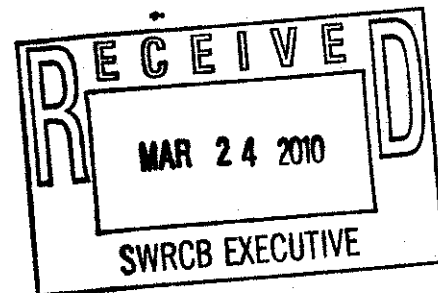


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SWRCB,

I strongly urge the SWRCB to revisit and revise the proposed policy 'intended to enhance the instream flows' of the Gualala River.

I feel the proposed measures would have drastic impacts, both economic and environmental, on the communities of both The Sea Ranch and Gualala. The proposed policies should be revised to require that economic impacts on current water users be considered and both burden and benefit should be evaluated. The larger rural communities of both The Sea Ranch and Gualala could suffer permanent economic damage, if not collapse.

This involves hundreds of real people, families with children, retirees, small business owners, school teachers, doctors and nurses, tradesmen and women, not to mention all the visitors who come to our small rural communities from all over the country year after year who would cease doing so for lack of an adequate water supply. In short, people's lives and livelihoods are at stake and in jeopardy if the proposed policy is implemented without revision.

I urge the SWRCB in conjunction with the RWQCB to hold regional hearings on this matter.

I request the SWRCB postpone the closure of the public comment period from March 26, 2010, until a future date. In this regard, I request a 90 day extension of the comment period.

In addition, I request the SWRCB postpone the Public hearing on April 27, 2010 to a future time, subsequent to conclusion of regional hearings.

I thank you in advance for considering the above,

Sincerely,

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