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SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY

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To: Jeane; Martini-Lamb

CF/45-5.1-2.1 Russian River Estuary Management Project -
Correspondence

(Name: Please Print) JAMES L. MANCINI
2554 McAllister Street
San Francisco, CA 94118

(Street Address)

(Town) (Zip Code)

January, 2011

SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY
ATTN: JESSICA MARTINI-LAMB
404 AVIATION BLVD.
SANTA ROSA, CA 95403

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Sincerely,

James L Mancini
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(Date)

James Mancini, January 12, 2011

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Comment Letter NA_Marti

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(Date)

Comment Letter NA_Marti

COMMENT CARD PUBLIC HEARING DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT OF RUSSIAN RIVER ESTUARY MANAGEMENT PROJECT	The Jenner Community Center 10398 Highway 1 Jenner, CA Tuesday, January 18th, 2011 6:00pm- 9:00 p.m. (Please write legibly)
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NAME	ADDRESS/EMAIL/PHONE NUMBER	ORGANIZATION	CHECK TO ADD TO MAILING LIST
	Mr. Donald Martin PO Box 125 Duncans Mills, CA 95430 	SURFRIDER MEMBER RIVERKEEPER SUPPORTER RIVER RESIDENT FOR 34 YEARS	<input type="checkbox"/>

COMMENT:

SURFING, BEACHCOMBING & TRASH COLLECTING THIS STRETCH OF BEACH FOR 40 YEARS!

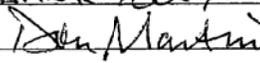
(1) AT THE FIRST JENNER PUBLIC HEARING I DISTINCTLY HEARD THE SPOKESMAN FROM NMFS ADMIT THAT THE PROPOSED PROJECT WOULD MOST LIKELY FAIL AND THAT THE BEST OPTION IS TO EITHER REMOVE MOST OF THE JETTY OR DO NOTHING. WHY DON'T YOU EXPOSE THE JETTY AND ALLOW THE RIVER TO FLUSH OUT A WIDER AND MORE SHALLOW MOUTH? AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS!!

(2) How will you "MITIGATE" THE LOSS OF THIS AREA AS ONE OF THE FINEST SURF BREAKS IN SONOMA COUNTY / CALIFORNIA?

(3) WHY AREN'T YOU CONSIDERING ALL THE TOTAL CUMULATIVE IMPACTS TAKING PLACE UPSTREAM, IE GRAVEL MINING, ILLEGAL DIVERSIONS, AGRICULTURAL BY-PRODUCTS, ETC.?

(4) HAS SUPERVISOR CARRILLO SHARED MY PLAN FOR JETTY REMOVAL THAT I DESCRIBED TO HIM IN PERSON?

I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THIS PROJECT WILL ACCOMPLISH ITS GOAL W/OUT CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THESE QUESTIONS. PLEASE LISTEN TO THE NUMEROUS VOICES OF EXPERIENCE THAT ARE WEIGHING IN ON THIS ISSUE.

THANK YOU,

 DON MARTIN
 2/10/11

NA_Marti-10

NA_Marti-11

NA_Marti-12

NA_Marti-13

Please return to a staff member of the Sonoma County Water Agency or mail to 404 Aviation Blvd. Santa Rosa, CA 94503 Attn: Jessica Martini-Lamb. Deadline for submitting comments is 5:00 p.m. February 14th, 2011.

Donald Martin, February 10, 2011

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This is included as a potential alternative to the Estuary Management Project in Draft EIR Chapter 6.0, Alternatives Analysis. For additional discussion regarding feasibility and uncertainty of outcomes of jetty removal, refer to **Master Response 2.5, Alternatives Analysis, in Chapter 2, Master Responses.**

NA_Marti-11 Please refer to **Master Response 2.6, Recreational Impacts, Socioeconomic Impacts and Mitigation Feasibility, in Chapter 2, Master Responses.**

NA_Marti-12 Draft EIR Chapter 5.0, Cumulative Analysis, includes a cumulative analysis of some environmental effects of the Estuary Management Project that would be “cumulatively considerable”, indicating that the incremental effects of an individual project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects. The scope of the analysis includes other projects in the watershed that were recently implemented or could occur in the foreseeable future, including gravel mining and water quality impacts. Illegal diversions are known to occur on the Russian River, but are not well documented such that a substantial analysis could be performed.

NA_Marti-13 Please refer to response to comment NA_Marti-10.

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MAR 29 2011

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Guerneville, Ca. 95446
(Town) (Zip Code)

To: Jeane; Martini-Lamb

CF/45-5.1-2 Russian River Estuary Management Project

January, 2011

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EUGENE L. MEADE
(Name: Please Print)

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WINDSOR, CA. 95492-9227
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NA_MurphC1-3

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NA_MurphC1-4

NA_MurphC1-5

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NA_MurphC1-7

NA_MurphC1-8

NA_MurphC1-9

Sincerely,

(Signature)

Charles J. Murphy

25 JAN 11

(Date)

Charles Murphy, January 8, 2011

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JESSICA MARTINI-LAMB

JAN 12 2011

To: Jeane: Martini-Lamb

CF/45-5.1-2.1 Russian River Estuary Management Project -
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DEAR JESSICA:

I AM IN FAVOR OF CLOSING THE RIVER
MOUTH TO BENEFIT THE YOUNG FISH.

NA_MurphC2-1

FLOODING

AS FOR FLOODING BLDGS IN JENNER, WITH
ALL THE MONEY SPENT DISCUSSING THE ISSUE,
THIS BLDINGS ARE A TRIVIAL CONCERN. RAISE
THEM UP, TEAR THEM DOWN OR OTHERWISE
DISPOSE OF THEM. THEY SHOULD NOT BE PART
OF THE EQUATION. THE VISIONS COMIC NEEDS
REPLACED ANYWAY.

NA_MurphC2-2

DAM

THE IDEA OF MAKING A PATH THRU THE
SAND WON'T WORK. ITS A DUMB IDEA.
BUILD A PERMANENT DAM WITH REMOVABLE
SECTION, ON OCT 15 REMOVE THE BLOCKAGE
LET THE SALMON & STEELHEAD COME IN.
PUT THE BLOCKING SECTION BACK THE
FOLLOWING MAY 15.

NA_MurphC2-3

~~SCALS~~

SCALS

SCALS LEAVE WHEN THE SAND BARRIER
FORMS THEY GO ELSEWHERE. THERE OF NO
CONCERN.

NA_MurphC2-4

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LOW FLOWS

* THERE SHOULD BE NO REASON FOR LOW FLOWS, IF WE FORGET ABOUT THE DUMB BUILDINGS IN JENNER. LOW FLOWS AFFECT RECREATION, INCREASE CONTAMINATION OF BEACHES, INCREASE WEED GROWTH, AND ARE DETRIMENTAL TO THE ECONOMY OF THE ~~REGION~~ REGION, WHICH DEPENDS ON RECREATION.

NA_MurphC2-5

* THE ABOVE IS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION, ON MANAGING THE ESTUARY.

SINCERELY,
 Charles J. Murphy

P.E. LICENSE # E6527

Charles J. Murphy
 22731 Sylvan Way
 Monte Rio, CA 95462-9742
 PH 707 520 3025

Charles Murphy, January 25, 2011

NA_MurphC2-1 Commenter is in favor of closing the river mouth to benefit the fish. It should be noted that the proposed lagoon outlet channel will only be implemented following barrier beach closure and that mechanical closure of the barrier beach is not included as a project component. Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 2.0, Project Description.

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Comment Letter NA_MurphJ

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(Street Address)

Costa Madera Ca 94925
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January, 2011

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James A Murphy
(Signature)

1/11/11
(Date)

James Murphy, January 11, 2011

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MONTE RICO CA 95462
(Town) (Zip Code)

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M. E. Murphy
(Signature)

1-11-2011
(Date)

Michael Murphy, January 11, 2011

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To: Jeane; Martini-Lamb

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KENNETH R. MYERS
(Name: Please Print)

339 CEDAR ST
(Street Address)

MILLBRAE, CA. 94030
(Town) (Zip Code)

January, 2011

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Sincerely,

Kenneth R. Myers
(Signature)

February 28, 2011
(Date)

Kenneth Myers, February 28, 2011

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Forestville, Ca 95436
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January, 2011

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Elizabeth Naegle 1-12-11
(Signature) (Date)

Elizabeth Naegle, January 12, 2011

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January, 2011

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NA_Neste-1

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NA_Neste-2

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NA_Neste-3

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Sincerely,

Pete Nesteroke

1/13/11

(Signature)

(Date)

Sandy Nesteroke

1/13/2011

Pete & Sandy Nesteroke, January 13, 2011

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Comment Letter NA_Niemc

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To: Jeane: Martini-Lamb

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Sincerely,

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Bess Niemcewicz

(Date)

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to the people of CALIFORNIA AND THE LOWER RIVER in particular!!!
+ A DISERVICE

Roland and Bess Niemcewicz, January 11, 2011

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Comment Letter NA_Nilso

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Sincerely,

Spencer Nilson
(Signature) 1/17/11
(Date)

Spencer Nilson, January 17, 2011

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Comment Letter NA_OCall

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JAN. 13, 11
(Date)

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Megan Steer

From: mcranch [mcranch@sonic.net]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 4:22 PM
To: estuaryproject
Cc: Jessica.Martin.Lamb@scwa.ca.gov; Brenda S. Adelman
Subject: Comments of DEIR

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February 14, 2011

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NA_Olear-1

QUESTIONS:

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SCWA appears to have an obvious conflict of interest here. Page 57 of the Biological Opinion (BO) identifies SCWA practices as likely causing part of the problem - (The Water Agency stream channel maintenance, estuary maintenance and dam operations are likely to jeopardize and adversely modify critical habitat for endangered coho salmon and steelhead.) This alone should bring into question whether SCWA can serve as a non partial lead agency. But furthermore, considering the fact that SCWA is in the business of supplying (selling) Russian River water to approximately 700,000 customers emphasizes the question; can the general public expect SCWA to over look it's own special interest and act as lead agency for this project? I think the State Water Resources Control Board should be the lead agency on this project.

NA_Olear-2

2. Why wasn't Project Alternative "No Future Estuary Management" given serious consideration?

DEIR, 6.3.3 (page 482) "Project Alternatives", identifies this alternative and goes into several brief statements, supposedly explaining why this alternative was not considered. The reasons listed seem contrived and hardly justify dismissal of this alternative. The DEIR(page 582) says that breaches might occur that are uncontrolled, unpredictable and unsupervised... To that I say, so what, that is the nature of "nature".

As to the issue of flood management, there is no flooding problem around the estuary. I find no record of inhabited structures flooding in the estuary area, even during the highest winter floods. River front property owners should expect shoreline fluctuations throughout the year. It is unavoidable. Most likely all efforts to manage the estuary level will have limited success or fail (as in July, 2010).

NA_Olear-3

Therefore:

Stop all mechanical and artificial breaching. Allow the estuary water surface level to rise and backup.

Historically, we know the river breaches the ocean sandbar at approximately 11 feet. Allowing this natural sequence of events will most likely provide the desired lagoon conditions more predictably and for longer durations than the proposed project described in the DEIR.

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3. HB 885 – Effect of this Legislation on Jenner river front properties?

This legislation, passed in 2004, could have onerous implications for properties with septic systems within 600 feet of the river. I bring this up in the context that it makes no sense to protect estuary area septic systems from flooding if, in fact, the systems are in violation of current laws and face future compliance or abatement actions.

Why wasn't this mentioned in the DEIR?

↑ NA_Olear-4
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Thank You for the opportunity to comment on this DEIR.

Sincerely,

Dennis O'Leary

Dennis O’Leary, February 14, 2011

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- NA_OLearn-3 As noted by the commenter, the Draft EIR includes a discussion regarding the No Future Estuary Management Alternative. As discussed in Section 6.2 (page 6-4), according to CEQA Section 15126.6(f)(3), an EIR need not consider alternatives for which the effects cannot be reasonably determined and for which implementation is remote and speculative. The No Future Estuary Management Alternative is a potential alternative to the proposed Estuary Management Project; however based on preliminary review, was found infeasible, would not achieve the project objectives, would not substantially reduce impacts, or could incur new or more severe impacts than those associated with the proposed project. Therefore, it is not considered further. Refer to Draft EIR Chapter 6.0, Alternatives Analysis, and **Master Response 2.5, Alternatives Analysis, in Chapter 2, Master Responses**, for additional discussion.
- NA_OLearn-4 The reference in the comment letter HB 885 refers to Assembly Bill 885, adopted in 2000 and codified in California Water Code Section 13290-13291.7, Chapter 4.5 Division directs the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt regulations for onsite wastewater treatment systems (septic systems). The regulations require septic tank owners to pay for inspections every five years, have a state certified laboratory analyst analyze well water for constituents every five years, and provide compliance documentation. For owners of systems within 600 feet of a surface water body that does not meet water quality standards, special requirements apply. Where existing septic systems have been identified by the NCRWQCB to be contributing to the water quality impairment (pollution) of specific surface water bodies, owners of septic systems within 600 feet of the impaired surface water body will be required to have a qualified professional determine whether the septic system is contributing to the impairment; and if so, retrofit the septic system with supplemental treatment¹.

1 State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), Proposed Regulations and Proposed Statewide Waiver for Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS) (Septic Systems), February 18, 2009.

SWRCB, with delegation to the NCRWQCB, is the implementing and enforcing agency for these regulations; the Water Agency does not have enforcement authority to regulate septic system owners along the Russian River.

Comment Letter NA_Olesk

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Comment Letter NA_Olson

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SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY

JAN 19 2011

To: Jeane; Martini-Lamb

CF/45-5.1-2.1 Russian River Estuary Management Project -
Correspondence

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January, 2011

SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY
ATTN: JESSICA MARTINI-LAMB
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SANTA ROSA, CA 95403

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NA_Olson-2

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Sincerely,

Harold L. Olson 1/19/11
(Signature) (Date)

Harold Olson, January 17, 2011

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SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY

JAN 21 2011

To: Jeane; Martini-Lamb

CF/45-5.1-2.1 Russian River Estuary Management Project -
Correspondence

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January, 2011

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NA_ORork-1

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NA_ORork-2

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Sincerely,

Dennis O'Rorke
(Signature)

1-14-11
(Date)

Dennis O'Rorke, January 14, 2011

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Comment Letter NA_Packe

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SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY

FEB -7 2011

Susan Packer
17340 Watson Rd_
Guerneville CA 95446

29 January, 2011

SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY
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404 AVIATION BLVD.
SANTA ROSA, CA 95403

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NA_Packe-1

I utilize the Russian River in the following way(s): property owner, business owner, recreationist and am an avid kayaker.

NA_Packe-2

I am concerned about the bifurcation (separation) of the Estuary Project from the "Fish Habitat Flows and Water Rights Project". The stated purposes of both projects is to fulfill requirements of the Biological Opinion (BO), which assumes that river flows must be managed to allow formation of an estuary lagoon to provide habitat for threatened fish.

NA_Packe-3

Please address the issues below:

- CEQA requires that the entire project be considered in one environmental document. "Low flow" is inexorably linked to the Estuary Project through the BO. It is wrong to bifurcate the process. I have personally witnessed algae grows increasing in the Lower Russian River due to low flow and am concerned about the health of the Lower River.
- Estuary Project only analyzes impacts to Duncans Mills, whereas impacts from closed mouth & flow alteration, affects river as far upstream as Vacation Beach. The Ludwiggia and algae grows and lack of reportable testing of the quality of the water indicate that this is really a sham and not a project to save any fish. Low flows in the Klamath River resulted in the death of many fish- is this where we are heading?
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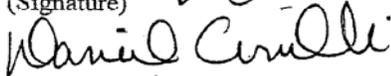
Sincerely,



(Signature)

29 Jan. 2011

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To: Jeane; Martini-Lamb

CF/45-5.1-2.1 Russian River Estuary Management Project -
Correspondence

Susan Packer, January 29, 2011

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Comment Letter NA_Pappa

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SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY

JAN 14 2011

To: Jeane. Martini-Lamb

CF/45-5.1-2.1 Russian River Estuary Management Project -
Correspondence

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16707 GUERNEWOOD RD
(Street Address)

GUERNEVILLE CA 95446
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January, 2011

SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY
ATTN: JESSICA MARTINI-LAMB
404 AVIATION BLVD.
SANTA ROSA, CA 95403

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NA_Pappa-1

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NA_Pappa-2

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Susan R. Pappan Jan 12, 2011
(Signature) (Date)

Susan Pappan, January 12, 2011

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JAN 20 2011

Jennell Parr
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14675 Orchard Lane
(Street Address)

Surreyville, CA 95446
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To: Jeane; Martini-Lamb

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January, 2011

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1/13/11
(Date)

Jannell Parr, January 13, 2011

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Comment Letter NA_Pedra

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SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY

JAN 14 2011

To: Jeane Martini-Lamb

CF/45-5.1-2.1 Russian River Estuary Management Project -
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(Street Address)

San Rafael, Ca 94901

(Town)

(Zip Code)

January, 2011

SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY
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NA_Pedra-1

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NA_Pedra-2

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Sincerely,

Mrs Robert L Pedrazzini

(Signature)

1.12.11

(Date)

11330 Westside Avenue
Forestville, Ca. 95436

2nd Home

R.L. Pedrazzini, January 12, 2011

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Comment Letter NA_Peter

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JAN 25 2011

To: Jeane: Martini-Lamb

CF/45-5.1-2.1 Russian River Estuary Management Project
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(Street Address)

Petaluma, CA 94952

(Town)

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January, 2011

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NA_Peter-2

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Sincerely,

(Signature)

1/21/11

(Date)

Raymond Peterson, January 11, 2011

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Comment Letter NA_Petru

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To: Jeane; Martini-Lamb

CF/45-5.1-2.1 Russian River Estuary Management Project -
Correspondence

(Name: Please Print)

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Ms. Linda Petrulias
23 Silvia Dr
Cazadero, CA 95421-9690

(Town)

(Zip Code)

January, 2011

SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY
ATTN: JESSICA MARTINI-LAMB
404 AVIATION BLVD.
SANTA ROSA, CA 95403

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NA_Petru-1

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NA_Petru-2

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NA_Petru-3

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Sincerely,

(Date)

2-3-11

(Signature)

Linda Petrulias, February 3, 2011

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Comment Letter NA_Philp



JAN 31 2011

To: Jeane: Martini-Lamb

CF/45-5.1-2.1 Russian River Estuary Management Project - Correspondence

Christine Philpitt (Name: Please Print)

12510 Mays Cny Rd (Street Address)

Guerneville, Ca 95444 (Town) (Zip Code)

January, 2011

SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY ATTN: JESSICA MARTINI-LAMB 404 AVIATION BLVD. SANTA ROSA, CA 95403

Dear Ms. Martini-Lamb:

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NA_Philp-1

I utilize the Russian River in the following way(s): property owner, business owner, recreationist and/or tourist, for artistic expression, for spiritual well being, for exercise and personal health, fishing, swimming, and visual beauty

NA_Philp-2

I am concerned about the bifurcation (separation) of the Estuary Project from the "Fish Habitat Flows and Water Rights Project". The stated purposes of both projects is to fulfill requirements of the Biological Opinion (BO), which assumes that river flows must be managed to allow formation of an estuary lagoon to provide habitat for threatened fish.

NA_Philp-3

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NA_Philp-5

NA_Philp-6

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NA_Philp-8

NA_Philp-9

Sincerely,

Christine Philpitt (Signature)

1/26/11 (Date)

Christine Philpitt, January 26, 2011

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To Jeane, Martini-Lamb

CF/45-5.1-2.1 Russian River Estuary Management Project -
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727 CENTER ST
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SAN RAFAEL CA 94901
(Town) (Zip Code)

January, 2011

SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY
ATTN: JESSICA MARTINI-LAMB
404 AVIATION BLVD.
SANTA ROSA, CA 95403

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NA_Potte-1

I utilize the Russian River in the following way(s): property owner, business owner, recreationist and/or tourist, for artistic expression, for spiritual well being, for exercise and personal health, fishing, swimming, and to visit friends.

NA_Potte-2

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Sincerely,

Gloria Potteir

1/12/11
(Date)

(Signature)

Gloria Potter, January 12, 2011

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Comment Letter NA_Praeg

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JAN 18 2011

To: Jeane; Martini-Lamb

CF/45-5.1-2.1 Russian River Estuary Management Project -
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(Street Address)

MONTE RIO 95462
(Town) (Zip Code)

January, 2011

SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY
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404 AVIATION BLVD.
SANTA ROSA, CA 95403

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NA_Praeg-1

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Sincerely,

Dorothy A. Praeger
(Signature) (Date)

Dorothy Praeger, January 18, 2011

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Comment Letter NA_Puig

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JAN 18 2011

To: Jeane; Martini-Lamb

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Cheri K. Puig

(Name: Please Print)

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(Street Address)

MONTE RIO, CA 95462

(Town)

(Zip Code)

January, 2011

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SANTA ROSA, CA 95403

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Sincerely,

Cheri K. Puig

(Signature)

1-13-11

(Date)

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