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Please add my letter as public comment on this item.

Thank you.

- Ian Roth.



April 3, 2024

To: Mendocino County Planning Commission

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, to improve three existing wells, and installation of up to 10 new wells.

As a resident and business owner in Mendocino I can confidently say this water storage and supply project is vital to the health and safety of the residents, visitors, and businesses of Mendocino.

With climate change, droughts and fires are getting larger and more frequent. Existing resources are not currently sufficient in the wake of a large-scale emergency. Adding additional water sources and storage in the community is a responsible move in planning for disasters that are inevitable. Culmination of this project is far more affordable and realistic than trucking water from Ukiah in the next major drought, which I have done.

Mendocino has a long history of water shortage issues. Climate change is making this situation worse. Despite a local groundwater management program, more needs to be done in the face of climate change. Increasing community water storage and supply benefits: the school system, the fire department, and those that live, work, own property, businesses, and visit Mendocino.

The project is supported by the Mendocino City Community Services District, the Mendocino Fire Protection District, State Senate President Mike McGuire, the California Department of Water Resources, and many others. I urge you to approve this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ian Roth", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Owner, Seagull Inn Bed & Breakfast

