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**Subject:** Re: Trout Unlimited Petition

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The Sonoma County Water Coalition (SCWC) is a coalition of 27 organizations, mostly in Sonoma County. These 27 organizations have a combined donor/member base of 25,000 concerned citizens.

SCWC supports the Trout Unlimited/Audubon Society petition that calls for the prevention and correction of unauthorized diversions from our rivers and creeks.

Dewatering and late-season low flows are one of the most critical threats to the survival of fish in our streams. All other restoration projects are meaningless in a dry creek.

SCWC would also urge the State Water Resources Control Board to continue efforts to encourage counties and other entities to manage groundwater basins. In Sonoma County, overdrafted basins are as significant a cause as unauthorized diversions for dewatered creeks. We see many examples in our area of formerly gaining creeks that are no longer capable of supporting fish in the late season as a result of lowered water levels in our basins.

We thank you for addressing this issue.

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