

5/6/09 Board Workshop  
SCWA - TUC Petition  
Deadline: 4/30/09 by 12 noon

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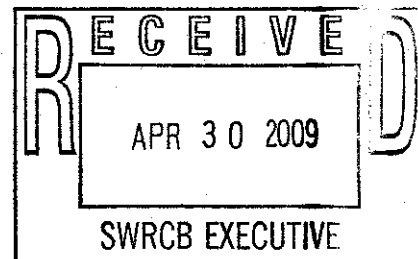
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Re: Order 2009-0027-DWR:

Concerns About Order

Dear Chairman Hoppin, Vice-Chair Spivey-Weber, Board Members and Randy Poole, Sonoma County Water Agency:



I grew up on Mt. Jackson above the Russian River. I attended Guerneville Elementary School. I still have property in the area. I am very familiar with the Russian River and its tributaries. I have spent summers swimming in the river & later brought my children there.

I also lead outings for the community. I have hiked in many areas along the creeks, watersheds and the river. I am familiar with the water flows and the health of the tributaries.

I have gone to many meetings on wastewater issues and watershed issues.

I have many concerns about the accuracy of charts, graphs, and hydrologic analysis in the Sonoma County Water Agency's (SCWA) Petition for Temporary Urgency Change.

Also am I to believe that this order will reduce the Russian River to 35 cfs from July to October ? That rate of flow will have a serious impact on recreation and plant life. Algae and bight green Ludwigia will choke the river when flows are that low. I have photos of the river from the 60's. I did not notice Ludwigia or algae to the extent that is happening the last 15 years. The increase of vineyards and drilling of hundreds of new wells along the river and the tributaries have had a serious impact on the health of the environment downstream.

Please review illegal diversions of water from the rivers and creeks. All illegal diversions add up. New vineyards and new wells will have a negative effect on the health of the watershed.

Review all commercial landscape irrigation in the county. In the city of Santa Rosa, runoff frequently occurs from commercial lawns and landscaping. Apartment buildings and shopping centers are frequent violators. Runoff is seen in the streets and parking areas.

Vineyards many times have their frost protection sprinklers going with runoff occurring on county roads even when there is no frost.

All these misuses of water add up.

I am asking for full disclosure on water quality impacts downstream as a result of this Order.

Thank you.

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