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To: Madigan, John@Waterboards
Subject: Public Comment on Regional Water Quality Controls tentative Cease and Desist Order against Calistoga Dunaweal Waste Water Treatment Plant

Categories: Important

As a resident of St. Helena, Ca. and thus down river from Calistoga I am concerned about the inadequacy of Calistoga's waste water treatment and the illegal practice of releasing treated waste water into the already impaired Napa River.

Have all appropriate mitigation measures been put in place to protect the beneficial uses of the state's waters? I oppose the release of any/all secondary or tertiary-treated wastewater to the Napa River by the City of Calistoga until those measures have been put in place.

I oppose any/all modifications to the City's NPDES Permit that would extend the seasonal discharge start and stop dates to our already-impaired Napa River; I also oppose any/all modifications which would increase effluent pumping capabilities into an already impaired Napa River.

I oppose the increase of landscape irrigation of the Calistoga's recycled wastewater at contracted water use sites and City-owned properties until it has been determined that all known contaminants (which include boron, antimony, ammonia, cyanide, copper, mercury, chlorodibromomethane, dichlorobromomethane, oil, grease, and PCB's) will not cause and contribute to soil and groundwater pollution, having the potential to affect public health and degrade wells.

I am in favor of the demolition and relocation of the City's Riverside Ponds due to their proximity to the Napa River and the potential for seepage, percolation, flooding, or uncontrolled discharges, as well as their proximity to agriculture and wells;

Is it possible to install equipment to remove nuisance pollutants at the Dunaweal Wastewater Treatment Plant? I would support this.

Is it possible to implement new county-wide limitations on boron levels in wastewater discharge? I would support this

Has there been discussion of a moratorium on any/all proposed or approved construction within the city limits until the Dunaweal WWTP has proven that it is in full compliance of state and federal statues which affect water quality? I would support this.

I support the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's denial of THP 1-13-126 NAP which will further stress conditions at the Dunaweal Wastewater Treatment Plant;

I also support the immediate implementation the 2001 Agreement Between the City of Calistoga and The Calistoga Spas to identify, monitor, and meter the City's geothermal water users, effectively reducing geothermal inflows to the collection system;

Would it be possible to implement immediate posting of visible signage at all city borders of the Napa River to prevent public contact until the public can be reassured of its safety? I am in favor of this.

Would it be possible to implement immediate notification to all downstream water users that bypass the state's waters of the Northern Napa River and/or its tributaries for irrigation, frost protection, or other purposes? As someone who lives downstream from Calistoga I am in favor of this.

I support mandatory penalties to provide incentive against future violations, especially as the on-going drought and the effects of climate change may further increase the City's need to discharge in a manner contrary to that described in their NPDES Permit. What are those penalties? How can I find out more about those penalties and the processes by which they are assessed?

Thank you
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