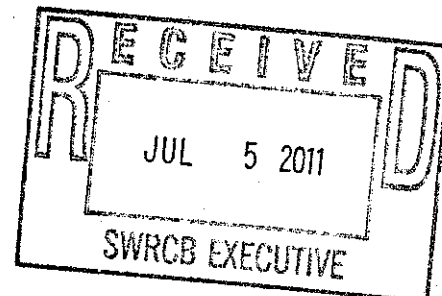


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RE: COMMENT LETTER-PROPOSED RUSSIAN RIVER FROST REGULATION

For the 2010-2011 year we have had 50 inches of rain on my vineyard property in the North Coast. Everyone can agree that is a lot of rain! Looking back over the past 30 years of rain records, 2008 was the driest year recorded. It seems that using the driest year in 30 years to base a policy on seems both illogical and unscientific. There needs to be a scientific study of any regulation over a period of time in order to collect data on stream flows

Ground water regulations are out of the question as the levels seem to remain stable. Again a scientific study with public results would be in order

Grape growing is a difficult farming operation. Land owners pay large amounts of property taxes, as well as other fees. If we want agriculture to continue in California the State needs to study the agricultural needs as well as needs of fish. Also water use by cities needs to be studied. If these enormous fees are put into law California agricultural will be economically forced out and we will have all our beautiful farm land covered by homes.

Use of wind machines will also pollute air as well as cause noise which will cause non-agricultural residents to complain as well as being only partially effective.

We strongly urge that more studies be done so that agriculture, fish and the environment can flourish and California can remain an agricultural area for the future generations of California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard E. Rued".

Richard E. Rued,
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