



Mendocino County Water Agency
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General Manager's Monthly Report – June 2009

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Active Projects

Scout Lake Phase I Feasibility Investigation

All fisheries, wildlife and geotechnical field work tasks have been completed. A technical report summarizing the results of the wildlife field work tasks will be completed in July. Laboratory testing of dam site soil properties has begun and will be completed by the end of July. Staff is reviewing rainfall and other relevant hydrologic data and finalizing water yield estimates for the proposed project

Coyote Dam Feasibility Investigation

No significant activity within the last 30 days.

Mendocino County Water Conservation Practices Assessment

No significant activity, completion of the final work task - an analysis of potential water savings in the Ukiah Valley through implementation of various water conservation measures - has been delayed to allow staff to work on other water conservation program elements (see "Other Activities" section of this report) and is now scheduled to be completed by July 30, 2009.

Mill Creek Dams

Supplemental geologic and stream channel morphology mapping of Feliz Creek – in support of the on going Feliz Creek Fish Passage Improvement project (offsite fish passage mitigation pursuant to the Mill Creek Project Environmental Impact Report) – has begun and is scheduled for completion by early August.

NPDES Storm Water Management Compliance

Pursuant to the Public Education and Outreach component of the Mendocino County Storm Water Management Program, Water Agency and contractor staff conducted seven grade school presentations.

North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

No significant activity in last 30 days, project on hold pending resumption of grant payments by State of California.

Noyo/Big River Integrated Coastal Watershed Management Plan

No significant activity in last 30 days, project on hold pending resumption of grant payments by State of California.

Navarro River Agricultural Water Use Inventory Project

The University of California Cooperative Extension has been retained by the Water Agency to conduct an inventory of existing and anticipated agricultural water demands in the Navarro River drainage. The scope of the Navarro River Agricultural Water Use Inventory Project is similar to the recently completed Russian River

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Agricultural Water Use Inventory Project and will require 18 to 24 months to complete. An initial GIS data base compilation of currently irrigated agricultural properties in the Navarro river drainage has been completed. Grower interviews to confirm irrigated agricultural acreage estimates and current irrigation practices are tentatively scheduled for July and August.

Greater Ukiah Valley Groundwater Study

Staff continues to compile hydrogeologic and groundwater elevation data on file with the Water Agency and Environmental Health into an electronic data base that will eventually be used to update a groundwater availability study published by the United States Geological Survey in 1986.

Inactive Projects

Calpella Reservoir Sites Phase II Feasibility Study

No activity due to lack of funding.

Mendocino College Reservoir Phase II Feasibility Study

No activity due to lack of funding.

Completed Projects

Russian River Agricultural Water Use Inventory Project

The final report for the Russian River Agricultural Water Use Inventory Project has been completed by the University of California Cooperative Extension. Copies of the report can be downloaded from the Water Agency's website (www.mendocountywa.com). Water Agency and University of California Cooperative Extension staff is exploring the possibility of initiating a similar investigation in the Navarro drainage in 2009.

Navarro Watershed Restoration Project

A technical report summarizing the field sampling results obtained as a part of this grant funded project has been completed. Copies of the report can be downloaded from the Water Agency's website (www.mendocountywa.com).

Other Activities

Emergency Water Conservation Ordinance

Staff is assisting County Counsel and the Board of Supervisors Drought Emergency ad hoc committee with the development of an Emergency Water Conservation Ordinance for the Mendocino County of the Russian River drainage. Enactment of the proposed ordinance would mandate a 50% reduction in water use by all water users in the Mendocino County portion of the Russian River drainage for the duration of the on going drought emergency.

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Drought Action Plan

Staff continues to assist the County Office of Emergency Services and the Board of Supervisors Drought Emergency ad hoc committee with the preparation of a Drought Action Plan for the Mendocino County portion of the Russian River drainage.