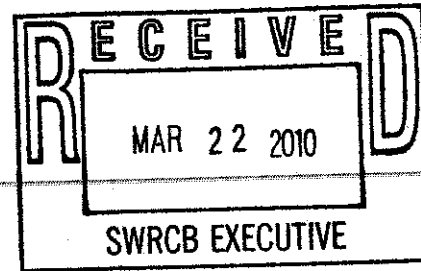


commentletters - COMMENT LETTER - AB2121 POLICY

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Dear Water Boards Members:

It has recently come to my attention, this past weekend in fact, that a measure is under consideration that will impact my permanent residence and home business office, which I have recently constructed. I live near the south fork of the Gualala River, and I believe that our community's water supply, if not drawn directly from the river, must have its source in that watershed and would be impacted by the policy under consideration by the Board (AB2121).

It is my belief that the proposed policy needs to be revised to consider economic and other impacts to current water users, much as national legislation for ambient air quality secondary standards requires for welfare effects. The policy should be evaluated by including burden(s) as well as benefit(s) prior to implementation for specific streams and rivers. Further, the policy should employ science that addresses circumstances like those found on the South Fork Gualala River.

Specifically, I believe that the proposed regional policy does not take into account the hydrology of the Gualala River it is my current understanding that the primary threat may not be to fish. The State has designated the Gualala River as "impaired" because of silt and high temperatures caused by de-vegetation of riparian zones.

The proposed policy assumes "one size fits all." It appears that the policy has little basis in science applicable specifically to the Gualala River watershed or to our water supplier pumping from the aquifer within this watershed.

My request is that the SWRCB, in conjunction with the RWQCB, hold regional hearings on the matter, since the issues affect not only my community, The Sea Ranch, but also neighboring communities up and down the north coast.

I am also requesting that the SWRCB postpone closure of the written public comment, from March 26th, to sometime in the future, e.g., a 90-day period to permit more residents in the region to comment on the matter. As mentioned above, I just learned of the issue this past weekend.

Lastly, I would request that the SWRCB postpone the Public Hearing on April 27th scheduled for Sacramento, to a future time after the conclusion of all the regional hearings and the close of the written comment period on the matter. This matter is extreme importance personally since I only recently moved here and planned to be here for a long time. I believe that many other "baby boomers" already have homes here and planned to move here, but are unaware of the developing situation. I would like to attend the public hearing, but have already planned a trip back east and will be away on the date of the currently scheduled public hearing.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,

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