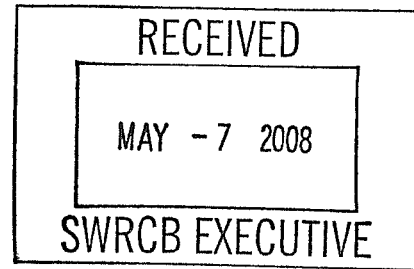


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April 21, 2008

Ms. Karen Niiya. Senior Engineer
Division of Water Rights
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
POB 2000
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re.: AB 2121 Policy

We are landowners in Mendocino County and the proposed Policy will directly impact us. We own approximately 300 acres of land used for livestock and crops, and divert water from the Russian River for crop irrigation and stock watering purposes.

We have filed the following:

Application A025850 Permit 017714	Filed October 12, 1978
Application A027581 Permit 019130	Filed November 12, 1982
Application A027582 Permit 019131	Filed November 12, 1982
Application A027583 Permit 019132	Filed November 12, 1982
Application A027584 Permit 019133	Filed November 12, 1982
Application A028886 Permit 020082	Filed September 8, 1986

Thus, this proposed policy will directly impact our family's farming business.

Implementation of the Policy will further delay the water right processing because the majority of applicants and petitioners will need to seek a variance due to the stringent bypass and diversion rate limitations in the Policy. The variance criteria are not clearly defined in the Policy. Therefore, we believe that processing of numerous variance requests will exacerbate the already backlogged workloads of the State Water Board staff, and further delay approval of our pending and long overdue actions.

We have cooperated with State Water Board staff in the processing of our water rights applications, some which have now been pending for 30 years.

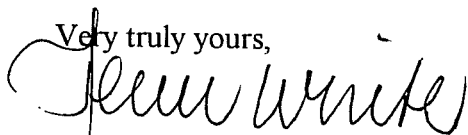
The Policy does not provide a balance to the competing needs for water as it fails to weigh the many benefits derived from the agricultural, domestic and industrial users of water.

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We are very concerned that the *severe and costly* compliance measures imposed on our projects will result in drastically reduced water yields and possibly loss of our productive farmland. There is no indication in the Policy that the fishery resources would actually benefit from our implementation of such measures.

The State Water Board should concentrate on fixing the water rights process. Applicants deserve clear and effective guidelines to obtain a water right permit! The Draft Policy should be rejected and replaced with one that balances economic interests and environmental protection.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helen White". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Helen White

CC: ✓ Tam Doduc, Chair, SWRCB
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