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Chairman Charles Hoppin
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
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Re: Russian River Frost Protection Draft Regulation for January
    for the January 13th SWRCB Workshop

Dear Chairman Hoppin and Board Members,

My name is Michael L. Hildreth. My family has lived and
farmed in Mendocino County, California since the 1850's. We
began with cattle and sheep, went to hops, prunes, pears and now wine
grapes. We have farmed next to the Russian River for four
generations. Our land and our river are our heritage, and treasured
by our family. They are our way of life. My son now has returned
home to continue our family tradition, he will be the fifth
generation on this land.

As a landowner in Mendocino County, I feel extremely threatened
by this draft regulation you will consider on January 15th. This
draft regulation will eliminate my ability to protect my crops from
frost or irrigate before June 1st. This draft regulation will be
devastating to my livelihood and my community. My farming operation
has 265 acre, 100ac of pears and 165ac of winegrapes. Any loss of
crop from frost will not only affects me personally but would
ripple to the banks which hold deeds of trusts, employees, community
business, County, State and Federal governments.

As I am only one of the many landowner that will be affected; it
is easy to see that the cumulative impact of this draft regulation
will be massive, disrupting people, communities and government alike.

Please Do Not Implement These Draft Regulations!!!

Sincerely,

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