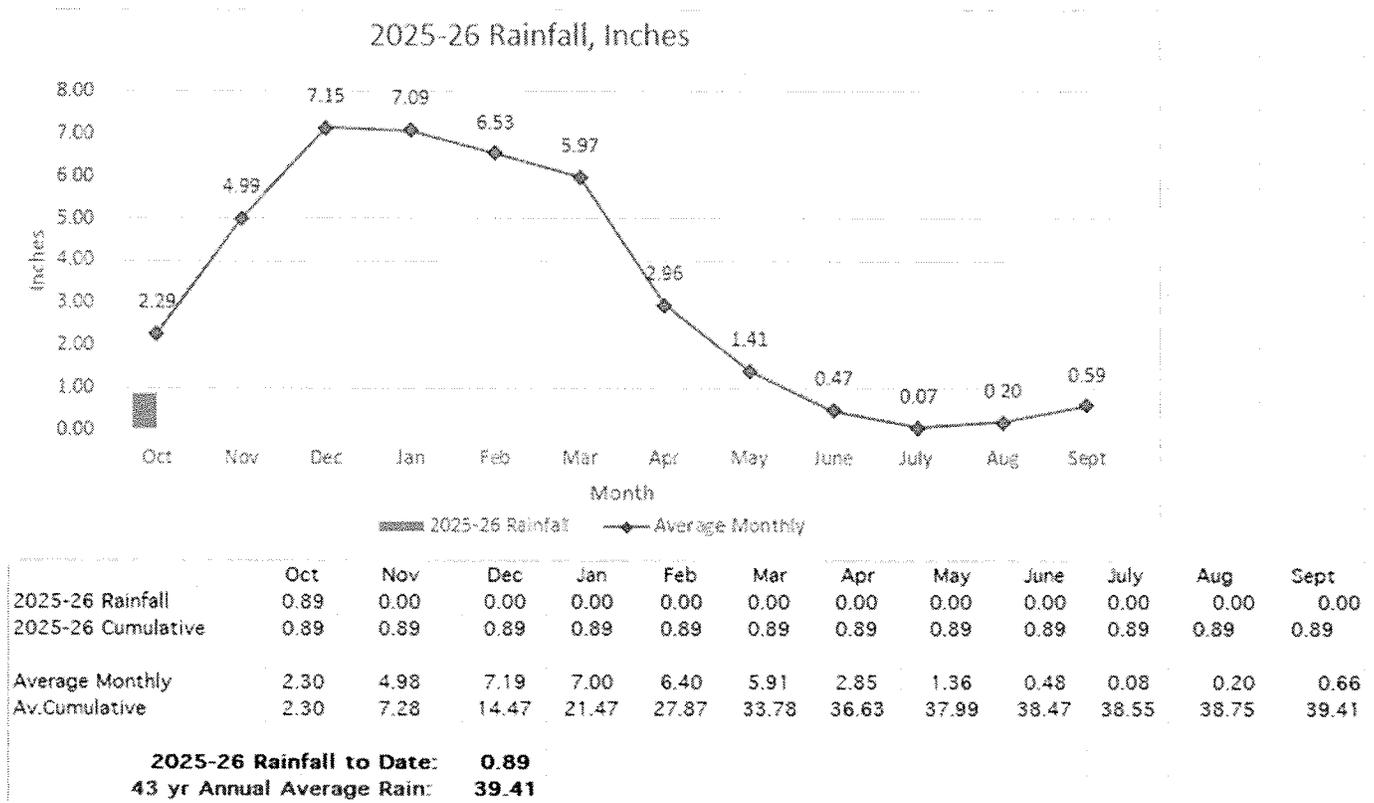


Figure 1, Table 1

Total Rainfall for Rain Year 2024-25 was 43.18" inches. Mendocino received 110% of normal annual rainfall during the last water year. By October 23, 2025, total rainfall since October 1, 2025, was 0.89" inches, 2.3% of average annual rainfall.

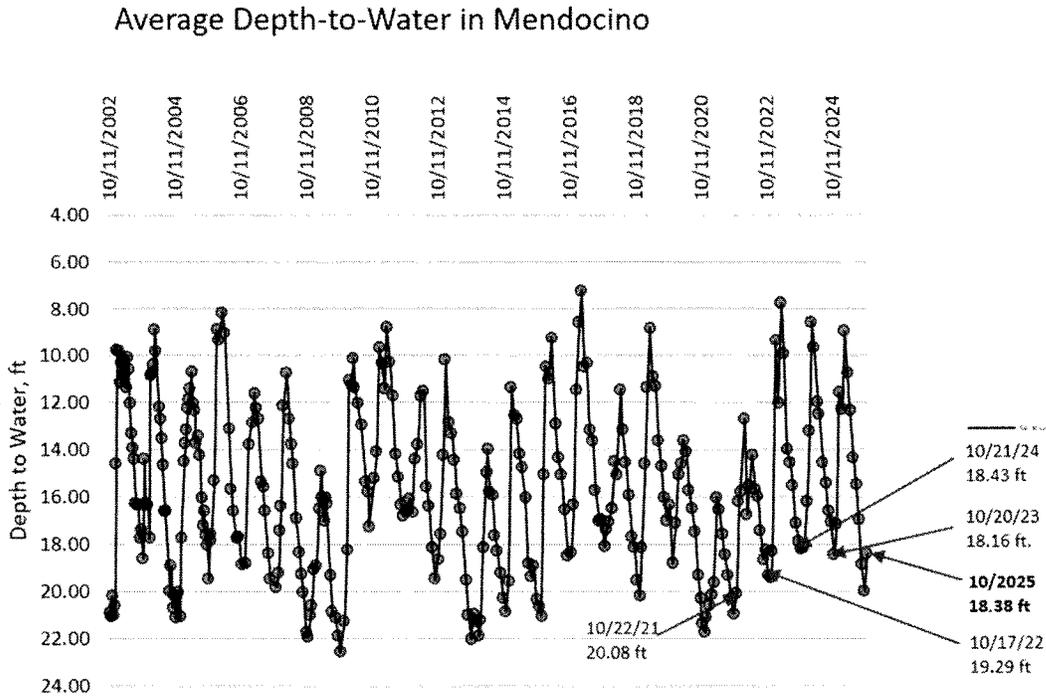
DAILY TOTAL RAINFALL														
	2025-26											<i>Elevation 72 Feet</i>		
	Data From: Community Service District											<i>Latitude 39.306°</i>		
								10AM						<i>Longitude -123.800°</i>
Day	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep		
1	0.01													
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Sum	0.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Count	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Max	0.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Rainy Days	8							Water year Total Rainfall					0.89	
Maximum Daily Rainfall				0.45										

Table 1 2025-26 Rainfall Record

October 2025 Depth-to-Water (DTW)

The average DTW measurements District-wide in the 24 monitoring wells on October 20, 2025, was 18.38 ft. DTW averages are 1.57 ft. better than September of 2025. The DTW averages in the five drought monitoring wells reported an average of 22.05 ft. which is about 0.87 ft. lower than September of 2025. DTW averages are .2 ft. lower than October 2024, and about 1.7 ft. better than a drought year like September 2021.

Figure 2 Average Depth-To-Water Chart



Following the Water Shortage Contingency Plan, May 31, 2025, was the most recent water shortage evaluation date. Rainfall totals and depth to water levels indicated there was not a water shortage within the District at that time. If no water shortage is declared by that date, no further evaluation is required until January 31, 2026.

As of August 20th, 2025, the hydrological testing period for 2025 is open. There are currently no properties within the District that have pending applications and planned drawdown tests scheduled at this time. The testing period will remain open until 6" inches of rain is recorded within the District.

It's important to remember that it is currently the time of year when groundwater levels are typically near their lowest, as evident by the water delivery trucks we see more frequently in town. Please do your best to conserve water, think about your neighbors, and let's hope more rain arrives soon.