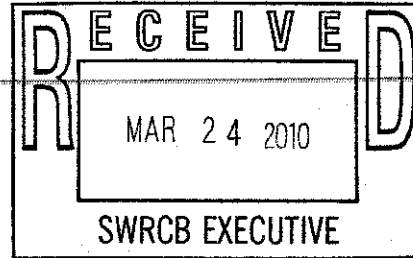


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SUBJECT: COMMENT LETTER - AB2121 POLICY

February 2010 Draft North Coast Instream Flow Policy

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME DUE TO STRONG OBJECTION TO THIS DRAFT POLICY

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

I have lived full-time at The Sea Ranch since 1973. I am utterly amazed to learn that there is the potential to have a drastic negative impact on our water supply due to limits of the diversion season to December 15-March 15.

My community is near the mouth of the Gualala River. Our water comes from underneath the river under specific conditions, not affecting river flow itself. This water is essential for the people to live here. As water users go, I doubt we use anywhere near the average city dweller since we do not water lawns and the coastal community tends to be conservation conscious.

Another concern is firefighting. If we do not have water to fight a house fire, or a grass/brush fire, a forest fire will be the result. Devastation and probably lives as well. Do you want to be responsible for increase in uncontrolled wild fires.

Now, if we have no water and cannot live here, real estate values will be affected. Without water, people here will be the endangered species. I visualize everyone abandoning their homes and in turn any property tax they pay to the county and in turn the state. Nice loss of income for the state too.

Put yourselves in our position. If you were living here and faced the possibility of no water because the State Water Control Board decided to implement a new policy that affects existing communities, would you be happy? Would you feel it was a great idea?

I ask that you really give some thought to the potential harm of AB2121 on this coastal area (The Sea Ranch, Gualala, Anchor Bay, Pt. Arena) that is dependent on the getting their water from wells under the river, not from the river itself.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Langdon