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February 2010 Draft North Coast Instream Flow Policy
STRONG OBJECTION TO THIS DRAFT POLICY AND REQUEST

FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME

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

I have recently been made aware of the AB 2121 Draft Policy which will restrict the communities of The Sea Ranch and Gualala from drawing water from the Gualala River which we depend on for our water supply. This policy would have the effect of leaving our area without water for days or months at a time. Prudence would necessitate that this policy needs to be reviewed and studied as it relates to these communities and this particular river, rather than making a broad policy that covers the whole northern region. I request that the State Water Resources Control Board extend the comment period and schedule hearings in our community so that we who are affected by this policy may be adequately heard. A policy of this magnitude needs more study to evaluate the impacts on the communities, economy and property of those affected.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Yours sincerely,
Douglas and Linda Baker

