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Dear Community Members,

I'd like to provide an update on the MCCSD Recycled Water Upgrade and Expansion Project and thank the community again for your patience during construction. We understand the work has created temporary inconveniences at times, and we greatly appreciate the cooperation and understanding we have received from residents, businesses, and visitors throughout the project.

To date, Ghilotti Construction has completed the following major project components:

- Installation of most all new recycled water mains in town and up Little Lake Road to the Mendocino Unified School District tank site
- Installation of 13 new fire hydrants
- Installation of recycled water service at the Mendocino Community Center
- Installation of recycled water service at Mendocino High School
- Installation of recycled water service at the K-8 School
- Replacement of approximately 950 feet of sewer main on Little Lake Road between Highway 1 and Lansing Street

The following project components remain to be completed:

- Installation of the recycled water main under Highway 1 using horizontal boring
 - This work was originally scheduled for the week of June 8, 2026, but as of today, has been delayed. A revised schedule is still being determined.
- Upgrades at the MCCSD Wastewater Treatment Plant
 - Including planned shutdown of treatment plant from July 13–17
- Installation of recycled water irrigation systems, including at Friendship Park
- Construction of the new 300,000-gallon recycled water storage tank on Little Lake Road at MUSD tank site.
- Final roadway restoration as required

The District is also evaluating several potential additional improvements that may be added to the project if funding and scheduling allow, including:

- Extending recycled water mains on portions of Lansing St., Main St., & Palette.
- Installing additional fire hydrants on Lansing Street, Main Street, & Palette Dr.
- Adding additional recycled water service connections and irrigation systems.

Community members have recently noticed temporary “No Parking” signs and utility markings on Lansing Street and Main Street. These activities are related to preliminary survey work and underground utility locating. At this time, no additional construction work is scheduled on those streets.

Some survey work today was temporarily halted due to weather conditions. We understand parking restrictions are expected to continue on the east side of Lansing Street between Little Lake Road and Main Street again tomorrow, June 9, 2026. We apologize for this inconvenience and appreciate everyone’s patience and cooperation.

Overall, the District has received overwhelmingly positive feedback regarding both the project and the construction crew, particularly related to the speed of construction, communication with neighbors, and willingness to work with residents and businesses to minimize disruptions whenever possible. We also recently received helpful feedback identifying areas where we can improve communication, particularly regarding the Lansing Street parking restrictions, and we appreciate community members bringing those concerns to our attention.

This project represents a major investment in Mendocino’s future, water resilience, groundwater sustainability, and fire protection infrastructure. In addition to expanding recycled water use, the project is adding critical fire hydrant infrastructure and increasing recycled water storage capacity to approximately 300,000 gallons.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the MCCSD office at districtsecretary@mccsd.com or 707-937-5790.

Again, thank you for your patience and understanding during this temporary disruption as we work to improve infrastructure and services for the entire community.

Respectfully,



Ryan Rhoades
Superintendent, MCCSD