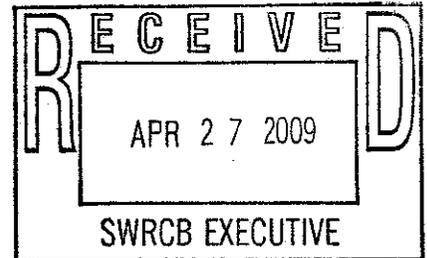


5/6/09 Board Workshop  
SCWA - TUC Petition  
Deadline: 4/30/09 by 12 noon

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Jeannie Townsend, Clerk to the Board, State Water Resources Control Board  
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Please reconsider reversing or revising the adoption of Order 2009-0027-DWR due to the severe negative impacts that will result from reduced flows (72% normal year reduction and 59% dry year reduction) on the lower Russian River. There are better and more viable alternatives.



The flow reduction will result in, among other things, algae blooms that harm juvenile salmon and river recreation, increase pollution concentration that could impact local wells and severe impacts to the local economy. My family has enjoyed the use of Russian River resort area for three generations and see water diversions, including to increased wine grape irrigation and Northern Marin County as threatening the viability of the lower Russian River area.

Alternatives that should be pursued include:

- \* Increase water quality monitoring and posting results to public website to prevent water quality problems due to nutrient concentrations.
- \* Include new provisions in order to require minimum flows to protect juvenile ESA listed fish over the summer, just as it releases water to protect grapes from frost.
- \* Additional prohibitions or restraining orders on diversions that are not permitted to protect storage in Lake Mendocino and maintain higher downstream flows.
- \* A minimum 25% conservation by SCWA customers and all users downstream of Dry Creek.

Thank you.

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