

From: Monica Steinisch <msteinisch@earthlink.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 11:06 PM
To: pbscommissions
Subject: Comment re: MUSD water project (for March 7 MCPC meeting)

MAR 01 2024

Planning & Building Services

Caution: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Hi. This is a question for the Mendocino County Planning Commission, during the March 7 public hearing regarding the MUSD water project on Little Lake Road.

The water project plan document says that "when emergency water supplies were being provided for community use during a drought"..."Water deliveries would involve filling an approximately 3,500-gallon to 4,000-gallon water truck from a metered fire hydrant or from the MUSD's water supply and storage site, and delivery to public **and private water tanks** by a contracted hauling company."

Can the commission tell us who exactly will be eligible for the emergency water deliveries during a drought: Anyone with a Mendocino address? Only town businesses? Town residents? Neighbors to the MUSD well field? Some combination of these?

Under what circumstances can whoever is entitled to emergency water deliveries during a drought request a truckload of water? Does it require a drought emergency to be declared? Do you just call a number and ask for a delivery? How many truckloads are you allowed? Is there a cost?

Do neighbors of the MUSD property (Cummings Lane, Gurley Lane, etc.), whose wells may be impacted by the increased pumping conducted to fill and maintain the levels of the new storage tanks, get any particular consideration in terms of being able to get a truckload of water if their well goes dry?

If the commission can't tell us who will be able to get water deliveries, under what conditions, and how they would request the water, can you tell us when, by whom, and how those parameters will be determined?

During last year's school board meeting, one of the board members reassured concerned neighbors that they wouldn't be left high and dry. One of those concerned neighbors joked that she hoped he would be around for a very long time (presumably, to back his words up when the time came). With the water project imminent, it would be good to understand how (and which) individual Mendocino households will have access to the stored water during the next drought.

Thank you,
Monica Steinisch
msteinisch@earthlink.net
415-867-0562