

March 2026 Superintendent's Report

Wastewater Treatment Plant:

- Operators performed routine repair and maintenance to the WWTP in March of 2026.
- There was one early morning alarm call out for the month as of March 18, 2026.
- Phoenix Fire was on site Tuesday, February 17, 2026, to service District fire extinguishers.
- Hach service technicians were on site Thursday, February 19, 2026, to service analytical equipment.
- Aqualitec's engineer was on site March 4, 2026, to inspect the bar screen, and discuss improvements.
- The Bobcat Skid Steer is still at the shop. We hope recent repairs finally addresses reliability concerns and we can hold off on purchasing another machine for a few more years.
- Operators began annual water quality sampling for analysis March 17.
- SWRCB, RWQCB office is in the process of drafting our new NPDES permit.
- The monthly CASGEM groundwater report was turned in on March 19, 2026, to the County.

Office:

- We received four letters of interest from residents within the District interested in filling the two Board vacancies.
- Office staff are working with the Mendocino Fire Protection District (MFPD) on administering a Department of Water Resources water storage tank program. Through March 31, 2026, MCCSD is collecting names and addresses of local property owners interested in receiving a free 2,500 domestic water storage tank. So far we have received about 40 requests. All permitting questions should be addressed to Mendocino County Planning and Building. Tanks will most likely be delivered to MCCSD in April. Those who request a tank prior to the deadline will be notified when their tank arrives and asked to come pick up the tank during normal office hrs. and to sign a release of liability. MCCSD has the name and number of a few people willing to privately assist with tank delivery.

Streetlights:

To the best of our knowledge PG&E completed their underground repair work.

Outfall:

-Staff received three quotes from Alpha Diving for jobs in 2026; an inspection dive, clamp fabrication, and a maintenance dive. Staff recommend approval of the inspection dive and clamp fabrication at this time.

Recycled Water:

-MCCSD did not transfer any recycled water for the month. We anticipate resuming recycled water production and transfers next year.

Biosolids:

-Operators did not transport any biosolids during the month. We sent samples for analysis in our process to renew our disposal agreement with Waste Management.

Grants and Projects:

- Eastern Research Group has initial approval from the U.S. EPA to begin project scoping and is still working on a cost estimate to develop a current Preliminary Engineering Report on the WWTP facilities and lift stations at no cost to the District. There is no estimated start date at this time

-Staff and committee members resumed meeting with the GHD's new SAFER representative. We understand GHD has submitted amendments to their work plan with the State, and we are waiting to hear from the State if they will fund additional studies. While we wait, regular check-in meetings have been cancelled.

-Phase II of the Recycled Water Upgrade and Expansion Project bidding has closed. Bids were publicly opened on March 17, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. MCCSD received four (4) bids. The lowest responsible base bid was from Ghilotti

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Construction in the amount of \$8,711,230. Staff and engineers recommend the Board award the contract to Ghilotti as the lowest qualified bidder and direct staff to issue a notice to proceed.

-MCCSD understands the MUSD potable water storage project is continuing on track.

Safety Meeting and Plant Safety Inspections:

The 30-minute monthly safety meeting was held on March 19, 2026. The topic was *Working Outdoors Mosquitos and Ticks*. No safety incidents were reported for the period.

Sanitary Sewer Collection System:

There are no Sanitary Sewer overflows to report for the period April 12, 2023- March 18, 2026. On March 3rd MCCSD received an afternoon report of a possible blockage on Little Lake Rd. MCCSD operators immediately investigated and found no signs of a SSO or blocked main line. Operators consulted with the property owners, and tenants. Operators further investigated on 3/4/25 when a private plumber was on site. The plumber reported roots in the private lateral line as the issue and that he resolved the matter.