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To: MCCSD Board of Directors
From: District Superintendent
cc: Seph Petta
Date: January 21, 2026
Re: Groundwater Management Report

The 2025-26 Rain Year

October 1, 2025 was the beginning of the 2025-26 rain year. Average annual precipitation in Mendocino is 39.41 inches, and average rainfall in January is 7.00" inches. 4.38 inches of rainfall have been measured in the District for January, as of January 21, 2026 (Figure 1, Table 1).

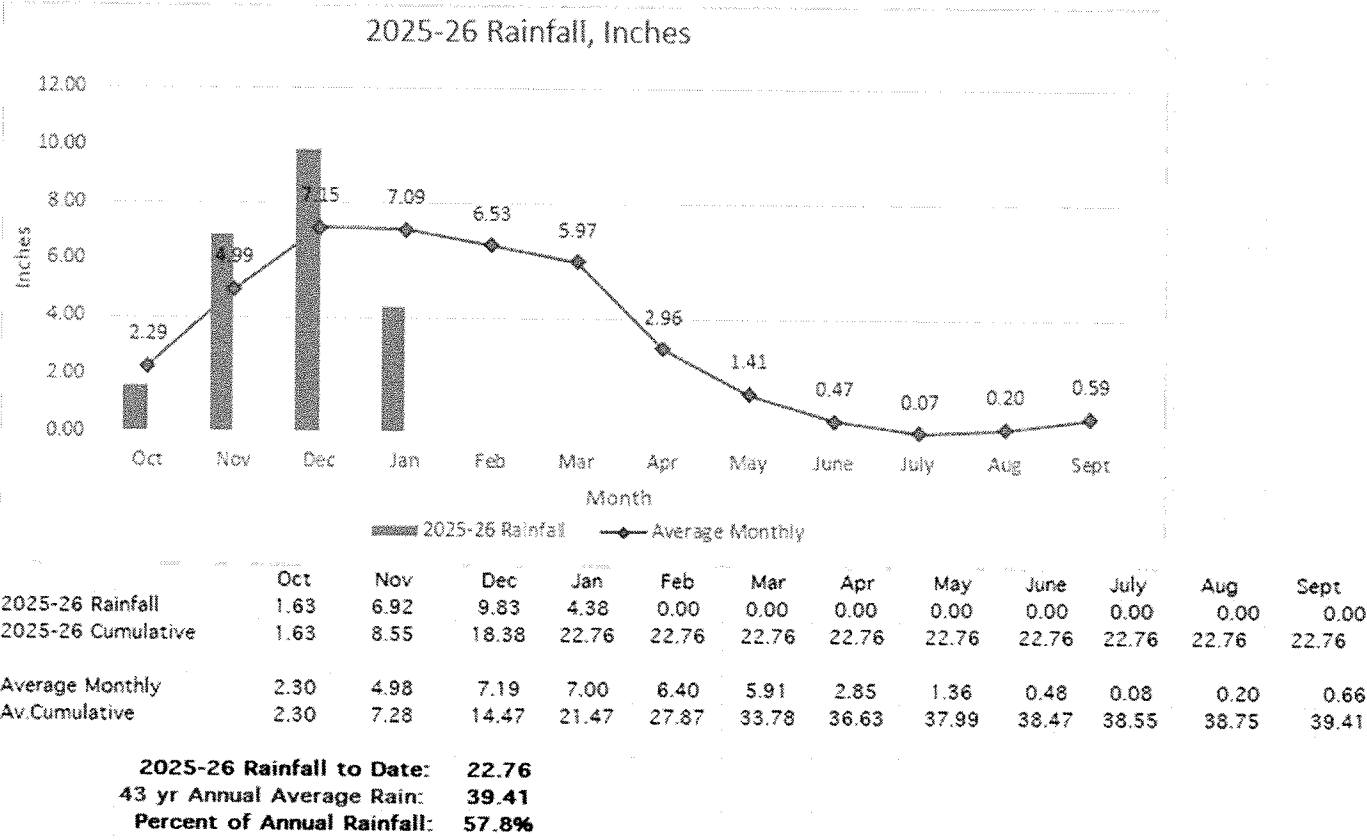
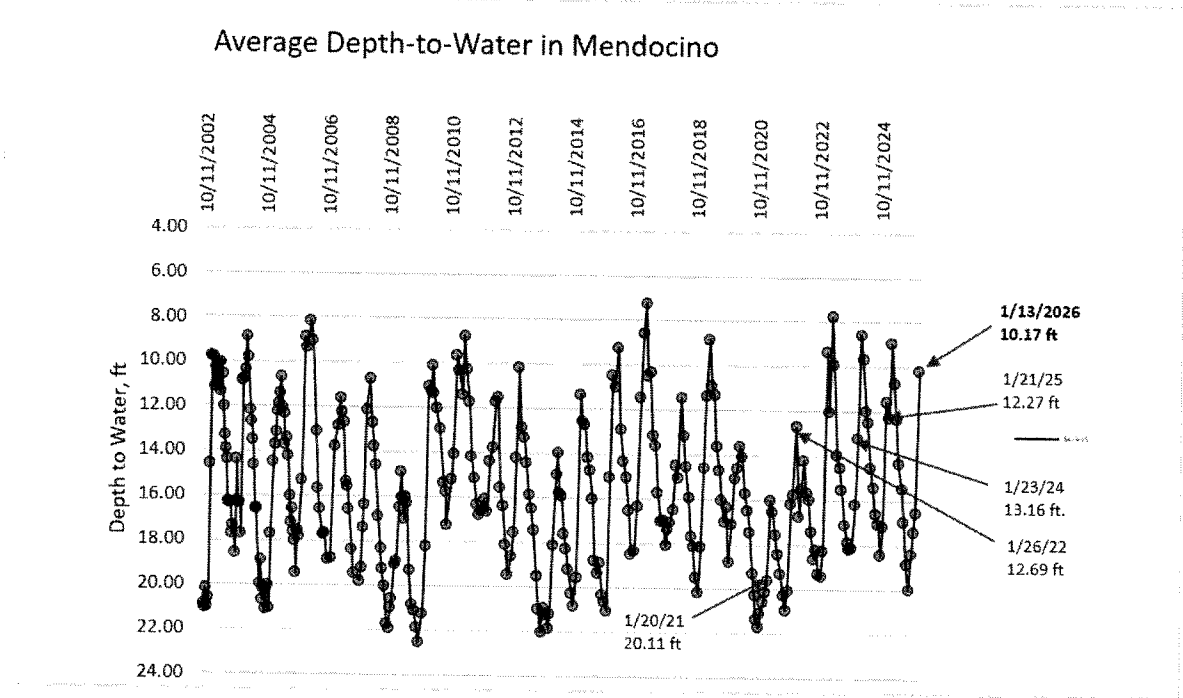


Figure 1, Table 1

January 2026 Depth-to-Water (DTW)

The average DTW measurements District-wide in the 24 monitoring wells on January 13, 2025, was 10.17 ft. DTW averages are about 6 ft. better than December of 2025. The DTW averages in the five drought monitoring wells reported an average of 11.98 ft. which is about 8.5 ft better than December of 2025. DTW averages are 2.1 ft. higher than January 2025, and almost 10 ft better than a drought year like January 2021.

Figure 2 Average Depth-To-Water Chart



Following the Water Shortage Contingency Plan, January 31, 2026, is the next water shortage evaluation date. Current rainfall totals are 106% of average for the rain year to date, indicating there is no water shortage within the District currently.

Groundwater Management Notification for the Month:

- 3-Overage notification letters were mailed out for the month
- 17-Violation 1 letters for failure to report a water meter reading
- 1-Violation 2 letters for failure to report a water meter reading
- 0-Violation 3 letters for failure to report a water meter reading.