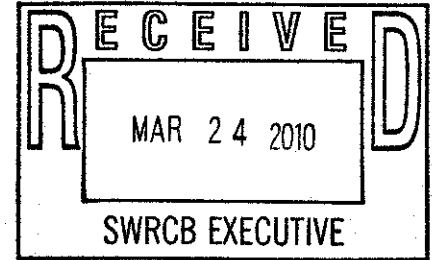


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State Water Resources Control Board Members,

We respectfully request the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to revisit and, if necessary, revise the Proposed Policy for Mainstreaming Instream Flows in Northern California Coastal Streams. While we support the overall intent of the policy, we are concerned that the draft as written could have drastic environmental and economic impacts on the communities of Gualala and The Sea Ranch. As I understand it from staff, there remains confusion regarding the definition of "new diversion" and how it applies to existing wells and replacement wells.

We realize that the SWRCB has put significant time and effort into developing the draft policy but given the potential damage that could occur from what we presume to be "unintended consequences", we respectfully request the SWRCB to:

- 1) Extend the public comment period for an additional 90 days beyond the March 26, 2010 period;
- 2) Consider holding a workshop in the Gualala/Sea Ranch area or at a minimum, work with staff from The Sea Ranch to clarify language and reduce any potential negative impact on the immediate area;
- 3) Postpone the April 27, 2010 pending completion of the preceding steps.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

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