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The SWRCB staff has recommended a proposed policy that would have drastic negative impacts on the Sea Ranch water supply. It would leave the Sea Ranch without out water supply for days or weeks or even months each year. This policy was announced on Feb. 18, 2010. I agree with all the people I've talked to that 45 days is not enough time to evaluate the impact this policy would have on our properties at Sea Ranch. I request that the comment period be extended for 90 days.

The Sea Ranch has an excellent water conservation program and a very low gallons per capita per day range. The impact on property value in The Sea Ranch would be enormous. if the proposed policy is put into effect, property values would drop precipitously causing loss of jobs and decreased property tax revenues for the region.

The proposed policy may be applicable to some hypothetical regional norm, but it does not take into account the actual hydrology of the Gualala River watershed. Nor does this policy recognize that the primary threats to fish in the South Fork Gualala River are silt, high temperatures caused by de-vegetation of riparian zones, and de-watering of the upper reaches of the Gualala River watershed. This "one size fits all" proposed regional policy has no basis in science applied to the Gualala River watershed or to our operation of diversion from the aquifer underlying the Gualala River watershed.

The proposal SWRCB is proposing is unacceptable & would dedicate far more water to one use than is reasonably needed while causing enormous damage to other reasonable existing uses.

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