

*Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control
& Water Conservation Improvement District*

STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Trustees
From: E. Salomone, General Manager
Meeting: Monday, August 8, 2022
RE: Agenda Item 6: Water Resiliency Planning

The Strategic Plan relevant priorities are to (a) **Secure** reliable and available sources of water; (b) **Use** water to its highest and best use as a public resource through management; (c) **Advocate** in the security and use of water beyond our direct authority; and (d) **Administer** District resources in alignment with the District's Mission Statement to proactively manage the water resources of the upper Russian River for the benefit of the people and environment of Mendocino County.

Water Right Applications 12919C and 12920B

The District received a water supply analysis presentation from Balance Hydrologics at the June 6, 2022 Regular Board meeting. The Initial Draft Water Supply Analysis Report was completed by Balance Hydrologics in July 2022 and submitted to the Administrative Hearing Office (AHO.) There is currently a public comment period and some questions have already been submitted. The AHO set an update meeting for Friday, August 19, 2022 and the following timeline:

~~May 31, 2022, at 12 p.m.~~ **July 15, 2022, at 12 p.m.:** Mendocino District shall complete and submit to the AHO, and serve on all of the protestants to the petitions and applications in addition to the parties on the service list, a preliminary water availability analysis for the petitions for partial assignment of state-filed Applications 12929 and 12920 and water-right Applications 12919C and 12920B.

~~August 1, 2022, at 12 p.m.~~ **September 15, 2022, at 12 p.m.:** Protestants shall submit in writing to the Mendocino District and the AHO, with a copy to the service list, any objections to or comments on the preliminary water availability analysis submitted by the Mendocino District.

August 15, 2022, at 12 p.m.: Mendocino District shall submit a status conference statement to the AHO, with a copy to the service list, describing the status of each of the actions that it is directed to take in this status conference ruling.

September 15, 2022, at 12 p.m.: Mendocino District shall submit to the Division and the AHO, with a copy to the service list, any amendments to the petitions for partial assignment of state-filed Applications 12929 and 12920 or water-right Applications 12919C and 12920B.

September 30, 2022: Mendocino District shall publicly release and submit to the AHO a Notice of Intent or Notice of Preparation for a CEQA document for the petitions for partial assignment of state-filed Applications 12929 and 12920 or water-right Applications 12919C and 12920B, with a copy to the service list.

All other provisions of the February 28 Ruling remain in effect. The hearing officer will consider whether to modify any of the other deadlines in the February 28 Ruling during the status conference on August 19, 2022.