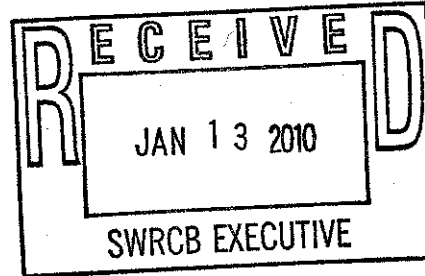


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Re: Russian River Frost Protection Regulation for the January 19<sup>th</sup> SWRCB Workshop

Chairman and Board Members;

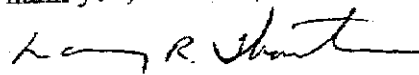
I am writing this letter to vigorously oppose the draft regulations relating to the reduction of frost protection water being used in the future from the Russian River.

The loss of frost and irrigation water would have dire impacts on the economic well being of those farmers that would be regulated by these new proposed regulations. It would result in the immediate loss of most of the remaining pear orchards in the area and also the vineyards. The loss of the agricultural tax base in Mendocino County would bankrupt our local government and further destroy our economy. It's hard for me to believe that you would consider such far reaching change in these severe economic times.

Radical change is not the way to improve this situation. Well thought out, researched, and planned change, with a timeline for implementation is the way successful projects should be implemented.

**PLEASE DO NOT IMPLEMENT THESE DRAFT REGULATIONS!!!**

Thank you,

  
Larry R. Thornton