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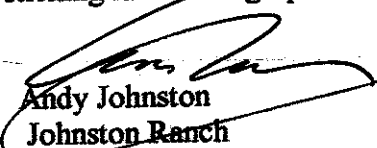
Attn: Linda Adams, Secretary for Environmental Protection

Dear Ms. Adams:

I am in receipt of your notice of hearing for Adoption of new rules concerning Northern California Coastal Streams.

We have had water rights on our ranch in Mendocino County for 60+ years. We now have to pay a fee for these rights. The proposed new policies for water diversions just installs another layer of rules on the only people who are "already" conforming to state law.

If you really want to stop water diversions that are detrimental to the environment, fish and related issues you might consider addressing some of the estimated 1100 illegal diversions from the Russian River for example. These are the activities that are harmful. You are not going to solve anything sticking law abiding operations with new rules!


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Cc: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor

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