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To: State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
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Subject: Policy for Maintaining In-stream Flows in Northern California
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It has come to my attention that a new policy for maintaining in-stream flows in Northern California Coastal Streams is being developed. I agree that we must do something to protect the environment and habitat. I support your efforts. As a long time home owner and resident in this area (over 30 years), I have been concerned for some time by the large use of water for vineyards and other commercial uses. That concern is even greater as more and more trees are being removed in Napa County on Mt. Veeder and vineyards are being planted or expanded at such a rapid pace. The entire watershed in our area is under attack. Other problems are that more property is being cleared to build homes and there is a growing concern about the possible reduced amount of water that will be available in the future due to global warming

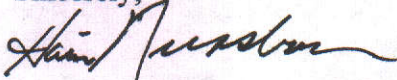
We have established water rights, but because there is such large usage by these individuals, our source of water is being threatened as are the natural habitat. I have devoted my life to environmental causes and conservation and will continue to do so, but I feel the basic needs of the existing residents must be provided for over these new developments.

I strongly ask and support the following:

- 1) That existing homes prior to 2008, with established water rights for domestic use, be given priority for water use over commercial endeavors. This means reasonable use and does not include excess usage for non-essential uses, such as swimming pools and large planted areas, or large lawns.
- 2) I support a limit on the use of water for vineyards and other commercial uses.
- 3) I encourage the protection of the forest as a water shed.

Please keep me informed about what is being discussed and the decisions being made. Thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,



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