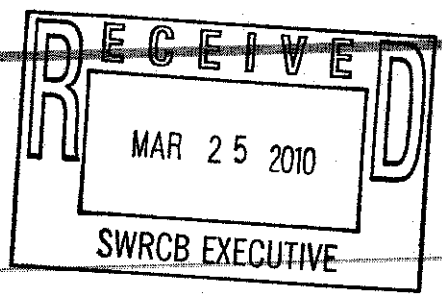


commentletters - COMMENT LETTER AB2121 POLICY

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We believe the proposed policy should be revised to require that the economic and other impacts to current water users be taken into account. The policy should be evaluated by including burden as well as benefit. Further, the policy should employ science that addresses conditions like those found on the South Fork Gualala River. The SWRCB staff recommended proposed policy, applicable regionally, could have a drastic, negative impact on The Sea Ranch. It could leave The Sea Ranch without water supply for days or even months each year. The proposed policy should be revised to require that the economic impacts on current water users be taken into account. The policy should be evaluated by including burden as well as benefit. Water needed for The Sea Ranch should not be re-dedicated to in-stream flow, especially when it is not even needed for that purpose. Effects during drought will include very severe conservation measures. Even with such measures in place, our reservoir is likely to dry up quickly after March 31 and is unlikely to be refilled if drought continues. The Sea Ranch has an excellent water conservation program and a very low gallons per capita per day usage. We thank you, Elizabeth and John Escher