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Hi. My name is Kit Mariah. I unfortunately haven't read the report, but I can tell from today that it's full of holes, and I wonder why you spent so much money on it. I'm really here because I'm a person who swims in the river every day.

Public perception. I tell people I swim in the river every day all the time, and people say "God, do you really? You know what's there?" I mean, people really don't want to swim in the river, and we live in Guerneville, and it's a resort town, and we invite people to come there and swim in the river. The people in our town won't swim in the river.

People you know say to you "don't you -- don't you get ear infections?"

Yeah, I have ear infections.

"don't you have skin irritations?"

Yeah, I have skin irritations.

But I love swimming in the river. It gives me a great sense of physical, mental and spiritual well-being from swimming in that river every day. I need to get out so I can get in it today. But what I want to say is before you make any decision about what you're putting in that river, my body's in there every day, and whatever's in that river goes in my eyes, it goes in my ears, sometimes it goes in my mouth, and all the other orifices of my body.]

I really want zero discharge, and I want the Russian River to be a place that people say "far out, let's go swimming there."]

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Mayor Wright:

Lawrence Sterling?