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Mendocino Community Water System Feasibility Study

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Melcome

Agenda

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- 2. Project Team & Scope
- 3. Source Water Study
- 4. Alternatives Analysis
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Project Background

MCCSD requested Technical Assistance to seek support in preparation of a feasibility study to identify water solutions for the community.

Goals

- Identify and describe existing water systems
- Identify water sources
- Develop alternative CWS conceptual designs and recommend an alternative.
- In a second phase, submit a DWSRF Construction Financing Application
- Finally, if granted state financing, install infrastructure and support legal agreements to establish a regional CWS for the Village of Mendocino

Provide the Community of Mendocino with a clean and reliable water supply.



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Project Components

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Alternative Analysis Engineering Report

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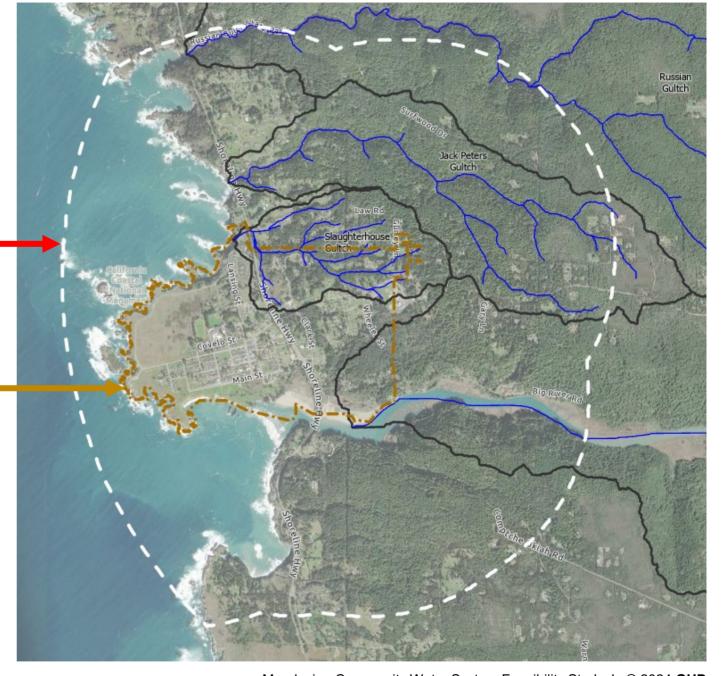
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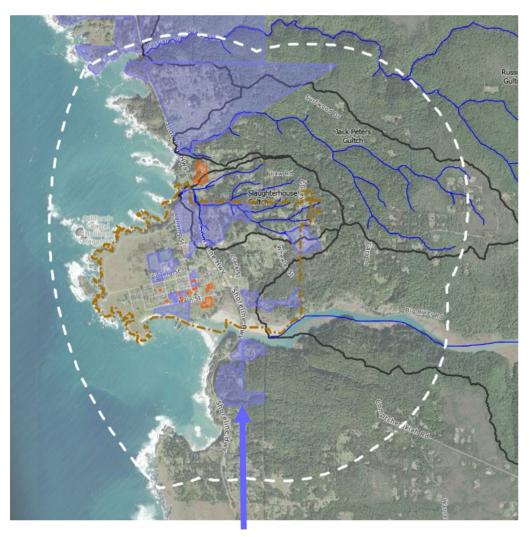
Study Area

MCCSD Boundary



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Water Systems in Study Area



Water Systems

No.	Organization/Business	Service Connections	Population Served
1	Mendocino Presbyterian Church	3	90
2	Trillium Café and Inn	1	129
3	Luna Trattoria	2	120
4	Café Beaujolais	2	100
5	Frankies	7	100
6	Flow Restaurant	4	61
7	Fog Eaters	4	26
8	Mendo Market & Deli	3	26
9	Shell Building (Garden Bakery, Bay View Coffee, Gnar Bar)	1	25
10	Pattersons	1	160
11	Surfwood Mutual Water Corporation*	107	160
12	Hills Ranch Mutual Water Company*	48	79
13	Point of View Mutual Water Company*	31	56
14	Big River Vista Mutual Water Company	19	36
15	MUSD*	15	579
16	Green Real Estate Enterprises, LLC	5	108, 100 NT, 8 Residential
17	Mendocino Hotel	1	50
18	Harvest at Mendosas	3	45
19	CSP- Mendocino Headlands- Sea Arch-State Park Service	1	500
20	CSP-Mendocino Headlands- Ford House	2	2 75
21	Maccallum House Inn	1	200
22	Stanford Inn	6, 1 AG, 3 CM, 2 RS	153
23	Mendocino Art Center	12	108
24	Hill House, LLC	1	62
25	Searock	10 includes agate cove	54
26	CSP- Russian Gulch State Park	24	30
27	Mendocino Grove	2	27
28	Dick's Place	1	25

Source Water Study

Source Water Study

- 1. Summarize water supply assets & capacities in study area
- 2. Review available well logs & driller well completion reports
- 3. Estimate study area demands (in gallons or Acre-feet)
- 4. Identify all source water options
- Develop construction rough cost estimates for source water options for order of magnitude comparisons and considerations.





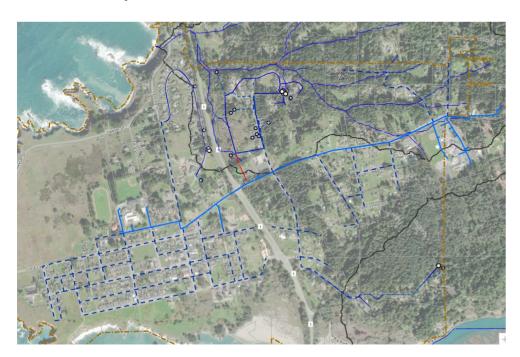
Options Considered

- A. Groundwater
- B. Surface Water- many obstacles to use
- C. Desalination of Ocean or Brackish Water
- D. Conjunctive Use Sources:
- Recycled Water from Wastewater
 Treatment Plant (offset demands, *direct potable reuse not an option in California)
- Stormwater Capture could impact downstream resources such as, min. fish flows, wetlands and existing groundwater recharge
- Aquifer Recharge Recharge aquifer with wastewater effluent (Indirect Potable Reuse)

Alternatives Analysis

Alternatives Analysis Engineering Report

- Gather information, previous studies, visit each community water system (CWS)
- 2. Existing CWS condition assessments
- 3. Develop 3 conceptual water system designs
- 4. Develop construction cost estimates



Develop 3 different conceptual water system designs.

Elements that will vary between alternatives:

Sources

Consolidation

Service area

Infrastructure

Understand interest of existing water systems

Alternatives Analysis Water Infrastructure:

Source Infrastructure

Water Mains & Fire Hydrants

Treatment Systems

Tanks

Service Connections

Pump Stations

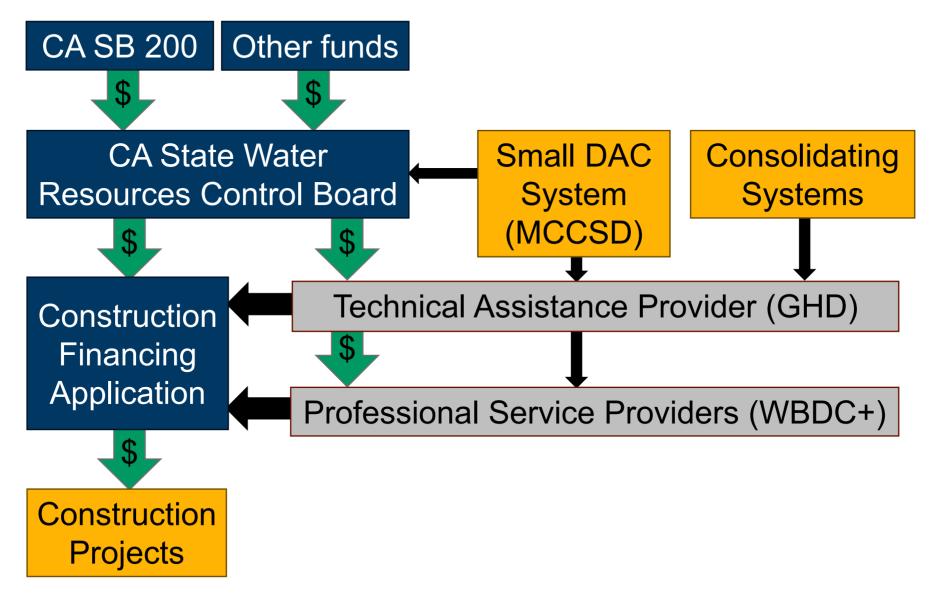




Schedule

Item	Anticipated Completion Date
Focus Meeting #1	August 27, 2024 12PM
Focus Meeting #2	September 4, 2024 6PM
Draft Source Water Study	September 2024
Task 2- Community Meeting #1	October 2024
Draft Engineering Report	November 2024
Task 2- Community Meeting #2	TBD

What is the SAFER Program? TA Program?



State Priorities

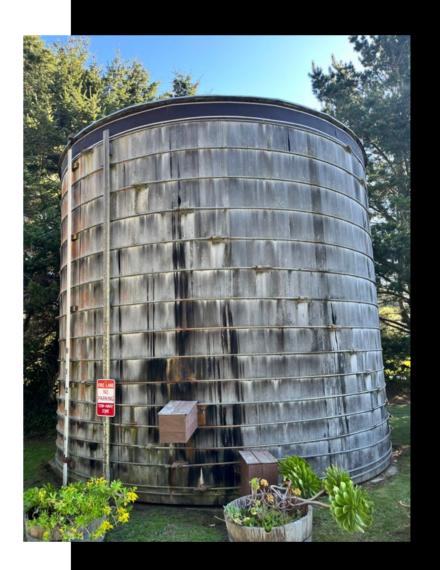
- Category A-C Projects: high priority projects that address public health issues (waterborne disease, water exceeds primary standards or surface water is inadequately treated, insufficient source or water delivery capacity, etc.).
- Category D Projects: address inadequate reliability (community water systems with a single source and no backup supply, water meters, etc.).
- Category E-F Projects: other eligible projects (water exceeds secondary standards, violations of Waterworks Standards, etc.).
- Incentive Project: a drinking water construction project, often separate from a consolidation project, that solely benefits a Receiving Water System.
- Receiving Water System: takes in a new service area as part of a consolidation.

CONSTRUCTION GRANTS / PRINCIPAL FORGIVENESS (PF):

Type of Community	Residential Water Rates as a % of MHI	% of Total Eligible Project Cost	Max Amount Per Connection ¹			
Category A – D and/or Consolidation Projects						
Small DAC; Eligible NTNC That Serves a Small DAC; Expanded Small DAC; or Small Non-DAC with MHI < 150% of Statewide MHI ²	N/A	up to 100%	\$60,000 ³			
Category A – C and/or Consolidation Projects						
Medium DAC ²	N/A	up to 100%	\$60,000 ³			
Category E - F Projects						
Small DAC or Eligible NTNC That Serves a Small DAC	N/A	up to 100%	\$45,000 ⁴			
Expanded Small DAC	>=1.5%					
Expanded Small DAC	<1.5%	Not Eligible	for PF/Grant			

¹ The Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) may approve financing for construction projects with a total eligible project cost up to \$6 M regardless of the amount per connection.

 $^{^2}$ Except for case-by-case exceptions, maximum of \$20 million per project for Medium DAC or Small Non-DAC.



Questions?

Provide feedback and stay informed on our Website at:

https://tinyurl.com/mendowaterstudy2024



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