

Comment Form
Opening Meeting
Substitute Environmental Document FOR
INSTREAM FLOW POLICY

State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights

Your input is important to us; please use this sheet to submit written comments concerning policy alternatives, significant effects, and mitigation measures that should be included in the Substitute Environmental Document (SED). Your comments will assist in preparation of the SED. Please be sure to provide your name and address, below.

STEELHEAD TROUT (AN ENDANGERED SPECIES) CONTINUE TO DIE DURING SUMMER MONTHS DUE TO UPSTREAM DIVERSIONS AND PRESENT WATER RIGHT USERS OVER TAXING THE NORMAL WATER FLOW ALONG MURPHY CREEK IN NAPA COUNTY. MURPHY CREEK FLOW INTO TVLOCAY CREEK AND THE NAPA RIVER, LINKING TO THE SAN PABLO BAY. IT IS A CLASS I STEELHEAD SPANNING STREAM, WHICH IN MY OPINION AND THE CONSIDERED STUDY OF OTHER STATE OFFICIALS (IE. FISH & GAME), MAY ALREADY HAVE BEEN OVER ADJUDICATED AS TO WATER RIGHT APPROPRIATION ANY FUTURE WATER RIGHT GRANTS OR RIPARIAN WATER USES ALONG MURPHY CREEK WILL ONLY FURTHER IMPACT AND THREATEN THIS VITAL BIOLOGICAL RESOURCE. THERE IS NO FISHING, AND FOR GOOD REASON, EVEN THIS SUMMER NEIGHBORS ALONG THIS YEAR-ROUND CREEK HAVE COLLECTED DEAD STEELHEAD AFTER WATER FLOWS HALT DUE TO EXCESSIVE OVER PUMPING. ONCE PUMPING STOPS THE CREEK FLOWS AGAIN ALONG THE UPPER REACHES OF MURPHY. MANY YEARS AGO LONG-TIME RESIDENTS, WELL BELOW WHERE THE CREEK NOW DRIES UP, HAVE SAID THEY RECALL SWIMMING. THAT, OF COURSE, NO LONGER OCCURS, AS EVEN THE STEELHEAD AND OTHER TROUT DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH WATER TO INSURE SURVIVAL.

(FAXED 8/25/2006 TO KAREN NIIYA)

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Comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, will be made available for public review. Individual respondents may request their home address be withheld from public disclosure. Please check this box if you wish your name and/or address withheld from public disclosure.

Please submit your comments at the Comment Station or send your comments to:

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