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Dear Chairman Hoppin and Board Members:

I am very disappointed that the revised Water Policy Amendment has no requirement for monitoring endocrine disrupting chemicals in tertiary wastewater used in landscape irrigation. I've seen overwatering in our cities in Sonoma County, resulting in run off.

The Russian River Watershed Protection Committee submitted comments and documents showing public concern for impacts to people and wildlife caused by low dose exposures to endocrine disrupting chemicals. It seems the State Board policy is lagging well behind the science showing multiple impacts to humans, fish and other wildlife.

I have read some of the work by scientists at the National Institute of Health, Department of Health and Human Services and Tufts University, among others, showing the relationship between low doses of endocrine disrupting chemicals and behavioral disorders and immune disorders as well as obesity and other disorders.

With these chemicals in even tertiary-treated wastewater used for landscape irrigation, the chemicals run off into our streams and rivers along with the pesticides and herbicides. Without any monitoring, we will not know what chemicals are in irrigation water or our rivers.

At the very least, we should be monitoring estrogen.

I also support big setbacks and drip irrigation as ways of minimizing run off, especially when recreational use of our rivers is high during the summers.

Sincerely,

Elise Sokolay

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