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Good evening -- we're no relation.

Mayor Wright:

None whatsoever.

DALE WRIGHT:

No. You have got a good program here. The only thing you don't have is the zero dump into the river. The program of raising redwood trees gives you that zero dump. If you go any further beyond the agricultural use in your immediate Laguna area, you don't have enough water to feed the redwoods, and how much redwoods could grow on that 4000 acres?

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Use your four thousand acres, program a redwood. You've already got the EIR -- oh, what have you got -- but you already got it. Okay. Now, what you have to do is change the program of feeding it to the cows. People that come in this area -- the tourists that come to this area, they don't want to hear about the grass being watered by tertiary water, they want -- they would like to hear that look, here's the trees that our friends have planted, and they -- they aren't going to eat the redwood. But when they feed it to the grass, to the cows, everyone thinks "hmm, is this my next drink?"

No, but you got to -- oh -- would you do me a favor and pull one of the screening processes, or scoping processes? I spoke at -- and you attributed a suggestion of mine to replenish the aquifer. Well, I didn't say that, but I did say don't put it in -- in Rohnert Park area, but put it down in Petaluma on the hills in those gas wells down there. And that's not replenishing the water, that's making a storage area. I don't even want a storage area down there. That costs too much to bring the water down there. Put it right out here on your property. Do it here. Do it here by getting volunteers to plant the redwoods. By getting volunteers and information from the Sierra Club, from the Audubon Society, and all the clubs. They will come here to this county and plant those trees for you. And 10, 15 years later they're going to bring their kids here and say "look what I did when I was a teenager."

These kind of programs have been done for a long time of planting trees by volunteers. You've got an opportunity. Use it. I don't know what else to say.

Mayor Wright:

Thank you Mr. Wright.