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RE: 2008 Integrated Report: 303(d) Water Quality – Mark West Creek

I am a member of Friends of Mark West Watershed. It is my understanding the implementation date for Mark West Creek's TMDL is 2019. This most certainly would not be acceptable as the creek is now in a dire state of affairs. Since the time that Mark West Creek got listed, all factors that caused the original listing have increased dramatically with massive fish "kills". We have just discovered a brand new area that has been deforested and planting of grapes is taking place. This area is immediately adjacent to the creek that will result in more sedimentation, less water, and higher water temperatures in the creek.

I admit I am no expert, but a group (NOWWE) living in the uppermost reaches of Mark West Creek, who were aware of this problem long before me, had two experts evaluate the creek adjacent to a proposed winery site on Wappo & St. Helena Road. The north fork bisects this site and the main fork is its southern property line. I believe the experts did an excellent job evaluating sediment, water supply and temperatures.

I would request you to change the date to immediately for implementing TMDL's on Mark West Creek so that we can address this problem as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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