

Information Meetings for Russian River Tributaries

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Occidental, CA

Note Taker - Rae Bell

- What will be the baseline; how does it affect future use
- Will AG receive info order
 - Cut AG 5-10%
 - Have a plan in 20 days
- Curtailment process
 - In order of priority
 - Stop diverting/no well water
- Wells that feed into aquifers does not affect surface streams
- \$500 per day fine is an optional enforcement tool of SWRCB
- Community doesn't trust state agencies
 - Residents sacrifices lots of water
 - Prohibit the sale of pesticides; should be illegal
- Water is scarce therefore increase in homes
- Resident doesn't know how much water being used and therefore doesn't know how to report
- All vineyards should used best practices
- If residents shut off their water how long will it take to get to Dutch Bill Creek
- SWRCB process is backward because there is no data
- What is the relationship between well water and Dutch Bill Creek
- Well pumps directly from Terrapin Creek to water large lawns
- Are estimates OK to determine location
- Will new vineyards be allowed
- Outreach to vineyards and residents
- 5 acre vineyard uses 4x as much as a home
- Garden/orchard expansion needs approval - Section F
- Will the estimate become new baseline
- Why is Healdsburg and Windsor exempt
- Who will store data from info order and how long will it be stored
- Does the fine apply to both orders
- When citizens know, they can be ensured decisions treat all equally and protect common conditions that are important to everyone's welfare (Markkula Center for Applied Ethics at Santa Clara University)
- Which level of enforcement will be used
- Will neighbors be able to report
- Does commercial have to report
- Which has precedence, fish or water rights
- How do we qualify diversions with gaining and losing streams when all connected to aquifers
- Will state help Occidental with sewer and tertiary water; water recycling funding DFA
- Ornamental lawns can use recycled water
- Amount of water used for 2 days frost protection on 1 acre of vineyard equals 1 years use of water by a home on 1 acre (150 gallons per day vs around 52 gallons per minute on vineyard per acre)