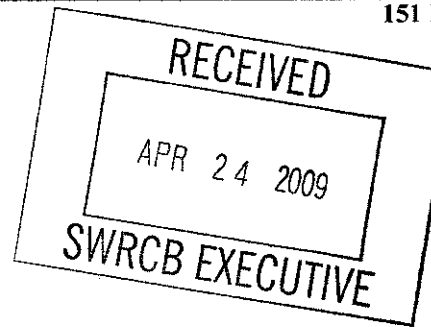


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April 22, 2009

Mr. Charles R. Hoppin, Chairman
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

Dear Mr. Hoppin:

The Mendocino Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District (District) would like to thank you for the opportunity to express our perspective on frost protection diversions at the April 7, 2009, workshop. The District will continue to work with the Frost Prevention Task Force and resource stakeholders to develop short-term and long-term solutions to minimize impacts to public trust resources.

The District would also like to thank you and your staff for expediting the Petitions for Temporary Urgency Change (PTUC) filed by the District and the Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA). In an effort to comply with the resulting Order prepared by the State Water Resources Control Board, the District has reduced water available to our Contractors by 50% for the remainder of 2009.

In addition, the District would like to clarify a statement in the PTUC filed by SCWA. The Petition states "Because the Agency is the local sponsor of the Coyote Valley Dam Project, it has exclusive right to control releases from the water supply pool in Lake Mendocino". While the SCWA does currently control water supply releases, delegation of control was granted through mutual agreement of the District and SCWA (see attachment).

The Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District greatly appreciates all of the assistance you and your staff have allocated during these challenging times. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments regarding this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee Howard".

Lee Howard

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