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Subject: COMMENT LETTER AB2121 POLICY

Dear State Water Resources Control Board members,

I am writing this letter to ask you to consider the impact of proposed polices regarding AB 2121 on sea coast communities in Sonoma County. My understanding is that the Board is considering adopting a policy intended to enhance instream flows in the north coast region, which includes the Gualala River. This policy as presented could have drastic effects on the communities in the area by drastically reducing or eliminating their water supply especially in drought conditions.

Sea Ranch, where I have a home, is a unique community that has a long history of "living lightly on the land" and preserving the nature and character of the environment. We receive our water from aquifers feeding the Gualala River. Our water company is very careful about preserving the flows in the Gualala River so that there is minimal impact to the environment.

I would urge you to balance the environmental gains of the proposed policy with the potentially large negative impacts on affected communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

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