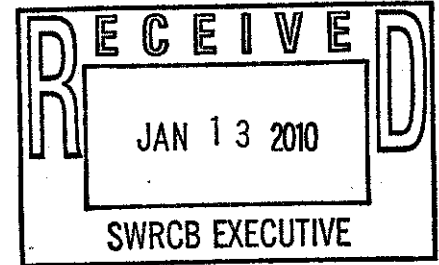


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 Russian River
 Deadline: 1/13/10 by 12 noon

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Chairman Charles Hoppin
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Re: Russian River Frost Protection Draft Regulation for January
 for the January 13th SWRCB Workshop

Dear Chairman Hoppin and Board Members,

My name is Michael L. Hildreth. My family has lived and farmed in Mendocino County, California since the 1850's. We began with cattle and sheep, went to hogs, prunes, pears and now wine grapes. We have farmed next to the Russian River for four generations. Our land and our river are our heritage, and treasured by our family. They are our way of life. My son now has returned home to continue our family tradition, he will be the fifth generation on this land.

As a landowner in Mendocino County, I feel extremely threatened by this draft regulation you will consider on January 19th. This draft regulation will eliminate my ability to protect my crops from frost or irrigate before June 1st. This draft regulation will be devastating to my livelihood and my community. My farming operation has 205 acres, 100ac of pears and 165ac of winegrapes. Any loss of crop from frost will not only effects me personally but would ripple to the banks which hold deeds of trusts, employees, community business, County, State and Federal governments.

As I am only one of the many landowner that will be affected, it is easy to see that the cumulative impact of this draft regulation will be massive, disrupting people, communities and government alike.

Please Do Not Implement These Draft Regulations!!!

Sincerely,

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