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From: **Season George** <<u>bornseasoned@gmail.com</u>> Date: Tue, Sep 5, 2017 at 1:36 PM Subject: email to <u>commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov</u> To: amber parsons <<u>theonlyamberrose@gmail.com</u>>, <u>theonlyiessejr@gmail.com</u>

State Water Resources Control Board Clerk to the Board Jeanine Townsend

My name is Amber Parsons I live at 2500 Newton Rd., Weott in Humboldt County. I want to thank the board for all the hard work that has gone into creating these policies for us to follow. It has been an honor to participate in this historical transition and become compliant. The process can be overwhelming and I am grateful to have hired some of the best consultants in my area, Compliant Farms, to help me understand the guidelines. Protecting the pristine environment and natural resources I live with has always been a personal ethic of mine and my third party consultants go beyond compliance by promoting permaculture practices that rehabilitate the land.

I enrolled in the program as being part of the first group to sign up in Hum.Co. in Dec. 2015. I have been making improvements to remediate and mitigate any environmental hazards that may have occurred before guidelines were set. All improvements were made in accordance with regional water board setbacks of 50'. I am writing you today to have special consideration for the farmers who were first in line to sign up and have been working diligently to become compliant in order to receive a local permit and be eligible for state permit.

I am writing today in concern for set backs listed no.36 of attachment A. As mentioned before I have been working on my project since 2015, this draft was released July of 2017. If the riparian set backs are set at 150, I will not be able to cultivate my site. All the investment I have made will be lost. Please do not penalize us for signing up first. I have taken extra precaution to mitigate discharge and use only organic practices. I do care for and protect the watershed. I do not divert from inflow stream and the spring I pump from emerges and submerges on my property. my pump is electric and I have adequate storage ad have plans for rainwater catchment next year. I am asking for a site specific exemption or a time extension to remediate and move garden site. I would like to request the data behind the set back change.

Again thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to working together to protect our freshwater for generations to come.

Sincerely, Amber Parsons 619-715-3410