commentletters - COMMENT LETTER AB2121 POLICY

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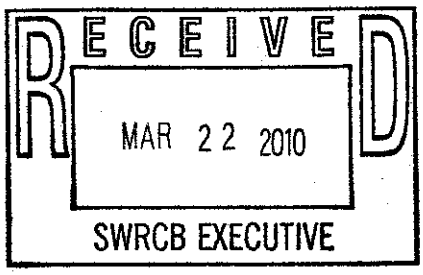

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Strong Objection to this Draft Policy and Request for Extension of Tim

I have been a Sea Ranch owner since January 1977 and have serious concerns with regard to the adverse effects your proposed policy could have if not revised.

The proposed policy does not take into account the economic and other serious hard on water users. As presently stated the proposed policy would in effect destroy the viability of The Sea Ranch, a community founded upon the principle of living lightl the land; a community where homes are clustered around the meadows in order to retain habitat for wildlife; a community where homes are built of natural wood, lim in size and bulk, where no one is permitted to build a monument to himself. And wl sheep instead of gasoline powered machines mow the grass in the meadows and wh there are no turf covered lawns or fountains to waste water.

These ecological benefits must be taken into account and not destroyed in an otherw valid desire to maintain instream flows.. The policy should employ science applicat the Gualala River because the regional criteria do not consider the hydrologic factor pertinent to the Gualala River. Therefore they do not apply in this case. The policy should be evaluated with regard to its harmful effects as well as benefits. In medici we say "non nocere" which means "above all do no harm". But as currently propos

the SWRCB could do more harm than good..

The proposed policy was announced on February 18, 2010. Forty-five days is too sl time for evaluation of the impact of a very complex and highly technical policy on specific sites.. Having had only a short opportunity to evaluate the impacts, the SWRCB should extend the comment period for an additional 90 days.

The SWRCB has scheduled one weekday hearing on the proposed policy, to be held Sacramento, many hours drive for those of us whose lives will be affected by the proposed policy. I respectfully request that the SWRCB schedule workshops and hearings in the north coast region so that those citizens whose homes and livelihood will be affected by the SWRCB's decisions may be heard. Let's work together to s this issue in an equitable manner that will preserve the ecological gem we have worl so hard to create during the past 40 years.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

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