

Honorable State Water Board members:

As a senior citizen and resident of Healdsburg, I am writing to ask you to modify the low-flow order to better protect the Russian River during this coming summer, which promises to be hotter and drier than usual. Your recent Order 2009-0027-DWR will result in severe impacts that include more algae blooms that will harm juvenile salmon, and an increase in pollutants that could impact local wells. Our local economy depends on a healthy Russian River, and so I want to register my support for:

- Increasing the frequency of chemical water quality monitoring to every two weeks with results posted promptly on a public website to proactively prevent water quality problems such as algae blooms from increased nutrient concentrations;
- Increasing new provisions in the order to require flow changes in response to violations in water quality standards or as needed to protect juvenile EPA listed fish over the summer;
- A minimum of 25% mandatory conservation for SCWA customers and all users downstream of Dry Creek to help maintain flows and conserve water in case we have a multi-year drought;
- Mandatory conservation by all permitted water diversions upstream of Dry Creek including agricultural and rural residential diversions and streamside wells pumping underflow.

Yours sincerely,

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