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To Whom It May Concern:

I purchased my dream property in 1997. Much to my delight, the property had a cattle watering trench, dug in the 1950's, that always contains water, due to the high water table in Kenwood. The water element supports beautiful flora and fauna.

I have been apprised of AB2121 of the SWRCB's attempt to comply. I see potentially disastrous consequences for me and my family.

While my pond is NOT fed by any class of stream, I am concerned by what I read in your proposed new policy.

The possibility that I may have to prove that my pond is not riparian in nature, by your own estimates, will cause extreme financial burdens on this landowner. In peer reviews I read costs provided by SWRCB to comply are, in fact, UNDER estimated. The reviewer states only large corporations or municipalities will be able to afford application.

Because my pond requires, by today's standards, no registration, I was never informed of this proposed new policy. Had a friend not informed me, I would have no say. And it makes me wonder, how many citizens fit this situation?

I implore the SWRCB to consider the negative impact of this proposed new policy on smaller family-owned properties and farms.

Surely, it is not the intent of the SWRCB to drive people off their land.

I am respectfully,

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