

**COMMENT LETTER 36 - DARLENE KERSNAR (SEPTEMBER 24,1996), RECEIVED
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Response to Comment 36-1

Comment Summary: The comment indicates that considering continued discharges of treated municipal wastewater to the Russian River is unacceptable.

The Draft EIR/EIS has evaluated discharge to the Russian River. Section 4.7 concluded that "Direct discharge of reclaimed water into the Laguna de Santa Rosa or the Russian River will not adversely affect water quality at drinking water sources and would not adversely affect human health via other potential exposure pathways" (refer to page 4.7-61). Section 4.6 found significant unavoidable impacts to conductivity, dissolved oxygen, and biostimulatory substances in the Russian River (refer to page 4.6-150). However, with implementation of cumulative projects to reduce nutrient inputs to the Laguna, and with mitigation proposed for project impacts, analysis concluded that 20% design discharge to the Laguna could be implemented without significant water quality impacts.

