Petition to Reject the *Mad Water Grab*

Aqueous, Inc.'s Water Export Plan

WHEREAS, we, the undersigned, find that:

(1) A significant portion of the North Coast's water is being exported from the area, including a significant quantity from the Eel, Klamath, and Trinity Rivers;

(2) Current water diversions are having severe adverse impacts on the environment, economy, and quality of life for Humboldt County citizens;

(3) The Mad River and its estuary currently suffer from negative impacts, including excessive temperature and sediment pollution and a declining fishery;

(4) Humboldt Bay is of paramount importance for shellfish, migratory birds, salmon, herring, and our local economy;

(5) The plan by Aqueous, Inc. would export 13.2 million gallons of Mad River water daily, and this would impede the recovery of the Mad River and add to its existing negative impacts;

(6) The plan by Aqueous, Inc. would use diesel tugboats and giant inflatable bags to export Mad River water from Humboldt Bay to unknown destinations, carrying the great potential for oil spills and other unacceptable risks;

(7) The plan by Aqueous, Inc. could interfere with local decision-making and brings a cloud of uncertainties relating to NAFTA, GATT, and the WTO;

THEREFORE, let it be resolved, the undersigned hereby declare:

The Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District must firmly reject the Aqueous, Inc. proposal to export water from the Mad River.

Name	Signature	Address (please include zip code)

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