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April _____, 2010

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS
P.O. BOX 2000
SACRAMENTO, CA 95812-2000

PROTEST REGARDING: NOTICE OF PETITION REQUESTING MODIFICATION TO
WATER RIGHTS PERMITS FOR SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY BY
MODIFYING THE MINIMUM INSTREAM FLOW REQUIREMENTS: PERMITS
12947A, 12949, 12950, AND 16596 (APPLICATIONS 12919A, 15736, 15737, AND 19351)

PETITION FILED: 9-23-09 COUNTY: Mendocino & Sonoma Russian River

I (we) wish to protest this modification calling for lowering Russian River summer flows in the lower river from 125 cfs to 70 cfs during a normal rain year. I utilize the Russian River in the following way(s): property owner, business owner, recreationist and/or tourist, for artistic expression, for spiritual well being, for exercise and personal health, fishing, swimming, and _____.

I am concerned about the impacts to water quality from this action including possible added pollution from nutrients, regulated and emerging toxins, bacteria, temperature, invasive species, blue-green algae, etc. This action will seriously impede my enjoyment of the river and I am also concerned about the overall health of the watershed, including impacts to other species such as amphibians, sea birds, seals, unlisted fish, etc. I am concerned that the Biological Opinion did not address other existing problems in the river harming fish including those of excess sediments, temperature, and bacteria.

Please see other side and/or attached letter for details on my experiences in the Russian River and why I am concerned that this change could cause adverse impacts to my use of the Russian River. I am also very concerned that the Notice regarding this change will cut off public comment BEFORE any environmental review is complete, and particularly concerned that there has been no analysis of water quality data collected thus far. More years of data are needed before permanent changes are made.

I would drop my protest if flows are lowered gradually, if the public process is kept open, and if continued environmental monitoring and analysis, including recreational and economic impacts, are shown to not suffer significant harm from this change.

I have sent a true copy of this protest to the Sonoma County Water Agency.

Sincerely,

(Signature) (Date)

