

commentletters - Comment Letter - AB 2121 Policy

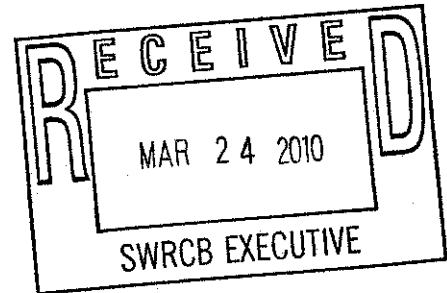
From: "Jack Walton" <jwalton@mcn.org>
To: <commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov>
Date: 3/24/2010 2:14 PM
Subject: Comment Letter - AB 2121 Policy

March 24, 2010

TO: Ms Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board

FROM: Jack Walton
470 Sea Stack
The Sea Ranch

RE: AB 2121 Policy



I respectfully request:

- SWRCB extend the to September 1, 2010 the comment period on the AB 2121 proposed policy.
- SWRCB schedule local coastal meetings/workshops on the AB 2121 proposed policy.

Extension to Comment Period. According to the Notice of Adoption Hearing, SWRCB decided to proceed on February 18, 2010 with a closing date for comments of March 26, 2010 - a short comment period for a policy that earlier provoked protest (8/6/08 Press Democrat, **North Coast water plan greeted with howls**, <http://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/20080806/news/808060357>). As far as I can tell, this latest proposed policy is as complicated as its predecessor, and surely warrants a comment period longer than the present approximately one-month period. I suggest SWRCB extend the comment period to September 1, 2010.

Local Coastal Meetings. Its strange SWRCB to date has only scheduled workshops in Santa Rosa (February 2008, August 2008) and Ukiah (August 2008) to receive input on this proposed policy. For many coastal residents travel to these inland communities is not always possible or convenient. I suggest with an extended comment period, SWRCB follow the example of the California Marine Life Protection Initiative, and schedule meetings/workshops along the coast in the next few months. Giving the coastal communities a ready opportunity to comment would seem to me an essential ingredient for successful acceptance of and compliance with the AB 2121 policy eventually adopted.