

## DRAFT EIR/EIS COMMENT FORM

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**Two questions:**

(1) The E.I.R. says, "The Project's contribution to flooding would be mitigated by *avoiding* discharge during flood conditions." (p. 1-33). Yet, in 1985, "...the city was forced to illegally discharge 750 million gallons of wastewater into the river to keep its storage ponds from overflowing." (Press Democrat, 9/24/96)

**How can the Project avoid discharge during flood conditions if the storage ponds are close to overflowing in the future as they were in 1985?**

(2) Re Impact 18.7 Will the Project disproportionately affect low income or ethnic minority communities?

The E.I.R. defines the "affected area" as those areas "where the proposed reservoir sites, pump stations, storage tanks, and pipelines will be located." (p. 4.18-51) If the option of discharging into the Russian River is chosen, and if the River floods or tourism is negatively and significantly impacted, the "affected area" will be the lower Russian River. The lower Russian River has a higher proportion of residents receiving some form of assistance than any other area in the County. Real estate values are also significantly lower. Thus, by those two definitions, the lower Russian River is a "low income" community.

**Why was the lower Russian River area not analyzed as the affected area and as a low income community, and what would be the conclusion if that area were so analyzed?**

