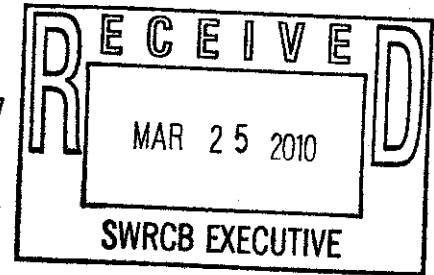


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RE: Policy # AB2121

I request that my comments be made part of the administrative record for the Proposed Policy for Maintaining In stream Flows in the Northern California Coastal Streams.

In response to AB2121, the State Water Resources Control Board staff recommended proposed rules, The Sea Ranch is my home and I am concerned that if the following proposals go into effect they will have an extremely negative impact on the Sea Ranch water supply, thus my home. The following are the proposals that are distressing to me as a resident of this North Coast Community.

- The proposal is to limit the diversion season to December 15 to March 31. For years, the Sea Ranch Water Company met the water needs of The Sea Ranch under a set of permits allowing the operation of wells sunk adjacent to the South Fork of the Gualala River. The wells operate year-round provided there are specified minimum surface flows. Typically the flow is adequate for the wells to operate from December until July, although in the 2008-2009 drought, pumping did not begin until February 2009.
- The proposed policy will require huge flows in the Gualala River before we can operate the wells. We estimate the flows would have to be about 10 times greater than the current permitted policy.

I am certain that you will receive additional letters from my neighbors that have more scientific information and concerns. As a concerned property owner that values my home, I would like to request that the State Water Resources Control Board reconsider their proposals. The proposed Policy was announced on February 18, 2010. Forty-five days is an inadequate time for evaluation of the impact on the proposed policy on specific sites. **I request that the SWRCB extend the comment period for 90 days.**

The SWRCB has scheduled one weekday hearing on the proposed policy in Sacramento, several hours drive for those whose lives will be affected by the proposed policy. I request that the SWRCB schedule hearings in the North Coast Region so that those citizens whose homes and livelihoods that would be affected by the SWRCB's decisions may be heard.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Yours sincerely,

Barbara McNulty

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara McNulty".

cc: Supervisor Efren Carrillo, fifth District Supervisor, County of Sonoma

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