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**Subject:** Actions due to insufficient flow for specific fisheries in tributaries to the Russian River

I am hereby submitting to the Office of Administrative Law and to the State Water Resources Control Board the following comments for consideration in connection with emergency actions:

On the afternoon of June 16th, I received a letter from the State Resources Control Board about emergency regulations for four Russian River Watersheds. I am in the Green Valley Watershed and my property also borders the Dutch Bill Creek Watershed. Some of my neighbors received this letter stating that a meeting would be held on June 17th in Sacramento at 9 a.m. which gave none of us time to prepare to attend the meeting. Some people received the letter a day or two after the meeting.

One of the sentences in the letter states, "the enhanced conservation measure applies to non-economic uses of water..." You aren't regulating vineyard's use of water obviously because the wine industry brings in vast amounts of money to Sonoma County. I have lived in west Sonoma County for 35 years and the proliferation of water use by vineyards and entertainment centers is a disgrace. They are not held accountable.

My family and I care deeply about the plight of the Coho and all animals affected by this severe drought. To blame this tragedy on the domestic use of water is absurd. The threat to the Coho is not new information. People have testified for years that the toxic run-off from vineyards pollutes tributaries of the Russian River. Also the drilling of new wells has affected homeowners wells.

The vineyard owner who lives across the street from me has 40 acres and is watering his young vines this summer. I have a 30 ft well and most of my neighbors have shallow wells because we live in a water scarce area. We reject this regulation and the fact that you're insulting our rights as homeowners to participate in discussion AFTER the law is passed.

Will vineyard owners be in attendance at the meetings you hold the second week of July? I think not.

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