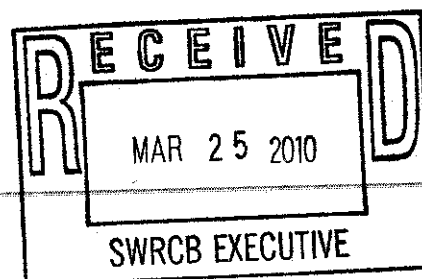


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To the State Water Resources Control Board

We are writing as owners of a home at The Sea Ranch commenting on the proposed policy for maintaining Instream Flows in Northern California Coastal Streams. We request that comments be made part of the administrative record. In response to AB2121 the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) staff has recommended a proposed policy, applicable regionally, that would have very negative and drastic effects on the sea ranch water supply. It would leave Sea Ranch without water supply for days or even months each year. While we are supportive of efforts to maintain riparian ecologies the economic burdens of this policy and the harm to our investment when the necessity isn't proven lead us to call for scrapping or significantly revising the proposals. In particular I point out that the proposed policy does not take into consideration the proposed Gualal River watershed ecology. A policy this draconian must have valid science. The sea ranch prides itself on environmental stewardship and has an excellent water conservation program and low gallons per capita per day usage. The significant water restriction is likely to damage the viability of the sea ranch and threaten the economy of this north west Sonoma County region. Please consider a revision that requires that economic and other impacts on water users be taken into account and avoided. It would be fair to extend the public consideration of this policy and allow hearings in the north coast region that will be affected.

Sincerely,

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