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Subject: Comment Letter AB2121 Policy

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

SUBJECT: Comment Letter AB2121 Policy
February 2010 Draft North Coast Instream Flow Policy

The proposed AB2121 Policy would have very negative impacts on The Sea Ranch water supply. I am requesting that the policy not be adopted in its present form without consideration of a revision based on the serious concerns communicated to the SWRC Board earlier by The Sea Ranch Board of Directors and Water Company.

The Sea Ranch Water Company has had a permit to take water from the aquifer under the South Fork of the Gualala River as long as the river water flows meet the current specifications, without a specific time limit. The Sea Ranch has acted in a very environmentally conservative way in relation to water use and in relation to the general ecology of the Gualala River. The proposed mandated flows would deprive The Sea Ranch of an adequate water supply.

I have been an owner here for 28 years, live here full time and am very concerned that this proposed policy would leave The Sea Ranch without a water supply for extended periods. The lack of water would destroy the community - a place recognized internationally for living with a concern for the environment.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Elaine S. Lawson

