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YOUR NAME: PHIL LAPARNE

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED):

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED):

COMMENTS: AS I AM CONSERVING WATER FROM MY 100' WELL, THE WINERY ~~HA~~ LESS THAN 1/4 MILE AWAY HAS CLEAR CUT OAK TREES, DRILLED WHAT I WOULD THINK ARE DEEP WELLS, AND CONTINUED TO PLANT NEW VINEYARDS (CHALK HILL RD.) WHERE'S THE JUSTIFICATION?

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YOUR NAME: Jerry Slaby

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED): None

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED):

COMMENTS: Is there any governmental agency (county or local) in California that is now (or has in the past) required that meters to placed on private water wells? If so, where and under what authority and were fees charged for water usage?

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YOUR NAME: CHRIS JUNGE

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED):

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED):

COMMENTS: Poorly implemented. Website clumsy and not intuitive. Not in Spanish. Shouldn't need to opt in to get updates. Need easy to use template. When I submit my data -- who has access -- does it become public information? Graton & Forestville WWTPs have H_2O that could go into Jones Ck in Forestville. Entering the data for you seems a stretch.

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COMMENTS: Why are we being Threatened with fines when The information is all Available in Sacramento?

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COMMENTS: The majority of the people seem to be up in arms about vineyard owners. What about all the illegal marijuana growers who are stealing the water. They water 12 months/year. Vineyards water 3-4 months/year. What about all the new construction. All the new people moving here will need water.

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YOUR NAME: AL WOICICKI

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED):

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COMMENTS: YOU WILL NOT ANSWER MY QUESTION
WHO ARE YOU WANTING TO CURTAIL?

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YOUR NAME: Eve Lindi

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED):

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED):

COMMENTS: this really wasn't appropriate to bring up per this meetings topic, but I'm just compelled to mention it's ridiculous that no discussion of our water issues in CA includes any mention of fracking. I doubt that's taking place near here, but it has to be ~~the~~ one elephant in the room, isn't it?

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YOUR NAME: Pamela Singer

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED):

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED):

COMMENTS: I have a hand-dug 30ft well. Across the street is a vineyard. The owner waters 24/7 about 30 acres.

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YOUR NAME: _____

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED): _____

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED): _____

COMMENTS: Thank you for hosting the info meeting. With respect to proposed information order — please be gentle. Please make the request for info as minimal as possible. Onerous requirements for provided info will likely not provide you that much extra, useable data, but would engender much ill-will among people who want to cooperate.

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YOUR NAME: Marsha Garzini

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED):

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED):

COMMENTS: Put water, restrictions on vineyards!
Vineyards are taking majority of our water. Dry Farming.
NO more water for alchol and drugs!

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YOUR NAME: Sutton Reid

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED):

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED):

COMMENTS: Without including the impact of vineyard irrigation any attempt at understanding water use in the area cannot be taken seriously or bring into question other motives that have not been stated.

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YOUR NAME: Michael Yezbicki

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED): Human Being

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED): You already know or contact NSA

COMMENTS: Wine grapes Have been grown For thousands of years, without irrigation. They are STILL grown This way in Europe. Why can't we enForce a Dry Farming Ordinance in Sonoma County, County wide!

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YOUR NAME: John Faick

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED): HOMEOWNER.

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED):

COMMENTS: CONGRATULATIONS ON COMING OUT TO FACE THIS CROWD! YOU'RE DOING GREAT WORK, AND DEALING WITH THESE EMOTIONAL PEOPLE IS HARD WORK. I APPRECIATE YOU COMING OUT TO GIVE US INFO. VERY INFORMATIVE PRESENTATION. THANK YOU!

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YOUR NAME: LANE EAGLE

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED): VOTER / TAXPAYER

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED):

COMMENTS: PUBLIC TRUST VIOLATIONS
CEQA VIOLATIONS

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AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED): _____

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED): _____

COMMENTS: REALLY? ITS OK TO TOP OFF POOLS?
WHAT I HEARD WAS THAT GOLF IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN FISH
DON'T SAY: "TO BE HONEST"

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I AM NOT A VINEARD

COMMENTS: NO Fees to use my own water - 250 $? For using my water from my well.

What the *!*@

Keep your Beonocracy

Off my LAND.

NO WAY - Keep Hands off

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YOUR NAME: Anne Tedder

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED):

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED):

COMMENTS: Unfortunately all your efforts will be useless until grape production/water is severely curtailed.

Do something meaningful and stop doing this P.R. about this problem

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YOUR NAME: Janis K.

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED):

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED):

COMMENTS: Our wells are already drying up — The State has no business regulating private wells on private property — ~~un~~

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Comment card not question

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YOUR NAME: Cheristine Castillo

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED): Homeowner

QUESTION: This is simply a comment - does not need to be read. This situation has been handled terribly. The communication has been poor - and has been dogmatic. This is why you are receiving the responses that you are.

Comment ~~QUESTION~~ CARD

Why isnt info request included in packet

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AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED): _____

QUESTION: I think lack of VDI's is most fear govt involvement
& don't want to be on govt "radar"
Vineyards should be encouraged, not discouraged,
from reservoir installation. That water can be
so valuable to release in fall. Too many in this audience
discount the value of reservoirs.

Tanks for storage are great but cost much more
per gallon

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YOUR NAME: Denise Wright

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED):

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED): [redacted] com

COMMENTS: It is too bad that we don't have this conversation in all years. Conservation should be a lifestyle that includes all industries, all persons, all water in our state. Full transparent public meetings to address how to conserve our resources supporting a new cultural approach to resource use. Together is how we have fish, rivers & water for the next generations. No riparian or age related rights should be supported. The water is ALL OF OURS.

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YOUR NAME: James Bennett

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED):

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED): [redacted] 00.com

COMMENTS: Why don't we generate 'artificial rain'? this is crude, dated technology.

China created over 55 billion tons last year. they will quadruple those efforts this year.

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YOUR NAME: LISA GURIAN

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED): Landowner, conservationist, Natural Resource Interpreter

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED): [redacted]

COMMENTS: + Good job handling contentious misinformed and angry
+ having many meetings to allow more to attend
3. did you offer interpretation for non english or non hearing!
- too lengthy with too much detail / minutia not needed for this - Too much repetition
- people are selfish and not connected to environment as much you need to start with overview of we all in a watershed - we share the planet w/ all other animals - you cant isolate

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but all

concern • people dont understand why fish - explain!

water - groundwater is a grave

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YOUR NAME: Constance Miles

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED): Women's Ways Midwifery

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED): [redacted]

COMMENTS: Why oh why are vineyards not mandated to 'mulch'!?! That would deter evaporation & wouldn't it decrease vineyard water needs? How about dry farming grapes?

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YOUR NAME: Anna Ransome

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED): Friends of Atascadero Wetlands

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED): [redacted]

COMMENTS: There are millions of dollars available from the Water Board in the form of grants. Why not capture/use some of this money with the purpose of paying for or subsidizing greywater systems for home owners?

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YOUR NAME: GREG KESTEL

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED): 4 COUNTY NETWORK

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED): [redacted]

COMMENTS: IS THERE ANY DATA ~~OR~~ KEPT ON ~~DRY~~ WELLS GOING DRY? ~~THEIR DEPTH + AGE~~? THEIR DEPTH + AGE? AND WHY ISN'T THERE? IF NEW WELLS ARE PUT IN AND DEEPER THAN NEIGHBORS, DOES THAT HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE EXISTING WELL? AND IS THERE ANY ACCOUNTABILITY?

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information takes awhile to process – how does it help fish NOW?

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Look at large water users frost protection, irrigation to force larger crop yield.

YOUR NAME: Pauline Loades

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED): landowner

[redacted]

COMMENTS: 1. Thank-you for finally awknowledging we are conserving. 2. Still cant understand how the informational order will help the fish. If you have permits and licenses for water right users, why cant you use those only? Small well owners already know how to conserve. Health and safety means those small owners must have water will they be forced to buy water from another watershed

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YOUR NAME: Karin Lease

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED): [redacted]

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED):

COMMENTS: By the time you do anything meaningful (if ever) the coho will be extinct

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YOUR NAME: Gene Hettel

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED):

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED): [redacted]

COMMENTS: I will make oral comments to Board,

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YOUR NAME: Grace Bartlome

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED):

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED): [redacted]

COMMENTS: I think the winery's are abusively over using the water to their financial gain. How about checking into their use of water without any oversight of their usage.

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YOUR NAME: Kathleen Murphy

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED):

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED): [redacted] net

COMMENTS: It was mentioned that some wineries have agreed to the voluntary initiative in Phase One. It seems to me that these wineries/businesses should be made public so that we can patron them. Consumers have the power to make a difference w/their dollars to reward those conserving and pressure those who aren't.

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all of them

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YOUR NAME: Pam Bugbee

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED): local / homeowner

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED): [redacted]

COMMENTS: We **ALL** need to conserve and restrict water use. All landowners must be responsible. - This includes vineyard owners! Dry farming We are now a mono crop of vineyards taking ALL our water. **Stop** issuing permits! No more grapes

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YOUR NAME: Karin Lease

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED): voter / taxpayer / active citizen

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED): [redacted]

COMMENTS: misuse + diversion of water
stop irrigating vineyards
stop permitting vineyards

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YOUR NAME: DAN HOLTMAN

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED):

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED): [redacted]

COMMENTS:

WORK NEEDS TO BE DONE TO MAKE VINEYARDS LESS DEPENDENT ON DRILLING/PUMPING AND ~~to~~ WORK SHOULD BE DONE TO POSSIBLY PROVIDE VINEYARDS WITH RECYCLED WATER
– TALK TO SONOMA CO WATER AGENCY RE OCCIDENTAL SEWAGE

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YOUR NAME: Susan Bendinelli

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED):

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED): [redacted]

COMMENTS: Big Ag uses the most consumption of water. Sheet mulching and compost lowers run off and keeps water in the ground. Permaculture farming practice make sence to lower water consumption

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YOUR NAME: LLOYD IVERSEN

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED): BASIN ADVISORY PANEL / WELL OWNER

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED): [redacted]

COMMENTS: PEOPLE NEED TO GET INVOLVED. WE NEED A WATER BUDGET FOR THIS AREA. THIS AREA NEEDS TO COORDINATE WITH THE SANTA ROSA PLAIN G.M.P.

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YOUR NAME: KARL ADELMAN

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED): SANTA ROSA PLAIN BASIN ADVISORY PANEL ATTENDY

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED): [redacted]

COMMENTS: I AM EXCITED THAT CONSERVATION MEASURES ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED TO ADDRESS THE DROUGHT. BUT OVERALL WE NEED THE WATER BUDGET OF AFFECTED AREAS IN INCLUDE IN THE SANTA ROSA PLAIN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN THAT HISTORICALLY OFSET ITS DEFICIT FROM THE RUSSIAN RIVER

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YOUR NAME: Marcia Munson

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED):

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED): [redacted]

COMMENTS: I totally support the emergency regulations to preserve stream flow and protect salmon habitat. Thanks also for the useful handouts.

Please do what you can to get composting toilets approved for residential use. Flushing is such a waste of water.

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YOUR NAME: Micca Gray

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED):

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED): [redacted]

COMMENTS: It is difficult to get on board when you are looking for a minimum amt. of water and targeting homeowners (which do not have lawns out in W. Cty). Short sighted solution. - If you are serious bite those that are the biggest users. Why not pump water from S.R. to creeks instead of geysers? Look a national solution. Create a system of water pumping + distribution. Build a water network.

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House 1 - mine gravity feed from spring, House 2 - rental 150' well

YOUR NAME: Ellen S. Jori

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED):

[redacted]

My 3 trickle creeks & spring are still running. Two houses on 77 acre farm have 1 person each. I'm 4th generation on farm & don't need more rules. Have been through droughts before. My creeks run into Purrington Creek. No fish for a mile downstream, now or for my lifetime (I'm 81.)

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YOUR NAME: LAURA MOONEY

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED):

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED): [redacted] net

COMMENTS: Now That you are aware of The feeling of uneven treatment of land/home owners vs. vineyards, you would be well advised to address The feelings first and Then respond with information — otherwise you will increase antagonism rather than co-operation

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YOUR NAME: Terry McNulty

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED): Residential Home Owner

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED): [redacted]

COMMENTS: NO adequate notice of this "emergency". I got a Letter AFTER the June 17th mtg! This measure is a governmental over reach to cover ~~up~~ mismanagement of the water shed.

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YOUR NAME: Weedy Tuhtanjoseph

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED): resident of Russian River Watershed area

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED): [redacted]

COMMENTS: Is this an attempt to turn a generally liberal & progressive & ecologically conscious citizenry into screaming Tea Partyists? Anyway of course well owners conserve water as it is their own self-interest. Watching our LOCAL governing boards allow vineyard expansion & wine production increases while we limit toilet flushes, take "submarine showers" etc HURTS!

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YOUR NAME: Peter Warner

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED):

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED): [redacted]

COMMENTS: Climate effects / drought notwithstanding, California's water crisis is essentially a result of unconsciously unaccountable, ecologically destructive, politically + economically myopic decisions + policies produced + implemented at every level of government. The destruction and extinction of ecosystems + wildlife habitat has been accomplished solely for financial gain - a capital crime perpetrated by sociopathic capitalists!

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YOUR NAME: Frank Riordan

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED):

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED): email/ [redacted] .com

COMMENTS: I question the science that well water 125+/- in the ground some 15 miles from the Russian River would effect flows in the river. I would think flows further upstream (example: Healdsburg) should be regulated in a manner that would positively effect flows closer to the coast.

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YOUR NAME: RAY WALDBAUM, licensed Professional Geologist, Certified Engineering Geologist

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED):

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED): [redacted]

COMMENTS: The real water gluttons are the wineries, vineyards & marajuana plantations. Mom & pop vegetable gardens & occasional car washing are not what is killing the fish. Your focus on homeowners while ignoring the real water gluttons is pure "Let them eat cake". Your regulations are ineffective and will probably be ignored until they are applied to the real water gluttons, the alcohol & marajuana industries. Do you have the guts to do that?

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YOUR NAME: Carolyn Sell

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED):

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED): [redacted]

COMMENTS: Many of us with large properties are happy to rainwater harvest and use for landscape in summer. Cost is prohibitive ≈ $1/gal. of storage. With pad, permit, pump delivery fees, etc. you are talking ≈ $4-5K per home. So you see that a $20K donation to the program is a JOKE! You need to pay for tanks, pumps, meters, etc. if you want community cooperation. Use the State surplus!

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YOUR NAME: Bob Herr + Jo Bentz

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED):

[redacted]

COMMENTS: See attached

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July 9, 2015

I don't see any County officials, including 5th District Supervisor Efren Carrillo here.

Vineyard and well permits are issued by the County ministerially, with the submittal of little to no information about their impacts to the groundwater aquifer. How can you save water in the creeks if the County is not on the same page and keeps issuing permits for wells and vineyards in these areas where shallow water is critical to streamflow? Please contact the PRMD and the Ag Commissioners office to co-ordinate your efforts.

Also, I am concerned that once this emergency is over, the State Water Board will disappear and business in the County will go back to normal, issuing more water well, vineyard, and winery permits. I am worried we are overdrafting our aquifers, as the shallow aquifer which historically, supported healthy fish populations, is now imperil. How long will it take to overdraft our intermediate and deeper aquifers? There needs to be a long term plan for this and am not sure the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act will address our problems in West County.

Jo Bentz, Bob Herr,Graton Well Owners

metered water hydrant
Bodine ~~water truck~~ asphalt
MarkWest aquifer
Bridlewood court + skyfarm road
cross street is

CEMAR did a study on MarkWest
p. 24 - graph (May - Oct.)
197 out of 220 residences have no
irrigated landscaping.

Golf course
off of skyfarm

St. Helena Rd / & Callistoga
trucking water up the hill.

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YOUR NAME: Casey Copinger

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED): NOWWE Corp & Riparian Property Own

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED): NOWWE Corp. [redacted] Con.

COMMENTS:

Response to Unexceptable Gov. Actions & Negligent & Double Standard Application of Enforcement & Mandated Protest / Object

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BRIEFING MEETING BY STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD PERSONNEL

THURSDAY, 9 JULY 2015
CASEY CAPLINGER, PROPERTY OWNER
UPPER MARK WEST CREEK DRAINAGE BASIN

COMMENTS CONCERNING THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD'S ADOPTION OF DROUGHT-RELATED EMERGENCY REGULATION TO CURTAIL DOMESTIC WATER USEAGE IN PORTIONS OF THE RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED.

AS WRITTEN THE REGULATION REQUIRES ENHANCED WATER CONSERVATION AND ADDITIONAL WATER USER INFORMATION PURPORTEDLY FOR THE PROTECTION OF SPECIFIC ENDANGERED SPECIES OF FISH THAT SPAWN IN TRIBUTARIES TO THE RUSSIAN RIVER.

FIRST, like so many of my neighbors, I did not receive the State Water Board's notice of the meeting scheduled for 17 June 2015, until 15 June; therefore, I was not afforded the opportunity to provide written comments by the required deadline.

SECOND, like my neighbors, I take offense to the Board's after-the-fact public briefings and for Board members not to appear to explain what it did after it approved the emergency drought regulations, and telling us that we will be fined if we are not compliant.

I had the opportunity to review the videotape of the Board's 17 June meeting, and agree and support many of the comments and suggestions my neighbors and others raised.

As pointed out by neighbors, comments by the Board and staff members regarding the lack of commitment of landowners to protect the headwaters of the tributaries to the Russian River, fisheries, and their respective water rights is not an accurate statement.

DECADE OF ATTEMPTING TO GET THE GOVERNMENT TO DO ITS JOB: During the past 10 years, I have worked relentlessly, at my own expense, to take every, and all, measures to protect the habitat, fisheries, property and my water rights. The Board's records will show that I and/or my consultants would have sent you comments on the numerous issues that were contributing to the dewatering, water quality degradation and decline of anadromous fish from this reach of the watershed.

❷ **We take exception of the use of the unreasonable use doctrine as a component of the emergency regulation to accomplish its objective and to limit their use of domestic water.**

❸ **Declines in salmon and steelhead populations within the Russian River and its tributaries have been documented over the past 50 years. In the 1980's government implemented a plan to double anadromous fisheries within the watershed, which has failed.**

❹ **The public record attest to the fact that the greatest unmitigated threat to salmonid species dependent on the Russian River is the result of massive agricultural diversion; primarily to grow grapes. Planting new vineyards accelerated in the mid-1990s, the impacts of which are being felt even in years when the area receives its "average" annual precipitation.**

WATER CONSUMPTION: According to the data, 58 percent of the water applied in the Russian River watershed is consumed by agriculture; predominately for irrigating the 60,000 acres of grapes in Sonoma County; 17 percent of that amount is used for "frost Protection" for grapes. The remaining 42 percent is purportedly being used by residential property owners.

MARK WEST CREEK APPROPRIATIONS: Mark West Creek has been fully appropriated from Highway 101 upstream, according to the State Water Board's records. The records indicate that the State Water Board has over-appropriated the waters of the State by several hundred-million-acre-feet, which is impacting every water users. I am going to reopen my complaint with the Board and pursue a request for a full-blown water right adjudication for Mark West Stream.

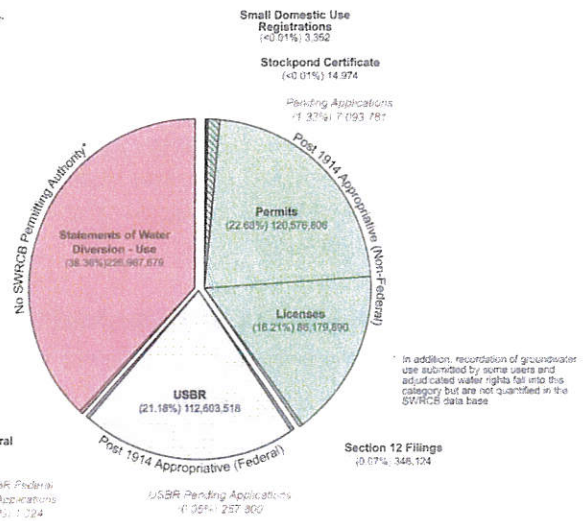
SOURCE: State of California, State Water resources Control Board, Exhibit A, Water Right Order 98-08, Declaration of Fully Appropriated Stream Systems, 19 November 1998.
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/fully_appropriated_streams/docs/fas_list.pdf

Distribution of Water Rights by Diversion Amount

June 2007

WATER USE GROUP	NUMBER OF RECORDS	AMOUNT OF* WATER USE
Small Domestic Use Registrations	727	3,352
Stockpond Certificates	5,410	14,974
Pending Applications	500	7,093,781
Permits	1,478	120,576,806
Licenses	9,534	86,179,890
USBR Pending Applications	1	287,500
USBR	77	112,603,518
Non-USBR Federal Pending Appl	6	1,024
Non-USBR Federal	1,481	222,200
Section 12 Filings	13	348,124
Federal Filings	1,961	319,676
Statements of Water Diversion - Use	18,110	203,924,297

*Direct diversion + Storage in Acre-Feet



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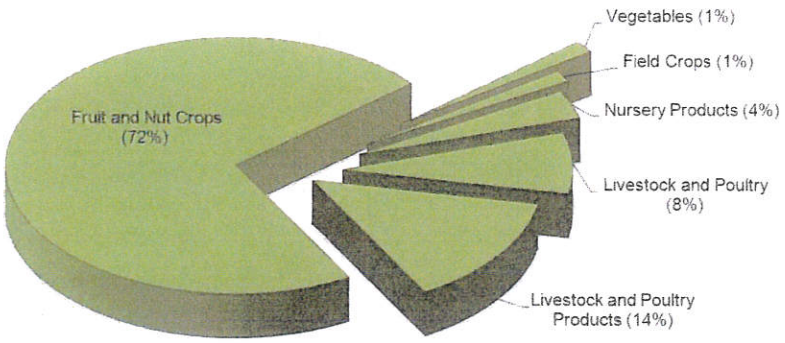
VINEYARD EXPANSION AND SALMONID DECLINES: There is a direct correlation between the expansion of vineyard acreage, dewatering of streams and decline in salmon and steelhead populations. The public record attest to the fact that the greatest unmitigated threat to salmonid species dependent on the Russian River is the result of massive agricultural diversions; primarily to grow grapes. Planting new vineyards accelerated in the mid-1990s, the impacts of which are being felt even in years when the area receives its "average" annual precipitation.

Recapitulation

	2012	2013	% Change
Apiary Products	$227,600	$181,500	-20.3%
Vegetable Crops	$11,018,400	$12,927,100	17.3%
Field Crops	$12,833,900	$11,890,600	-7.4%
Nursery Products	$24,779,200*	$29,933,700	20.8%
Livestock and Poultry	$64,322,900	$65,103,100	1.2%
Livestock and Poultry Products	$110,476,400*	$116,547,200	5.5%
Fruit and Nut Crops	$589,067,700*	$611,740,100	3.8%
TOTAL VALUE	$812,726,100*	$848,323,300	4.4%

* Revised for 2012

Sonoma County Agriculture 2013
(percentage of total production value)



BASIS FOR THE EMERGENCY REGULATIONS: We find the use of the Unreasonable Doctrine as it applies in the emergency drought regulation to be heavy handed, and somewhat of a dichotomy. The regulations impose restriction on the use of our property and the amount of water we apply for certain domestic purposes. The question that has to be addressed is whether the use of water for the purpose of frost control constitutes a "Reasonable Use". In the case ***People ex rel. State Water Resources Control Bd. v. Forni*** the court upheld the SWB's authority to classify the use of water for frost protection as unreasonable.

> On March 13, 1974, the State Water Resources Control Board ("Board") initiated this action to enjoin certain vineyardists in the Napa Valley from drawing water directly from the Napa River to their vineyards for frost protection. The complaint charges that the direct diversion of water during the frost period extending from March 15 through May 15 each year constitutes an unreasonable method of diversion within the meaning of **article XIV, section 3, of the California Constitution and section 100 of the Water Code.** fn. 1 This assertion is predicated upon allegations that the river flow during the frost season is insufficient to supply the instantaneous needs of all the vineyardists entitled to later.
> http://law.justia.com/cases/california/court-of-appeal/3d/54/743.html

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YOUR NAME: JORG RUPF

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED):

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED): [redacted]

COMMENTS:

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Water Board meeting on July 6, 2015

1. Water shortage is an issue that affects everyone here, not just the salmon and steelhead. The democratic way to deal with this issue would have been to have this meeting before the Board imposes regulations, a procedure that fosters antagonism rather than cooperation.
2. Different from urban areas that are supplied by water sourced and delivered to the people's homes by State and local agencies, we are providing, maintaining and paying for our own water supply on our own properties. We manage our own water resources responsibly, because our own water is all we have, the simple application of urban rules to us is inappropriate and disrespects us.
3. Blaming homeowners in our areas for the fish peril is totally unsupported. As long as the main culprits for the fish peril are excluded from the regulation, as is the case here with the exclusion of wineries and other industries, the justification of a water emergency for salmon and steelhead proves to be no more than a pretext for the Water Board's intent to take our water rights away for us.
4. Placing restrictions on the access and use of our own water violates an essential aspect of our property rights.
5. Many of us here maintain gardens and grow our own fruits and vegetables. This is an economic use, which by the Board's own wording is exempt from the emergency regulation.
6. The fish peril cannot be remedied by this regulation. It started way before the drought and has many causes, all of which have little to do with increasing homes in the watershed areas, which makes these "emergency" regulations likely to become permanent if they go unchallenged.
7. The monitoring and restrictions of the use of our properties look like the first step of a Government power grab over our properties that may end up not only controlling our water permanently but also charging us for our own water.

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YOUR NAME: M Kim Cordell

AFFILIATION (IF DESIRED):

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DESIRED): [redacted]

COMMENTS: Please see attached comments re. Atascadero Creek Informational Order

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Comment Card attachment
Russian River Tributaries
Emergency Regulation Information Meetings

9 July 2015

M Kim Cordell, GISP
Certified Geographic Information Systems Professional; retired fluvial hydrologist

Comments on possible Atascadero Creek Informational Order

I understand that SWRCB is considering an Informational Order for Atascadero Creek landowners because CDFW is concerned about achieving late fall and early winter flows, downstream of the confluence with Green Valley Creek, sufficient to facilitate juvenile salmonid movement to the Russian River. I do not believe that the Response Form presented at your information meetings will achieve CDFW's goal.

Unlike Green Valley Creek, which primarily overlays Franciscan conglomerate, the Atascadero Creek watershed covers mostly Wilson Grove formation. Wilson Grove is composed of marine sandstone intermixed with discontinuous lenses of clay and some shale. On the surface, it is characterized by rounded hills, highly erodible soils, and a sparse drainage network (fewer-than-average blueline streams for a given area). The soils are excessively well drained, and the formation retains a large amount of subsurface water. These characteristics reduce early wet-season runoff and delay increased streamflow. Ironically, if the Atascadero Creek watershed were more urbanized and had concrete-lined channels, the water delivery to the lower reaches would be "improved". In addition, future early-season flows may be further reduced by rainwater catchments (encouraged by SWRCB for graywater use) and upper watershed detention ponds. In summary, early wet-season flows are more dependent on the basic geologic structure of Atascadero Creek watershed, rather than on dry-season water levels in stream channels and near-surface groundwater.

The example questions in the SWRCB's Response Form focus on the type and volume of water diversions. Although this information will be essential for a basin-wide water budget that might be developed in the future, it does not address CDFW concern for early wet-season flows this year. In addition, the questions are so complex and intrusive that they invite false answers. May I suggest instead that the SWRCB staff develop an algorithm that characterizes water uses more generally, using less intrusive questions. If these data are analyzed spatially, they are likely to produce results that can be independently verified and may be of more use to CDFW.

SWRCB staff commented that Australia waited too long into its drought to mitigate problems, and then ended up over-reacting. To many of us in the upper Atascadero Creek watershed, the Board appears to be over-reacting now. You will be much more successful if you focus on solutions that make sense to residents who know and value their watershed.

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Jorg Rupf
[redacted]

TO:
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights--14th Floor
Public Trust Unit
Attn: Emily Mortazavi
PO Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Dear Ms. Mortazavi

Here are my comments regarding the Russian River Tributaries Emergency Regulation Incl. the Informational Order

1. Water shortage is an issue that affects everyone here, not just the salmon and steelhead. The homeowners in the area generally agree with the goals of the agencies involved; we ourselves are responsible to maintain and preserve our limited water supply, different from urban area residents who receive water through the public distribution system.
2. Making only homeowners in our areas responsible for the fish peril is totally unsupported. As long as the main culprits for the fish peril are excluded from the regulation, as is the case here with the exclusion of wineries and other corporate industries, the limitations of domestic water use alone cannot be successful.
3. The fish peril cannot be remedied by this regulation. It started way before the drought and has many causes, all of which have comparatively little to do with increasing homes in the watershed areas, which makes these "emergency" regulations likely to become permanent, and to be followed by further restrictions for homeowners.

4. Many of us here maintain gardens and grow our own fruits and vegetables. This is an economic use of our land. One cannot successfully grow vegetables when the limit is watering 2 times a week. At times, more watering is needed. I grow grapes for domestic use on my land. They get watered twice a week only and look miserable compared to the commercial vineyards in my neighborhood. Since only commercial economic use is exempt from this limitation, it makes this regulation arbitrary and capricious.
5. As for the **informational order**, most homeowners do not know the amount of their water usage in the past and cannot estimate that use to any reasonable degree or have any information on the pumping

rate. The commercial side most likely has that capacity, the homeowner typically will not. It leaves us in an unclear situation.

My comment about the **Water Board's procedure** in this case:

Problems arise in this case because the agencies don't have the power to include the corporate, well lobbied powers, into their action plan. What they chose to do is to assert their remaining power over ordinary folks, defending the obvious lack of equivalence with lame excuses, a procedure that fosters antagonism rather than cooperation.

The distrust of the agencies is deepened by the non-democratic procedure of issuing regulations first and holding informational meetings later, instead of admitting to the limits of their power and asking for the general public's support for their actions. The half-hearted and largely failed attempt to connect with the homeowners before issuing orders in this case underscores the agency's choice of power over cooperation.

We have very little chance to overcome the lobbied interests as long as the Government defends those interests against the very people who are on their side, and imposes sanctions only on these people to boot.

Thank you for your attention to this matter

Sincerely,

Jorg Rupf

State Water Board

Sacramento, California

Gentlemen:

Monday, July 06, 2015

I have come here to protest strongly the wrong-headed and completely impossible to understand emergency order. Your report identifies the problem as starting in the 1950's and worsening in the 1990.'s...Where have you been in the last 65 years as Santa Rosa doubled and tripled (and multiplied that by 5 times) their population? Where were you when the Sonoma County Water Agency began pumping next to the river (in two places) masses amount of "our" shared water? When vineyards replaced dry-farmed apple orchards and prunes? When subdivisions replaced sheep pastures and chicken farms?

I have a letter from the 1950's written by my father pleading for some sensible plan for saving the coho and steelhead. Yet on June 12th of this year, I receive a letter notifying me that as a well owner on a tributary of a targeted creek I should stop watering my lawn, or my ornamental annuals...as a rural landowner it made me laugh. We have the biggest stake in not wasting water on our own land. But the words that brought dread to my heart were these: Allow reasonable access to property to facilitate fish rescue and relocation by NMFS and CDFW staff and their representatives. I rushed down to the creek to see if anything is different this year than almost every third year with regards to stream flow. No, unconnected puddles of water left in the creek are about the same. Come August it will probably be bone dry as I have seen many times in the last 68 years. When we were young we dipped little fish out of the creeks and took them to the River...that has been illegal for years. "As few as 2-7 fish were observed returning annually between 2000 and 2008." And on June 12, 2015 you have a reaction? None of your steps so far have engendered trust in these longtime good stewards of their lands. We haven't cut a tree or pumped water from our creek in almost 100 years. Beside the creek are raccoon prints and bear prints and skunk prints....if there were juvenile fish in the creek which I doubt, they didn't have a prayer in three inches of water. The statement "these tributaries that used to flow year-round" is simply not a fact. Don't be surprised that we don't trust you to come on our property for any reason. If you can get a court order to force 40000 well owners, then that's a different matter. If you came and asked me for a one time look at the creek, I might have agreed. But unlimited access, at any time? These kinds of government excesses are what the Constitution meant to stop. My property came down through my family with water rights and a sacred respect for the resources just momentarily in our care. It has been our decision to never exploit that. We have an visceral reaction to vineyards and logging and lot-splitting that far exceeds yours. And what of Austin Creek, Adobe Creek, Dry Creek, Hulbert Creek, Fife Creek, Santa Rosa Creek and Mantanzas Creek? Surely these are more important spawning creeks than the ones you have targeted.

The historical use of my land was much more intense than now...my grandfather raised 8 children, had sheep, a dairy and pigs, chickens and work horses, plus prunes and grapes. (I don't believe any

of Sonoma Co. cities can say the same, where use continues to rise and intensify). My uncle exhibited 156 kinds of vegetables in a booth at the Sonoma Co. Fair all grown on our property.

If you expect land owners to co-operate let's start with these measures. No more building in the Santa Rosa plain where rain blocking concrete covers much of the landscape. Limit population growth, the true reason we are in such a water dilemma in California. Enforce vineyard laws that don't allow spraying of noxious chemicals close to creeks. Enforce a fifty foot setback from all creeks and waterways where tractors and sprayers can't go. Stop the stripping of riparian cover from creeks in vineyards.

For years I have tried to interest the Fish and Game in little Livereau Creek, a former spawning creek that my grandfather remembered fishing , which lays like a ditch, bare and sun baked where once a creek with cattails and turtles, ducks and clear water wandered through the fields. Unfortunately for it, it flows through a vineyard where two reservoirs were carved out at the bottom of the hills in the mapped recharge area.

Don't allow developers to move creeks into culverts or physically from their historical paths even if that is a government developer extending a runway at the Sonoma Co. Airport. Don't allow developers to build condo developments in alluvial redwood groves in the flood WAY. Don't compromise wetlands by directing sewage water their way as Santa Rosa did for decades to the Laguna. When ABAG, a non elected board like yours. requires us to build more housing, and low cost at that, ask them if they will provide the water.

In the West County, you are speaking to the heart of environmentalism...we have gone for years to General Plan meetings, subdivision meetings, EIR meetings, timber harvest plan meetings to no effect. Often there was a "canned" letter from Fish and Game saying they had no objections to a logger or a developer's plan and we watched as our River deteriorated. I want coho and salmon to survive and we have worked for that endlessly. But to have it come down to the landowners that have small inconsequential wells is ludicrous and insulting.

I read recently that Beverly Hills homeowners use 720 gallons of water per day per person. I am assuming that is probably Northern California Water. Do something about THAT!

Janice Stenger

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State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 10
Sacramento Ca. 95812-0100

Ray Utterback
[redacted]

To Whom It May Concern,

Please reference your letter of June 9, 2015 concerning the protection of Coho Salmon and Steel Head Trout on four tributaries of the Russian River. The inference was that my property was in the Dutch Bill Creek watershed and subject to water use restrictions.

In response to your letter I sent you an email, copy enclosed, asserting my property was in the Salmon Creek watershed and not subject to the Dutch Bill Creek watershed regulations. Please refer to this email for this my rational.

It appears your contention that my property is in the Dutch Bill Creek watershed is based on my Street address ([redacted] California).

My property is not physically located on [redacted] Road. It is located 1000 feet south of [redacted] Road. This is based on the Sonoma County Assessor's parcel map, a copy of which is enclosed for your reference. This location puts the property in the Salmon Creek watershed.

If we cannot reconcile our differences as to the location of my property, is there a procedure for arbitration?

Please feel free to contact me if you disagree concerning the location of my property,

Best Regards,

Ray Utterback

Ray Utterback

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2015 JUL 14 AM 10: 05
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Ray Utterback

From: "Ray Utterback" [redacted]
Date: Saturday, July 04, 2015 12:43 PM
To: <rr_tribs_emergency_reg@waterboards.ca.gov>
Subject: Property Owners in the Four Tributaries

To Whom It May Concern,

Please reference your letter of June 9, 2015 concerning Proposed Drought Emergency Regulations.

The letter outlines protection measures to be taken this year to protect Coho salmon and steal head trout in 4 tributaries to the Russian River.

A copy of this letter was sent to me: Raymond C Utterback [redacted]

The inference is that I own property in the Dutch Bill Creek Watershed. Please be advised that my property, Sonoma County AP # [redacted] is in the Salmon Creek Watershed. This is based on its location on The Camp Meeker Quad, walking the drainages on the property to Salmon Creek and your map of the Dutch Bill Creek watershed.

My property is close to the Dutch Bill Creek watershed but not in it. Therefore, the proposed conservation measures may not apply.

Please be aware that subsurface water for wells in West Sonoma County is very limited due the the geology. This mandates that I use as little water as possible to assure a year around supply to live on.

If you have questions or do not accept my position please contact me by email [redacted] or telephone, [redacted]. I would like to discuss the situation with you.

Ray Utterback

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Green Valley Creek water shed
LOWER SECTION NORTH OF HWY 116

Your letter addressed to me dated June 9, 2015 is like preaching to the choir.

I have owned 10 acres adjacent to the Green valley creek for over 50 years. This creek located northerly of HWY 116 HISTORICALLY HAD BEEN ABUSED BY THE APPLE PROCESSEING PLANTS IN THE GRATON AREA and domestic usage. Fortunately the NCRWQC Board was able to restrict this abuse in the 1970's. However; the stream flow had stopped for a number of years and some pools also dried up and the varments and birds eliminated all fish life. For the past 15 or 20 years even if the surface flow stopped in July & August some of the pools remained and were deep enough to retain fish. It looks to me like the stream flow will stop in late July but the trees etc will protect these pools and they may remain this year.?

Now what has happened to eliminate ground water use within the lower Green Valley Creek Water Shed.
My 10 acres are served water from the Forestville Water District. In the 1970's I installed ½ mile of 6 inch water main to serve property on a 30-40 acre service area of the Forestville Water District. {This water originates from the SCWA via Warm Springs dam] and is therefore contributing to the ground water serving Green Valley Creek. And recently the Russian River Water District serves water to 40 +/- residences in the Rural Canyon area again reducing the use of ground water and using permitted Russian River water for domestic use. Even the Hartford Family Winery is served by the Forestville Water District.
The septic tank effluent via leach fields from this lower Green Valley water shed have contributed to the ground water percolating toward Green Valley creek.

To my knowledge all the properties adjacent & within the water shed to Green Valley Creek from Hwy 116 to Rural Canyon Road are served water from The two public water systems and are not negatively effecting the Green Valley Flow. Vellutini Road

Harold E Wood [redacted]

P.S. THE IRON HOURSE WINERY USES THE FORESTVILLE WATER DISTRICT RECLAIMED WATER

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You passed out a packet which we can all read. I seemed a waste of time to sit here and have people read the packet to us

Most of your information did not pertain to the people who were in attendence

Many of those present were rude and engaged using the vineyards as wipping dogs

I think a better understanding of how the vinyards operate would help educate these people

mention that
the conservation
& info order
applies to ag
& residents

- China created rain last year

Youre saying I should talk to County, But
you need to talk to The
County waterboard &
& Efrin Carillo about
Revising pro-Development 20/20
(Vinyard and Housing)
Based on water Shortage.
& Regulations

~~Our~~ Russian river comes
from eel river, potter valley.

SAnta rosa Discharges
Wast water into Laguna →
russian River.