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The attached letter in support of MUSD Use Permit application U-2023-0004 was had delivered to the Mendocino City Community Services District on March 28, 2024. Please include it in the public comment.

Thanks, Ryan

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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.

This letter is in support of the Mendocino Unified School District (MUSD) Coastal Development Use Permit Application to demolish and replace two existing water storage tanks, a chlorination and control building, and related infrastructure, and to improvement to three existing wells and installation of up to 10 new wells.

As a resident of Mendocino for nearly fifty years, a retired fire chief, and former Director of the Mendocino City Community Services District Board, I can confidently say this water storage and supply project is vital to health and safety of the residents, visitors, and businesses of Mendocino.

Mendocino has always had water issues. Climate change is making these issues worse. We worked hard to develop a local groundwater management program that is fair. But in the face of climate change more needs to be done. Developing an emergency water storage and supply should have happened years ago. The project benefits the school system, the fire department, and those that live, work, own property, and visit Mendocino.

Like droughts, fires are getting larger and more frequent. Existing resources might not last when the big one hits. Adding additional water sources and storage to the community is a must. This project is far better than trucking water from Ukiah in the next major drought. Delay only leads to jeopardize state funding. I urge you to support it and approve it.

Sincerely,



Edward O'Brien
Retired Director of MUCSD

3/28/24