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Re: Case U\_2023-0004

Mendocino Unified School District

Coastal Development Use Permit

Dear Planning Commissioners Wiedemann, Jones, Pernell, Paulin, and Babbini,

We reside in Mendocino outside the MCCSD and in the neighborhood of the MUSD water system. We attended the MUSD School Board meeting last year where the project proposal was voted in by the School Board.

This is a huge expansion of a water system which up to now has existed to meet the needs of the school system and provide backup water for the Community Services District in the event of fire in the town of Mendocino. This project plans for up to TEN wells to be drilled to provide water not only for the original purposes of school district use and fire safety, but potentially as backup water for residents and businesses in the town of Mendocino. Both MUSD and MCCSD seek to meet challenging and important needs, but the wells most apt to be impacted by increased drilling and pumping in the neighborhood are on properties NOT within the MCCSD, and any recourse for those properties in the event of future water shortage has never been formally addressed by MUSD or MCCSD.

We share the questions, concerns, and recommendations in regard to this project submitted to the Planning Commission by Mr. Yeh, Ms. Steinisch, Mr. Stavely, Attorney O'Rourke, and Ms. Aranguren and urge the Planning Commission to seriously consider their remarks.

Sincerely,

Marcia Sloane and Todd Walton

Owners at 10867 Cummings Lane, Mendocino