

MHRB 2021-0008

Hello Mendocino Historical Review Board,

My wife and I are the applicants for the proposed water tower project to be constructed on our property at 44750 Jackson Street. I am a general contractor and have been building and restoring homes for the past 40 years. Over this time I've restored Victorians, Edwardians, Shakers and Craftsman.

My wife and I have long admired the beautiful water towers of Mendocino and are very excited about the prospect of adding an additional water tower to the Town's landscape. I've personally spent hours studying and researching the towers and speaking with architects, builders and locals. The plans and drawings we are seeking approval for represent our vision for a tower that resembles the towers constructed in the late 1800s but that utilizes the building standards of today.

We do have a few questions to ask of the Board:

- 1) The Wildland Urban Interface laws recently enacted require fire-resistant glass in all windows. How does this comport with MHRB's requirement for wood sashes? Are they still required? If so, will Cal-Fire approve?
- 2) The color of the window trim was a choice between Hunter Green and Cranberry, and we have seen examples of both on the existing water towers in town. Can the choice between the two colors be changed at a later time or is it set in stone?

Water towers add to the beauty and charm of the Town of Mendocino, and yet the last tower built was constructed over 30 years ago. We hope the Board shares our enthusiasm for the proposed tower and appreciate the members' time and attention.

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