

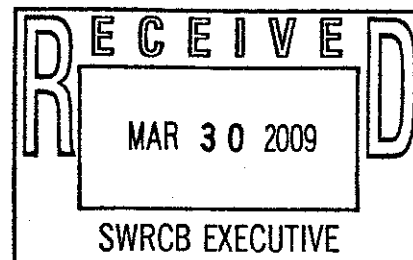
4/7/09 Bd Wrkshp
Russian River Frost Protect.
Deadline: 4/2/09 by 12 noon

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Charlie Hoppin
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Dear Chairman Hoppin:

I am writing with concerns that the State Water Resources Control Board will cut off water for frost protection purposes in the Russian River Basin.

Growers in Mendocino County have been actively participating in a coalition to manage the water needs of agriculture, municipal and environmental interests. I understand the need for conservation, but also believe steps can be taken to ensure a healthy agriculture economy, while avoiding harmful impacts to fish. The SWRCB should continue to support these efforts.

Last year's frost event was an extreme and rare occurrence. Since that time farmers have taken proactive measures to protect instream flows. Emergency regulations prohibiting frost protection are not needed and are not the right answer. Please consider the alternatives available to ensure simultaneous protections.

Sincerely,

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