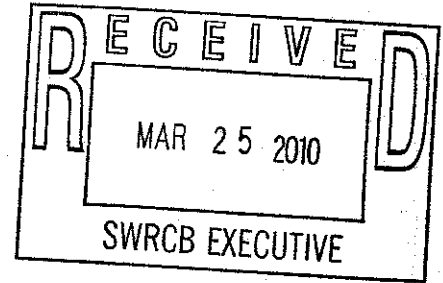


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My wife and I own a modest home at the Sea Ranch, a planned development community on the Northern Sonoma coast.

The Sea Ranch Association has advised us of a proposed policy intended to increase instream flows in certain locations, including the Gualala River. If the policy is adopted as currently formulated, we are told that it could have a disastrous effect on the ability of our local water company to extract water from deep wells. Such a severe effect that we may simply run out of water. (I believe that this is the worst case scenario, and there is apparently some question whether or not our extraction from deep wells has any effect at all on instream flow. I do not pretend to be well informed about the hydrology issues.)

In any event, I write to urge you to reassess the proposed policy to consider its potential effects on existing usage, the burden on people and property, and whether it is too general a policy to be applied in all cases. Specifically, is the policy really intended to address a situation such as ours, and would its application to the Gualala River - with its attendant effect on the Sea Ranch community - be both fair and reasonable?

Thank you for your consideration.

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