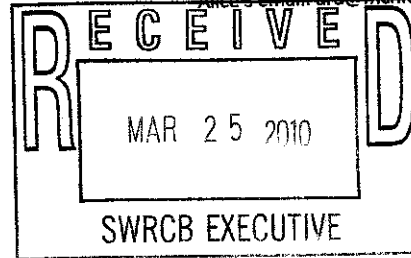




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State Water Resources Control Board  
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Members of the Board,

We urge the SWRCB to revisit and revise the proposed policy "intended to enhance the instream flows" of the Gualala River.

We feel the proposed measures would have drastic impacts, both economic and environmental on the communities of both The Sea Ranch and Gualala. The proposed policies should be revised to require that economic impacts on current water users be considered, both burden and benefit should be evaluated. The larger rural communities of both The Sea Ranch and Gualala could suffer permanent economic damage, if not collapse.

We're talking about hundreds of real people, families with children, retirees, small business owners, school teachers, doctors and nurses, tradesmen and women, mechanics and bakers, wait people, artists and artisans, not to mention visitors to our small rural communities, from all over our state, the country and the globe, who would cease coming back to the North Coast, year after year, for lack of an adequate water supply. In short, people's lives and livelihoods are at stake and in jeopardy if the proposed policy is implemented without revision!

We urge the SWRCB, in conjunction with the Regional Water Control Board, to hold regional hearings on this matter at locations more readily available than Sacramento to the people here being threatened.

We request the SWRCB postpone the closure of the public comment period from March 26, 2010, until a future date. In this regard we request a 90 day extension of the comment period.

In addition we request the SWRCB postpone the Public hearing on April 27, 2010, to a future time, subsequent to conclusion of regional hearings.

Thank you for considering our comments and requests

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cc: Supervisor Efren Carrillo, Fifth District Supervisor, County of Sonoma  
Assemblyperson Wesley Chesbro  
State Senator Pat Wiggins  
Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger  
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