

**COMMENT LETTER 300 - FRAN DANOFF (OCTOBER 7, 1996), RECEIVED
OCTOBER 8, 1996**

Response to Comment 300-1

Comment Summary: The comment indicates that reuse of the city's reclaimed water should be considered before discharging the reclaimed water to the Russian River.

The Draft EIR/EIS evaluates both increase discharge to the Russian River and alternatives that expand agricultural reuse or recharge the Geysers steamfield. The Draft EIR/EIS has conclude that increased discharge will not "foul" the river as suggested in the comment. 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.

