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To those responsible for making decisions for the Water supply of Sonoma County,

The need to conserve water for the long term begins right in the home and business, not at the river source. We need to start now at the consumer source to teach responsibility for our finite water resource, as water is going to be an issue for many years ahead as it continues to be more and more scarce and more people drawing on the limited amounts available.

Water conservation education needs to be addressed not only for the current issues we face but from the perspective that water is the source of our life as well as our food supply, and is the key to the quality of life that we enjoy in Sonoma County. The Russian River is a wonderful source of joy to visit and view, as well as the life line for many species. We do not have the right to control it for our gain without doing all that we can do reduce water use in general across the board first.

Education that stresses respect for our water supply must be provided in a much more serious manner in major ways to help the public/consumer to be aware that when saving water they are saving their habitat and food supply, and ultimately their own life, not just dealing with a little water shortage that is going to go away anytime soon. In fact if anything the issue is going to get worse.

You have my support to spend as much as it takes to wake the public up to their individual responsibility as part of the whole that will give us all the water we need for years to come if we use what we have wisely. We along with respect for the other species that make this wonderful land that supports our existence owe this to ourselves and the future people who come after we are gone.

Best Regards, Sharon Ledbetter

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