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Van Duzen  
Deadline: 4/3/07 5 pm

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Re: Comments to A-1781---April 18 2007 Board Meeting

Dear State Water Resources Board,

The Voice Family request the Board adapt the staff recommendation for draft order WQ 2007, SWRCB/OCC File A-1781, A-1781(a) and A-1781(b): "That it is Hereby Ordered the water Quality Certification for Van Duzen River Ranch Streambank Protection Activates be revoked and remanded to the North Coast Water Board". "The North Coast Water Board is directed to obtain the relevant environmental documents and make its own responsible agency findings as to the adequacy of these documents".

Thank you very much for your time today,

Ed Voice & Voice Family



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Dear Ms. Her:

Subject: Comments to A-1781 – May 18 Board Meeting  
File: Jack Noble - Van Duzen River Streambank Protection Project, Humboldt County

We have received and reviewed the above-referenced draft Order.

As noted in our February 5, 2007 letter, late last year we directed our staff to routinely obtain and review CEQA documents as they are reviewing project proposals; this direction applies both to new projects as well as to longer term projects subject to permit renewals. Our legal staff are continuing to provide CEQA guidance to our staff, and we are hopeful that the State Board OCC is still planning to provide the statewide CEQA training that had been discussed earlier this year. It is clear, from the survey results circulated in January 2007 that there is a statewide need for and interest in increasing our technical staff's awareness and knowledge with respect to CEQA and our obligations as a responsible agency.

We intend to make every effort to comply with the draft Order, and we thank you for your review of this matter.

Sincerely,

Catherine Kuhlman  
Executive Officer

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- cc: Mr. Ed Voice and Voice Family
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- Mr. Carlos Quilez
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**Re: 4/18/07 Board Meeting -- Van Duzen SWRCB/OCC Files A-1781, A-1781(a), A-1781(b)**

Dear Chair Doduc and Members of the Board,

On behalf of Friends of Small Places, I respectfully request the Board to adopt the Draft Order revoking the Water Quality Certification for the Van Duzen River Ranch Streambank Protection Activities. Importantly, the Draft Order also directs the North Coast Water Board to obtain the relevant environmental documents and make its own responsible agency findings as to the adequacy of those documents.

As noted in the Draft Order, the State Water Board's water quality certification regulations require that the certifying agency be provided with and have ample time to properly review a final copy of valid CEQA documentation *before* taking a certification action. It is quite clear from the investigation by the Office of Chief Counsel that CEQA compliance did not happen as required by law; therefore adoption of the Draft Order, in its entirety, is the proper and just action for the Board to take without delay.

Sincerely,

Kristen Lark  
Environmental Projects Director

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Dear Chair Doduc and Members of the Board,

On behalf of my family and many other residents down stream from the Van Duzen River Ranch, I respectfully request that the board adopt the Draft Order revoking the Water Quality Certification for the Van Duzen River Ranch Streambank Protection Activities. We especially support the Draft Order directing the North Coast Water Board to obtain the proper environmental documents before they make any final determination. In adopting the Draft Order, the State Board has made it possible for us to avoid a costly legal confrontation with the Regional Board. We hope that with your adoption of the Draft Order, the Regional Board will also implement some necessary reforms in their permit process to comply with CEQA.

Thank you,

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