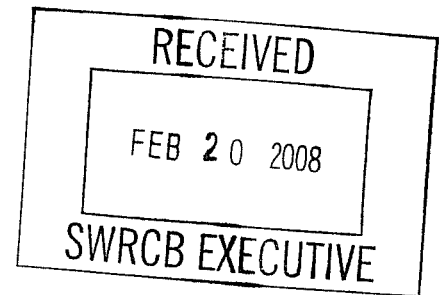


DOMAINE CARNEROS

February 18, 2008

Ms. Noreen Evans
Assemblymember
50 D Street, Suite 301
Santa Rosa, CA 95404



Re: AB 2121: Instream Flow Policy for North Coast Streams

Dear Ms. Evans,

I wish you to seriously consider how AB 2121: Instream Flow Policy for North Coast Streams will impact agriculture in the North Coast of California. State Water Resources Control Board's Draft Policy for Maintaining Instream Flows in Northern California Coastal Streams, associated technical documents and Substitute California Environmental Quality Act compliance document ("Instream Flow Policy"), dated December 2007, will in effect lock up the water resources of Humboldt, Mendocino, Sonoma, Napa and Marin Counties, despite the fact that only a small fraction of the waters of their watersheds is diverted to use.

Domaine Carneros winery and vineyards will be directly impacted by this proposed policy. This policy will be potentially devastating to our 110 acres. These acres are producing and dependent upon currently regulated water use. We are an environmentally sensitive vineyard operation. We have been sustainably farmed for years and expect that all of our vineyards will be California certified organic this month. In addition, Domaine Carneros is the industry leader in solar power. We care, but this draft policy is totally unreasonable.

The proposed policy does not attempt to weight the competing public values of water supply and fish habitat. Instead, without any economic analysis or public trust balancing, it commits virtually all available flows to instream uses. This is in my opinion ill-conceived and needs to be reconsidered.

Sincerely,



Eileen G. Crane

President/Winemaker

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