

Public Comment TUC
Sonoma Co. Water Agency
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To: commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov
Date: Thu, Apr 23, 2009 11:52 AM
Subject: Order 2009-0027-DWR

Hello,

I am writing to express my great concern regarding impacts relating to Order 2009-0027-DWR and modifications to those terms that would reduce those impacts. The reduction in flows will cause severe impacts to water quality, recreation, community water systems, over-summering juvenile salmon & steelhead as well as the local economy that must have a healthy Russian River in order to survive.

I have a house right by the river and my family and I use it almost daily in the summer months, as do our friends. I was inspired to buy a house in Guerneville because all the fun my family and I had renting canoes on the river. If the river flow is reduced to the proposed flows, it will not be clean, it will not be attractive, and no-one will want to get in the water. Specifically I urge you to: increase the frequency of chemical water quality monitoring to every two weeks and post it so everyone can keep track of what is going on.

Include new provisions in the order to require flow changes in response to violations in water quality standards or as needed to protect juvenile ESA listed fish over the summer. The water agency released water to protect grapes from frost on April 14-16 and I expect that we deserve the same consideration for water quality.

I also want to see a minimum of 25% mandatory water conservation for SCWA customers and all users downstream of Dry Creek.

Additional prohibitions in the Order on diversions that are not permitted in critically dry years.

Keep order prohibition on commercial turf irrigation in the SCWA service area and expand to include all commercial turf using water from the Russian River.

And how about doing something about illegal diversions while you are at it? "Not enough manpower" for investigation is not acceptable.

Sincerely,

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