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4/18/07 BdMtg Item 9  
Van Duzen  
Deadline: 4/3/07 5 pm

Tam M. Doduc, Chair  
State Water Resources Control Board  
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Via Electronic Mail : [commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov)

**Re: 4/18/07 Board Meeting -- Van Duzen SWRCB/OCC Files A-1781, A-1781(a), A-1781(b)**

Dear Chair Doduc and Members of the Board,

On behalf of Friends of Small Places, I respectfully request the Board to adopt the Draft Order revoking the Water Quality Certification for the Van Duzen River Ranch Streambank Protection Activities. Importantly, the Draft Order also directs the North Coast Water Board to obtain the relevant environmental documents and make its own responsible agency findings as to the adequacy of those documents.

As noted in the Draft Order, the State Water Board's water quality certification regulations require that the certifying agency be provided with and have ample time to properly review a final copy of valid CEQA documentation *before* taking a certification action. It is quite clear from the investigation by the Office of Chief Counsel that CEQA compliance did not happen as required by law; therefore adoption of the Draft Order, in its entirety, is the proper and just action for the Board to take without delay.

Sincerely,

Kristen Lark  
Environmental Projects Director