



Trout Unlimited Public Workshop  
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120 College Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 9540

October 26, 2004

**Chairman Mike Reilly**  
Sonoma County Board of Supervisors  
525 Administration Drive  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

**Dear Chairman Reilly:**

Trout Unlimited of California requests that the County of Sonoma complete proper Environmental Review of any non-emergency Low Flow Proposals for the Russian River.

Low Flow must be evaluated in the context of the Russian River being a listed "Impaired" water body. These impairments including Sedimentation/Siltation, Temperature and Pathogens should be eliminated before establishment of a Low Flow Regime for the River. Curing these 3 impairment issues should take precedence over reduced flows.

Low Flow must also be considered in the context of the Russian River's current conditions which is heavily impacted by dams and gravel mining. The River's historic high gravel bars and deep pools no longer exist as they did when the River had a natural lower flow regime. These conditions should be allowed to return before Low Flows are implemented also. This will require the elimination of instream gravel mining to allow for the recreation of high gravel bars.

Conservation Measures must also be considered as a means to establish higher flows in the Russian River without resorting to emergency cutbacks in dam releases as occurred this Summer.

At the Low Flow hearing held by the State Water Resources Control Board this year, Trout Unlimited testified about the need to address the following 4 factors in a proper environmental evaluation of Low Flow:

- 1) Conservation pricing should be implemented by all Sonoma County Water Agency contractors to stimulate conservation. Attached is a bill showing an example of this practice by the Valley of the Moon Water District. This is BMP 11 on the list of 14 Best Management Practices recommended by the California Urban Water Conservation Council and yet it still is not being used by the SCWA's largest contractors such as the City of Santa Rosa. See attached list of BMPs.
- 2) The Sonoma County Water Agency's contractors should implement the conservation recommendations of The Pacific Institute's "Waste Not Want Not" report which outlines cost-effective 30% reduction strategies in both indoor and outdoor water usage.

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- 3) Waste water discharges to the Russian River should be reused for irrigation reducing the demand for fresh water diversions from the Russian River watershed. The City of Santa Rosa plans to continue to discharge billions of gallons of water each winter to the Russian River which the following summer will be considered to be in another water shortage crisis. This absurd situation must come to an end with all Russian River waste water discharges put to use to help solve our ever-worsening fresh water over-diversion situation.
  
- 4) There must be an accounting of ALL the water diversions legal and illegal currently impacting the Russian River watershed, the Sonoma County Water Agency's water resources and instream flow in the main stem Russian River and its tributaries.

Nothing is more critical to the continued existence of the Russian River's endangered Coho Salmon and threatened Steelhead Rainbow Trout than the protection of instream flows in the Russian River watershed's tributary streams where these species must be able to survive over the Summer months as juveniles.

All of the above factors and alternatives should be evaluated in a proper environmental review process of the proposed Low Flow program in the Russian River watershed.

Sincerely,  
TROUT UNLIMITED OF CALIFORNIA



R. Brian Hines  
State Council Secretary



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# WATER BILL

ACCOUNT NUMBER	SERVICE ADDRESS
COR0085	308 E. THOMSON
BILLING PERIOD	ROUTE NUMBER
07/12/04 to 09/14/04	060-0180/0000909
DUE DATE	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE
10/04/04	\$ 43.32

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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CURRENT ACTIVITY DETAIL			
Single Family Residential	Rates	Current Units	Current Charge
Tier #1 0 - 18 Units	2.38	14	\$ 33.32
Tier #2 19 - 40 Units	3.56	0	\$ .00
Tier #3 41 + Units	5.34	0	\$ .00
All Other Accounts			
Total Water Use Charges 1 Unit = 1,000 Gallons of Water		14	\$ 33.32
Service Charge Fixed Amount Based on Meter Size			\$ 10.00
<b>Current Water &amp; Service Charges</b>			<b>\$ 43.32</b>

ACCOUNT SUMMARY	
Previous Balance	\$ .00
Date Last Payment Received	08/11/04
Current Charges	
Water Use	\$ 33.32
Service	\$ 10.00
<b>Total Amount Due 10/04/04</b>	<b>\$ 43.32</b>

### METER READ INFORMATION

### USAGE COMPARISON (1 Unit = 1,000 Gallons of Water)

Previous	Current	Previous	Current	Service Days	Usage/Units	Average Daily Usage
07/12/04	09/14/04	2648	2662	Current Year	64	14
				Last Year	59	18

### A Message from the Valley of the Moon Water District

Things you can do to prevent water waste:

- Check your toilets for leaks. Put a little food coloring in your toilet tank. If, without flushing, the color begins to appear in the bowl, you have a leak that should be repaired immediately.
- Water your lawn only when it needs it. A good way to see if your lawn needs watering is to step on the grass. If it springs back up when you move, it doesn't need water. If it stays flat, fetch the sprinkler.
- Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants. Mulch will slow evaporation of moisture and discourage weed growth, too.
- Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and sidewalks.



BMP Reports

California Urban Water Conservation Council  
**Best Management Practices List**

Best Management Practices (BMPs)	Retail	Wholesale
BMP 01: Water Survey Programs for Single-Family and Multi-Family Residential Customers	✓	
BMP 02: Residential Plumbing Retrofit	✓	
BMP 03: System Water Audits, Leak Detection and Repair	✓	✓
BMP 04: Metering with Commodity Rates for all New Connections and Retrofit of Existing	✓	
BMP 05: Large Landscape Conservation Programs and Incentives	✓	
BMP 06: High-Efficiency Washing Machine Rebate Programs	✓	
BMP 07: Public Information Programs	✓	✓
BMP 08: School Education Programs	✓	✓
BMP 09: Conservation Programs for CII Accounts	✓	
BMP 10: Wholesale Agency Assistance Programs		✓
BMP 11: Conservation Pricing	✓	✓
BMP 12: Conservation Coordinator	✓	✓
BMP 13: Water Waste Prohibition	✓	
BMP 14: Residential ULFT Replacement Programs	✓	

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