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*We suspect that the proposed lifting of the Emergency Conservation measures for the Russian River is prompted by industry wanting to use water for frost protection.*

*Otherwise, it makes no sense that you would lift water conservation measures NOW, prior to the end of the rainy season when we have not had as much rain as last year when you declared the emergency!*

*But the frost protection season starts NOW March to May!!!*

How much water does frost protection require? A 40 acre vineyard uses as much water in just 24 hours of frost protection as 40 homes would use in one year. We have thousands of acres of vineyards, and frost events go on for days and the watering doesn't wait for the temperature to drop to 32 degrees F. It starts well above, in anticipation. So the drenching goes on and off, and on and off, and on and on...

*Wouldn't those vineyards using water during a frost event be fined \$500 a day under the existing regulations?*

*It is unconscionable that the conservation measures be lifted now. Your motives are suspect and your bowing to outrageous wine industry demands a disgrace.*