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Subject: Comments on Item #5: Resolution No. R1-2007-0073

Dear Waterboard Representatives:

I am aware that on Thursday, Sept. 13th, at about 9 AM at their SR office (5550 Skylane Blvd.) the Regional Board will take up a Resolution in support of the concept of "incidental runoff" and "low threat" discharges. I understand this to be preliminary to a Basin Plan Amendment meant to support the City of Santa Rosa's efforts to move forward with an Urban Irrigation project. The more I study the issue, the more reservations I have. At the very least, I believe a resolution on this now is premature and sends the wrong message to the City.

To quote Brenda Adelman from the attached document. . .

We [concerned RR citizens] request that the Regional Board address these serious issues, especially in regard to the prospect of allowing "incidental" runoff at a time when human use of our rivers and streams are at its highest and flows are very low. We ask that you consider also that the Sonoma County Water Agency is looking to have minimum flows lowered permanently downstream of the Hacienda Bridge. How would incidental runoff be affected in conjunction with that "project"? We ask that the issue be addressed for not only "normal" rain years, but also "dry" and back-to-back "critically" dry years. It is conceivable that in very dry years ONLY wastewater will be used for irrigation and the cumulative impacts of runoff could be devastating. We request that these comments also be included in the Basin Plan Amendment process for "low-threat" discharges.

Thank you,

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