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MENDOCINO COUNTY DROUGHT AD-HOC COMMITTEE TO GIVE UPDATE ON JANUARY 21, 2014

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors will meet on January 21, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. to potentially renew its declaration of a Local Emergency and Imminent Threat of Disaster due to the ongoing drought in Mendocino County. The Board approved a Resolution to declare the emergency at its January 7, 2014 meeting, and appointed two of its members, Supervisor Carre Brown and Supervisor Dan Hamburg, to a Drought Ad-Hoc Committee. The committee and staff will share the results of its initial situational assessment activities with the Board at the January 21st meeting.

County, regional and State officials are taking action in response to severe drought conditions in California. Governor Jerry Brown has convened an interagency Drought Task Force that meets weekly to review expected needs, levels of preparedness and whether conditions warrant a statewide drought declaration. Locally, along with the County of Mendocino, both the City of Willits and Brooktrails Township have declared a drought emergency.

Voluntary water conservation is already occurring in some areas of Mendocino County, with some local water distributors moving towards mandatory conservation. With water resources low, the possibility of illegal water diversion may increase. If there is a concern about illegal water diversion, we encourage the public to call the Sheriff's Office at 707-463-4086 to report these activities.

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