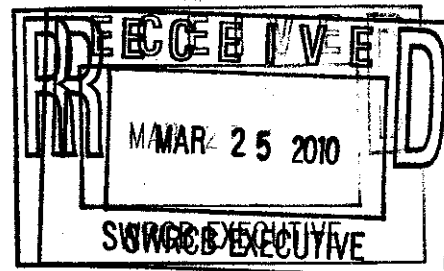


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State Water Resources Control Board
c/o Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814



Re: COMMENT LETTER AB2121 POLICY

Dear Members of the SWRCB:

We own a home in The Sea Ranch and are concerned about your possible adoption of a policy to restrict availability of our water. While we applaud efforts in general to protect the instream flows of our rivers, including the Gualala River, we believe that the policy you are considering is unnecessary and potentially devastating to the economy of our region.

The Sea Ranch already has an excellent water conservation program to ensure very low gallons-per-capital-per-day usage, and we adhere to it strictly. The proposed policy would require river flows of about 10 times greater levels than current permitted policies before we would be allowed to operate our wells. Beyond just the loss in property values that would result from dead landscaping and restricted water usage, we believe that this policy would be extremely detrimental to planned projects, such as the Sea Ranch Lodge renovation, as well as to existing businesses. It would result in the loss of hundreds of jobs in an area that desperately needs them.

Please consider revising the proposed policy to require that economic and other impacts to current water users be taken into account.

Thank you.

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