



Greetings ~

I fully support your decision to ban frost diversions from the Russian River until growers devise a state-approved program to monitor and report their water usage.

The Russian River does not belong to the winegrowers or farmers and should not be drained or otherwise damaged in their pursuit of their private financial interests. The protection of animals and plant life in the delicate Russian River watershed should be our community's utmost priority. These species are irreplaceable, and should have the right to flourish in the environment in which they have lived long before any of us came along. Winegrowers and the grapes they oversee are plentiful, and should be treated as the endlessly renewable resources they are. Salmon, on the other hand, are scarce.

Thank you for your diligence and sensitivity to Sonoma County's environmental concerns. I support this new set of rules wholeheartedly and with gratitude.

Sincerely,

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