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From: Dee Andreini <dee@sonic.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 11:19 AM
To: OAL Reference Attorney
Cc: Schultz, Daniel@Waterboards
Subject: Russian River Tributaries title 23, section 876

Staff:

I received a letter from you folks on June 12th concerning the wells and water use of the land owners living in the Russian River tributary watersheds. A letter which you did not have the common decency to send to our regional board, or our supervisors.

It stated that any reaction letter must be written by Jun 15th. The letter arrives on Friday and my letter to you must be received by Monday. Should I carry a bucket of water with my letter, and wash your feet as well.

If someone is gone for the weekend and does not read their mail until Monday, they are already late. A good plan if you don't want anybody to react to your letter, our you are fearful that if you gave us enough time you would have to open a new depart- ment to read the backlash of mail you would undoubtedly receive. Next you state a decision on this regulation will take place on the 17th of June in Sacramento. The meeting is in the middle of the week because you realize few people can miss work to drive 100 miles to speak out against this outrage. Since this ruling concerns the Russian River Watershed, all of you could have piled into a van so all those being affected could ask questions or speak pro or con to this regulation. You chose to make it as inconvenient as possible to all who who are affected, and you have continued to make it difficult by fast-tracking this regulation to the OAL when we were told that it would not go there until July 3rd. You sent it on June 24th without any notice to even those on your precious list. On top of all that, my neighbor, the owner of the headwaters of Dutch Bill Creek received his letter on the 17th and it was post marked on the 15th of June. I would call that breaking the law on your part, and I do not believe that you are above the law.

Within the letter you use the phrase "non-economic uses of water". We are not fools.

You are allowing grape growers, who suck massive amounts of ground water each year to be exempt from this regulation, while we who do everything to conserve water and return it to the local ground are going to be slapped with daily \$500 fines if we do not comply with more than we already do. This regulation smells of big money and it is obvious to me whose pocket you folks are in. I have 300 apple trees which I dry farm successfully the same way all grape growers should. They are destroying the ground water supply through their excessive pumping year after year, and you turn a blind eye.

Instead you come after the small land owner that is using very little water so they can even have more. If you want to solve your water problems take a close look at the grape growers.

If your goal is to drive us off our properties, say so. We will fight you tooth and nail to stop you. You put your pants on one leg at time like everybody else. Believe me, I have an army of property owners who will stand with me.

Sincerely,
Albert J. Woicicki