

Memo

To: MCCSD Board of Directors
From: District Superintendent
cc: Seph Petta
Date: March 19, 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 March is 5.91" inches. 0.11 inches of rainfall have been measured in the District for February, as of March 18, 2026 (Figure 1, Table 1).

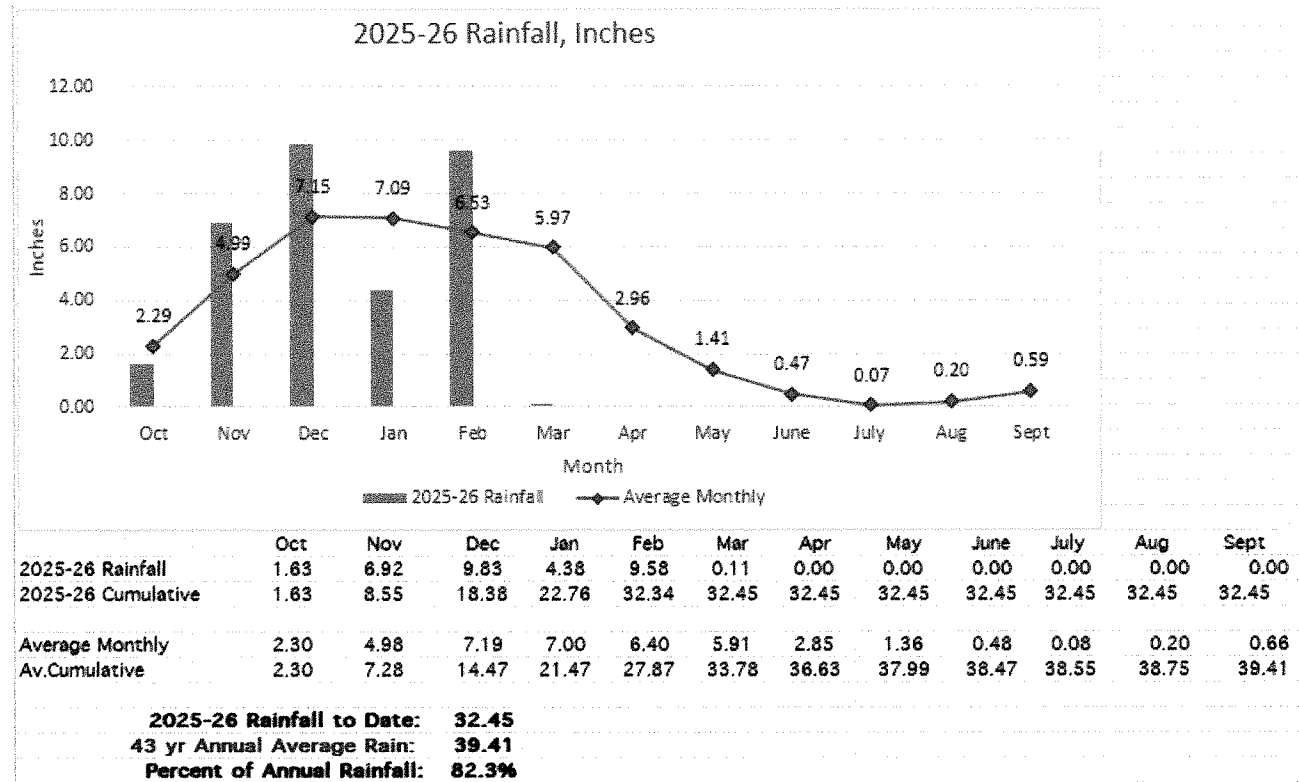
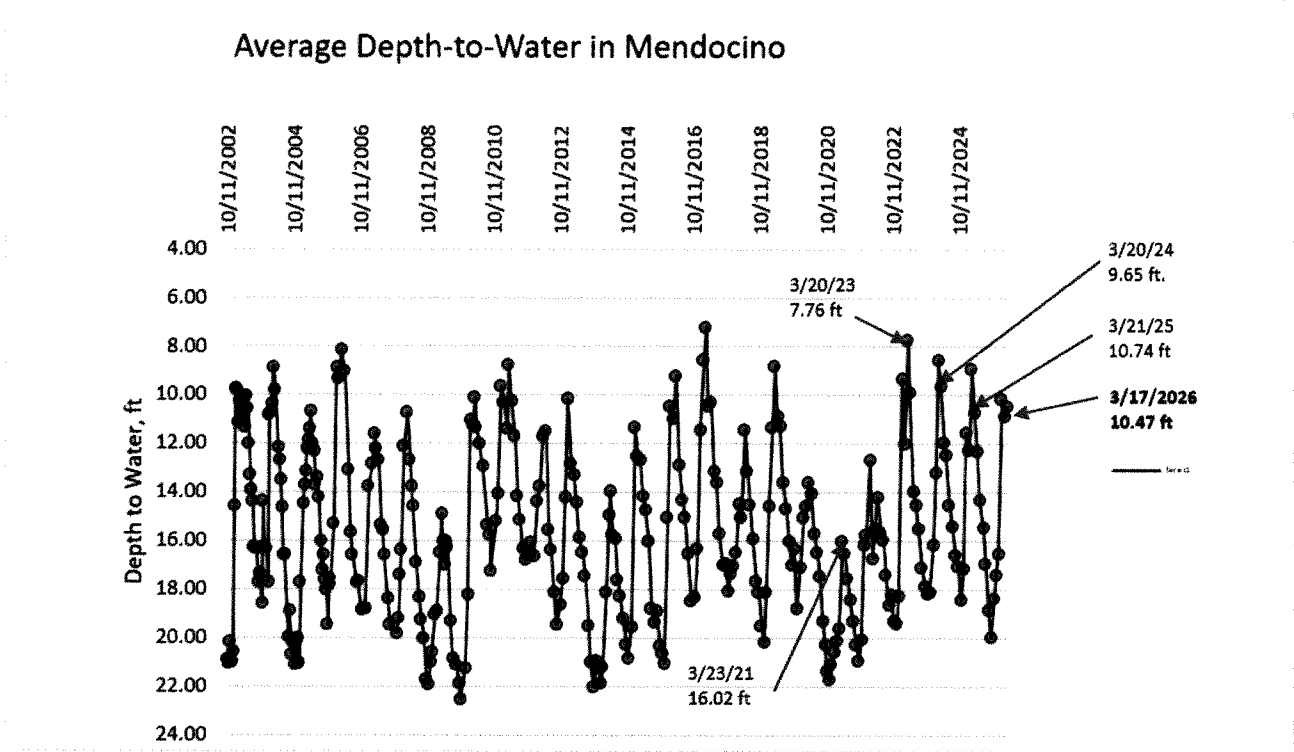


Figure 1, Table 1

March 2026 Depth-to-Water (DTW)

The average DTW measurements District-wide in the 24 monitoring wells on March 17, 2026, was 10.47 ft. DTW averages are about 0.42 ft higher than February of 2026. The DTW averages in the five drought monitoring wells reported an average of 13.15 ft. which is .43 ft higher than February of 2026. DTW averages are 0.27 ft. higher than March 2025, and 5.55 ft better than a drought year like March 2021.

Figure 2 Average Depth-To-Water Chart



Following the Water Shortage Contingency Plan, January 31, 2026, was the most recent water shortage evaluation date. Rainfall totals at that time were 106% of average for the rain year to date, indicating there is no water shortage within the District currently. March 31, 2026, is the next water shortage evaluation date.

Groundwater Management Notification for the Month:

- 0-Overage notification letter was mailed out for the month
- 8-Violation 1 letters for failure to report a water meter reading
- 2-Violation 2 letters for failure to report a water meter reading for two consecutive months
- 0-Violation 3 letters for failure to report a water meter reading for three consecutive months