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Date: March 28, 2024

To: Planning Commission of Mendocino County

RE: Case # U_2023-0004

Mendocino Unified School District water tank replacement and well installation project

Dear Planning Commission;

This letter is in support of the Mendocino Unified School District (MUSD) application to demolish and replace two existing water storage tanks, a chlorination and control building, and related infrastructure, in addition to improvement to three existing wells and installation of up to 10 new wells. This project is vital to improving fire protection resources for the historic town of Mendocino.

Currently the only fire hydrants in town are connected to the MUSD water main and storage tanks. The old tanks only hold a total of 115,000 gallons at max capacity. In a multi-structure fire, existing MUSD water supplies would likely prove to be inadequate. This project seeks to increase the MUSD water storage to 615,000 gallons, greatly improving fire protection resources. Mendocino is a nationally recognized Historical Preservation District built of old growth redwood, and it has burned before. Increasing local water stores is vital to the protection of this community.

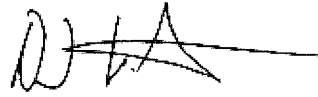
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We understand this project is in partnership with the Mendocino City Community Services District (the local groundwater management authority). The project is supported and being funded in part by the California Department of Water Resources' Urban and Multi-benefit Drought Relief program. This shows that this is seen as a priority project. The Mendocino Fire Protection District and Volunteer Fire Department fully support this project.

Sincerely,



Edward O'Brien, President



David Latoof, Chief

From: Mendocino Volunteer Fire Department [mailto:mvfd@mcn.org]

Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2024 10:39 AM

To: Ryan Rhoades <mccsd@mcn.org>

Subject: Support letter for water project

The letter the Board approved last night is attached.

Good luck! Sandy

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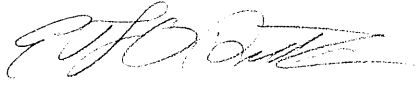
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