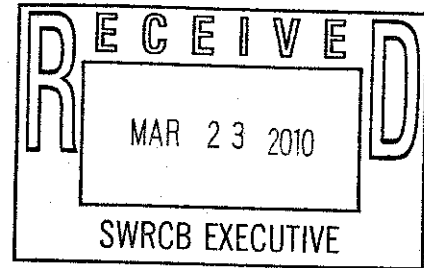


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Comment Letter - AAB2121 Policy
February 2010 Draft North Coast Instream Flow Policy
*Strong Objection to this Draft Policy and Request for Extension of Time*

I request that these comments be made part of the administrative record for the Proposed Policy for Maintaining Instream Flows in Northern California Coastal Streams.

In response to AB2121, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) staff has recommended a proposed policy, applicable regionally, that would have drastic negative impacts on The Sea Ranch water supply. It would leave The Sea Ranch without water supply for days or even months each year.

I object vehemently to this blanket policy that is not very well thought through. It makes occupancy of homes at The Sea Ranch impossible during those expanded times of the year when this new policy restricts diversion of water from the south fork of the Gualala River. It would have a disastrous impact on the economy of the Gualala area during the proposed restricted diversion times, something that should be in the forefront of the minds of all legislators. The intent of the proposal, albeit environmentally sound, has adverse implications to the residents of The Sea Ranch and Gualala that are easily envisioned. Please re-evaluate the proposal and defer upon its passage so that a fuller evaluation can be done, one with regard to the residents involved and their well being. It is simply unfair to ask for an obscenely costly EIR to be borne by the residents in order to gain an exception.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments,
Sincerely yours,
James Orenberg and Jane Seck (304 Spar Close, The Sea Ranch)