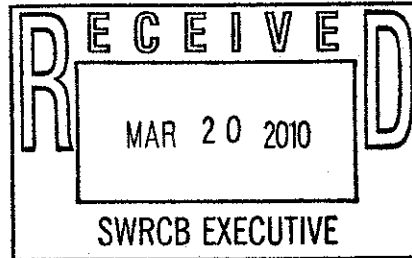


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Dear Sir:

The consideration of limiting water supply from the south fork of the Gualala River to The Sea Ranch during seasonal periods does not consider the conservation measures already in place in this community. We are an

ecologically sensitive population of residents, with designated preserves within our environs, who adhere to lower water use during the months without precipitation. We adhere rigorously to water volume bypass flows

for fish protection. But, for everyday water requirements in maintaining our basic needs, it is necessary to have available water in our reservoir.

The blanket legislation regarding inflow in California rivers does not address the individuality of coastal versus inland rivers. Further studies should address the uniqueness of the Gualala River, especially the south fork.

In a state already financially in crisis, one must consider sources of revenue. The Sea Ranch property taxes yield \$10,000,000 annually. It receives very little in return, as we fund our own road maintenance, security, volunteer

fire department, and maintenance of communal buildings. If water sources are reduced, the property values will plummet. As real estate taxes are based on purchase price, the income to the state will significantly drop. Such

is a simple economic fact. The present legislation under consideration does not consider the burden to this community, nor the consequences to the state.

Please reconsider, strongly, a revision to the Assembly Bill 2121 (2004).

Thank you,

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