

2 AGENCY OVERVIEW

Table 2.1 MCCSD Profile

Agency Name:	Mendocino City Community Services District
Phone Number:	(707) 937-5790
Fax Number:	(707) 937-3738
Mailing Address:	P.O. Box 1029, Mendocino, CA 95460
District Office:	10500 Kelly Street, Mendocino, CA 95460
Website:	mccsd.com
General Email:	mccsd@mcn.org
Date of Formation:	1971
Agency Type:	Independent Special District, Multi-Service Provider
Enabling Legislation:	Community Services District Law: Government Code §61000 et seq.
Board Meeting Schedule:	Last Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the District Office, 10500 Kelly Street, Mendocino, CA

Source: MCCSD, 2019a.

2.1 HISTORY

2.1.1 FORMATION

The Mendocino City Community Services District (MCCSD or District) was formed on August 31, 1970 by Mendocino LAFCo Resolution No. 70-7 to provide a community wastewater system to collect and treat wastewater for properties within the District and the Russian Gulch State Park located outside the jurisdictional boundaries of the District. While the District has the name Mendocino City CSD, the community is an unincorporated area.

2.1.1.1 Background

The coastal community of Mendocino was founded in 1851. For 120 years, the community functioned on individual wells and septic systems. In 1971, a study by the Mendocino County Health Department found that most of the wells in the community were contaminated. The District was formed to address the wastewater and water issues for the community. Wastewater treatment was the first priority for the newly formed district. General obligation bonds for the wastewater treatment facility were approved by a margin of 86-percent of District voters. In 1975, four years after the District was formed, the wastewater treatment plant became operational. In 1985, the District called an election and the electorate approved adding water powers to the District. For two years after that, the District attempted to find an adequate water source for the community, but they could not locate a water source that was suitable both in quantity and quality. To this day, the community continues to rely on private wells for water supply.

In 1987, the Legislature passed AB 786 which established Water Code Section 10700 et seq. (refer to Appendix D in Section 8.4 for specific language) and which authorized the District to establish programs for the management of the groundwater resources within the District and to function as a water replenishment district. Prior to enactment of this legislation, the County Health Department enforced

the groundwater extraction provisions of the Mendocino Town Plan. In 1990, the District adopted a Groundwater Management Plan/Groundwater Extraction Permit Ordinance (Ordinance No. 90-1) and assumed responsibility of groundwater management from Mendocino County. The groundwater management authority provided in Water Code Section 10700 et seq. was considered an interim authority until the District could find a water source suitable for a community water system. Water Code Section 10717 provides that upon implementation of a municipal central water system supplying water to the inhabitants within the boundaries of the District, the District's authorization to manage groundwater is terminated. Due to the lack of an adequate water source, the District has not developed a municipal central water system. Therefore, the need for groundwater from the local aquifer to supply private wells continues to be necessary and the District's Groundwater Management Plan which limits water extraction remains in effect.

(LAFCo, 2008)

There are three Mutual Water Companies within the District boundary named Point of View Estates, Hills Ranch, and Big River Vista and one Mutual Water Company located north of the District boundary named Surfwood that serve subdivisions and are shown on Figure 2-1b along with State Park lands. Refer to the 2018 LAFCo study prepared in accordance with AB 54 for more information on Mutual Water Companies in Mendocino County available at the following link: <http://mendolafco.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/2018-Mutual-Water-Company-Profile-Report-w-maps.pdf>.

2.1.2 BOUNDARY

The coastal community of Mendocino is an unincorporated area of Mendocino County, located 9.5 miles south of Fort Bragg and located on the Mendocino Headlands between Slaughterhouse Gulch and Big River, as shown on Figure 2-1a. The District boundary is approximately one square mile (640 acres) in size, with State Route (SR) 1 bisecting the District.

Since 1981 there have been several annexations to the District, as shown in Table 2.2 below. There have been no changes to the District boundary since the prior 2008 MSR.

Year	File Name	Acreage	Status	LAFCo Reso No.
1981	Sea Rock Annexation	2.5	Completed	81-11
1989	Jacobson/Fox Annexation	5.17	Completed	89-12
1993	Slauson Annexation	1.27	Completed	93-2
1994	SOI & Master Service Element Plan	--	Completed	94-4
2002	Hassebrock/Sawyer Annexation	--	Incomplete	--
2008	Chapman Annexation	2.02	Completed	2008-07
2008	General SOI MSR documentation	--	Completed	2008-08

2.1.3 SERVICES

The Mendocino City CSD provides the following municipal services: Wastewater, Water, Groundwater Management, and Street Lighting. For more information regarding these services, refer to Chapter 3. For more information regarding other services provided by contract or agreement refer to Section 2.3.5.