



Sonoma County Water Coalition

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Re: Appointment of David M. Noren to the Water Quality seat of the Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region.

The Sonoma County Water Coalition (SCWC) includes 32 organizations representing more than 25,000 citizens in Sonoma County, California. The unifying momentum behind this coalition is a shared concern for the water resources of Sonoma County.

The Sonoma County Water Coalition supports the appointment of David M. Noren to Region 1 of the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Mr. Noren is a Sonoma County native, who grew up on a farm in Bennett Valley and now lives in Sebastopol with his wife and two children. In 2003, Mr. Noren co-founded the Sebastopol Water Information Group, to investigate the basic hydrologic issues of water supply and water quality in the greater Sebastopol area, where many private householder wells had gone dry.

Mr. Noren has been a water quality professional for 15 years, and has represented Sonoma County's regulated businesses and governmental agencies in negotiations with State and Federal regulatory agencies, to reach acceptable resolutions for many tough water quality problems. He never has represented a client before the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, however, and is unlikely ever to do so.

Mr. Noren is well informed about the range of issues that currently confront the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, as well as many that will develop in the next few years. If appointed, he will serve the state with distinction and represent the interests of all Californians to promote clean water and healthy ecosystems.

We urge your support for the appointment of Mr. Noren to the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Sincerely,

Stephen Fuller-Rowell
Sonoma County Water Coalition

Members: * Atascadero/Green Valley Watershed Council * Russian River Watershed Protection Committee * Community Clean Water Institute * Friends of Mark West Watershed * O.W.L. Foundation * SWiG (Sebastopol Water information Group) * Valley of the Moon Alliance * **Supporting Organizations:** Bellevue Township * Blucher Creek Watershed Council * Coalition for a Better Sonoma County * Coast Action Group * Coastal Forest Alliance * Community Alliance with Family Farmers (N.Coast Chapter) * Earth Elders of Sonoma County * Forest Unlimited * Forestville Citizens for Sensible Growth * Friends of the Eel River * Friends of the Gualala River * Graton Community Projects * Laguna Lovers * Mark West Watershed Alliance * Occidental Arts and Ecology Center * Petaluma River Council * Russian River Advocates * Russian River Chamber of Commerce * Sonoma County Conservation Action * Town Hall Coalition * Western Sonoma County Rural Alliance *

