



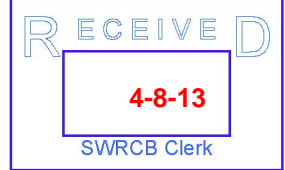
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RE: Comment Letter - Revised Sections of the SED

The Mendocino County Farm Bureau (MCFB) is a non-governmental, non-profit, voluntary membership, advocacy group whose purpose is to protect and promote agricultural interests throughout the county and to find solutions to the problems facing agricultural businesses and the rural community. Mendocino County Farm Bureau currently represents approximately 1300 members.

MCFB would like to submit the following general comments on revised sections 6.2, 6.9 and 7 as well the supplement prepared for the policy for maintaining instream flows in Northern California coastal streams.

MCFB encourages the SWRCB to:

- Not create new terms that make the permitting of off stream reservoirs more onerous.
- Understand the challenges/impossibilities involved with deviating between percolating ground water and hydraulically connected groundwater
- Understand the current jurisdictional boundaries of the SWRCB in regulating percolating ground water
- Continue to work with property owners in a reasonable fashion for resolving any permitting issues with existing on stream storage facilities.

MCFB appreciates the opportunity to submit comments on the revised sections of the SED.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Braught".

Michael J. Braught
President