

January 2, 2023

Comment regarding: MHRB permit 2022-0008

To Whom it May Concern:

The iconic water tower at 45040 Main Street in Mendocino represents a good part of the history of the town of Mendocino. Many water towers were demolished or destroyed prior to the Mendocino Historic District becoming designated as protected.

The water tower which Jim Couple painstakingly built as a replica in 1975 to replace the historic water tower that was there in the beginning represents a good part of the history of Mendocino. It was built with old timbers, the same as many of the original water towers.

The new design in which the water tower is encased does not provide the same characteristics and charm of the current Mendocino water tower. There are no timbers, the box design is so far from the original water tower it is a surprise the MHRB board would even consider the change.

In my opinion, accordingly this project should not be approved.

Thank you,

Deirdre Lamb

Mendocino town resident and former MHRB Board member