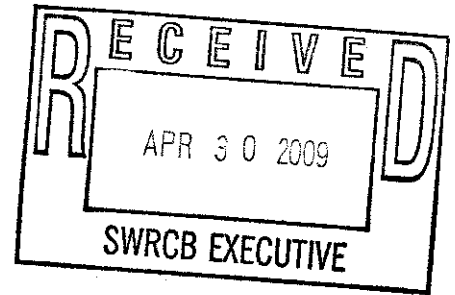


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Re: Order 2009-0027-DWR

Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing to urge you to maximize the water flow in the Russian River and not to impose drastic "low flow" policies.

The Russian River is a delicate ecosystem that cannot sustain a lack of proper water flow. There is a tipping point reached when not enough water is allowed to flow down the river and nourish its flora and fauna. The health of the river is drastically and exponentially diminished when the flow is reduced.

Thousands of people depend on the Russian River for their recreation and enjoyment, mentally and physically. It is a vital Sonoma County resource at the heart of a beautiful and thriving natural region.

Please consider the life of this remarkable and historic river and not just the bottom line when it comes to water allocation. Do not let greed and special interests override your concern for the environment. This magnificent river must not be allowed to sicken and die. Your votes will be crucial. Please save the Russian River.

Yours Truly,

  
Thomas Wood

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