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Hi. My name's Lynette Mclean. My husband and I own the Highlands Resort, and we live in Guerneville where the resort is. My concern is that since the most popular program seems to be putting the water into the river, I am surprised that only two pages out of 8,000 were devoted to the impact on tourism. I find that that is a little negligent, and I think that the impact has been really played down.

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Our guests are primarily concerned with the cryptosporidium possibilities in the water. Most of the people that come to the river have children. Or they have problems with their health. And this is a big issue.

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I don't see any way to advertise and get the word out that it's not a big deal. It's kind of like selling tobacco. I think that saying that putting the water in the river being environmentally safe, it would have a lot more weight with all of us if it really is safe for drinking that you do that. I don't think that -- as of -- a river resident, I can say that because Santa Rosa's dumping wastewater in the river we should not take care of our wastewater problems out there, because we do need to take care of that. We will be taking care of that. There is no way to get around it. But saying that just because there's problems out at say hacienda or some of the other places on the river, that that doesn't mean that Santa Rosa can't be responsible for their own wastewater problem, is just an excuse. In conclusion, I'd like to say that I find spending 12 million dollars on a report that really does not address the issues as thoroughly as you'd think 12 million dollars could buy you a report is a little irresponsible. And I would expect at least one call to a resort owner on the Russian River regarding the impact on tourism. No one we've been able to contact at the resorts has any knowledge of any sort of survey.

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If someone was to call me and say over the phone unidentified "is there a problem with wastewater in the river," I would lie. What am I going to tell them? "yeah, there's this big old problem, and no, you don't want to come up here and book a room at my resort, so don't worry about it"? The only way I would be totally honest with someone is if I know that they have a health problem, or if they identify themselves as part of the survey. That is the only way. Thank you.

**Mayor Wright:**

We'll take a five-minute break, thank you.

(Brief Recess Taken)

Let me just state that if you wish to speak tonight, we need to make sure that you have a green card filled out. So if you wish to speak, we need to make sure that you have your green card, if you'll bring it up to the two gentlemen up to my left -- my right -- your left. Get it all straight.

Yeah. Your left, your right. It's back to my military days. So, our next speaker is Scott Walker, followed by Olivia Walter.

Is Scott Walker in the audience?