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Regarding: clarification to be shared to anyone who is interested from applicants regarding C DPR\_2021-0002 for a new single family home to be built in Mendocino Village for the meeting to be held on Thursday September 23, 2021 at 10:00 am

We have owned our property at 45020 Ukiah Street for the last six years and have a mixed used building known as the 'Red House' a mixed used building that comprises 2 residential units and 2 offices on the property. The address that has been designated by the county for our new single family residence to be built is at 45045 Calpella Street.

Recently, in the process of us applying to build our SFR which was submitted on January 12 of this year for a CDP extension and MHRB approval in March of this year which was approved on May 3, a nearby neighbor requested that our CDP permit be delayed until the drought is declared over.

To help allay anyone's concern regarding our water availability to build our home, our property has a deep 99' well that is shared by three parcels. Our deep well #127A has been producing non stop for the last 35 years since 1986, with no historical interruption of water nor have we ever had to truck water to our property. We recognize that different wells throughout the village have gone dry over the years and others like us continue to produce without interruption. We are very fortunate with respect to that.

Our well is monitored by a 'Water Master' Donna Feiner and does regular water monitoring and water levels were tested mid August and revealed water levels of water access were at 32-33 feet of a 99' depth well leaving almost another 66' of water access for our use.

This has been a very long 4 year process and three designs later to build our SFR. We have already been previously approved by MHRB as well as the CDP along with all other governmental agencies with all documentation and evidence to show that there is no negative impact on the water supply available to us for our building. A hydrological study and review was submitted and reviewed by all approving agencies and paid for in the amount of \$4000 to

California Licensed Lawrence and Associates Engineers, Hydrologists and Geologists which they determined that even an increase of well water use for our new SFR was more than adequate and was subsequently approved by the Board comprising Directors Kerstein, Stubbs, Hauck and Schwartz. Staff recommended our approval and our permit was issued. We have a water extraction permit and a water extraction right to use that has already been issued to us and is in place. In essence we use just a fraction of water use that is available to use on a daily basis. Per the Water District's reporting as of 2 weeks ago for our portion of our shared water well use, we use approximately 100 gallons per day or 15% of our total daily allotment. With our new build we will be under approximately 30% of what we are allowed to use on a daily basis. We have paid for all fees, permits, time extensions and sewer connection and lateral connection fees with the Mendocino City Community Services District of \$3208.00 as of May 1, 2021.

Additionally, we have existing buildings and tenants, we have existing 5 water meters for our use for our existing uses, and for our new SFR to be built, historic water use records were reviewed over the course of 35 years. To date there has been no interruption of service or available water from our well #127A nor has there ever been a need to truck in water. PGE funds have now been voted and approved to be used for additional water deliveries for the Mendocino and coastal areas for those that are in need of water both for residential and businesses and hopefully that will continue to allay the fears that many have with respect to water. **The TOTAL allotment for water use for our combined 4 parcels out of our deep well #127A represents 67% of the safe extraction of water volume** according to studies that have been reviewed and done. We believe that we should have been afforded our due process of law to build our SFR and by delaying our project by those who did not call or speak to us directly to answer some of the questions that they had regarding water use has delayed us through time and money. The CDP has the authority to grant us a permit as is our due process of law. We are an SFR Single Family Residence, and though we understand and appreciate that much of all of CA is in exceptional drought status, including Mendocino, our own well provides us with the water we need for our own needs as well as our proposed SFR with no negative impact such as is often seen in high water use facilities like a hotel, laundromat, restaurant, grocery store or other. We respectfully are requesting that the CDP grant us our permit and or extensions that we have applied for and that have been previously approved as we have already faithfully provided the necessary documentation and hydro studies that support our use of water from our own shared well.

Thank you and we respectfully submit this Friday the 10th day of September 2021 at 1:10 p.m..

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