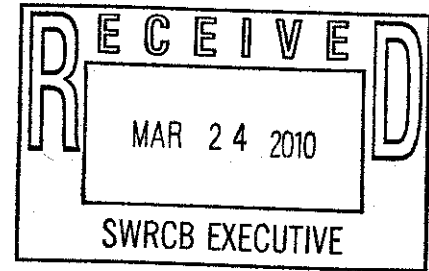


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To: Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the State Water Resources Control Board

Subject: Harmful effects of the proposed State Water Resources Control Board instream flow policy on The Sea Ranch's Water Supply

We request that our comments be made a part of the administrative record for the Proposed Policy for Maintaining Instream Flows in Northern California Coastal Streams.

As proposed, this policy has a potentially devastating effect on our community, The Sea Ranch, and other north coastal communities dependent on coastal streams. It would leave The Sea Ranch, a thriving community combining full- and part-time residents without water supply for days or even months each year.

We fully support regulatory measures to protect and restore fisheries and the riparian environment, but insist that such measures be site specific, which this proposed policy is not. The South Fork of the Gualala River from which The Sea Ranch's water is drawn is unique, as all watersheds are, and absolutely requires a policy that minimizes burdens and maximizes integrity of the watershed and region, environmental health, and restoration of the salmonid populations.

Drastic and devastating burdens to The Sea Ranch include deprivation of the use of their homes by residents, decline in property values. The substantial property tax revenues from The Sea Ranch would seriously decrease. The local economy will suffer enormously.

We urge that any policy be made site specific and reasonably balance burden and benefit. We urge that workshops and hearings be held in the north coastal streams region, and that the comment period be extended beyond the present date to allow for fair and full citizen participation.

Thank you,

Chester H. Case and Shirley W. Case