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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.

The combined effect of the proposed diversion of water from the aquifer underlying the South Fork Gualala River would be to deprive The Sea Ranch of adequate water supply to sustain the community's viability even in normal rainfall years, let alone in drought.

The proposed policy was announced on February 18, 2010, Forty five days is an inadequate time for evaluation of the impact of a very complex and highly technical policy on specific sites. We have not had the time needed to evaluate the economic effects on our property (our primary residence) on The Sea Ranch, or on the larger coastal community. We request that the SWRCB extend the comment period for 90 days.

We also request that the SWRCB schedule workshops and hearings in the north coast region so that those citizens whose homes and livelihoods will be affected by the SWRCB's decisions may be heard.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

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