

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

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Subject: Russian River flow

To: Jeanine Townsend, State Water Resources Control Board
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As a property owners near the lower Russian River across from Jenner, we are deeply disturbed by the proposal to lower summer river flows this summer year by as much as 70%.

Conservation requirements for SCWA contractors are minimal (have heard figures as low as 10%, perhaps up to 25% depending on what year of comparison is used.) Severely lowered flow will affect our wells, recreation, and the health of the river itself (algae blooms are already apparent) as well as the health of protected and endangered coho and steelhead.

Please review and reverse decision WR 2009-0027-DWR. Instead we urge you to issue restrictions for water use by contractors and push for better surveillance of unauthorized water use by wineries and other agricultural operations.

People in West Sonoma County are not paying customers of the Sonoma County Water Agency and yet we are heavily affected by the decisions made by that agency. I believe it is your responsibility to look out for the broader interests of California residents and wildlife.

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