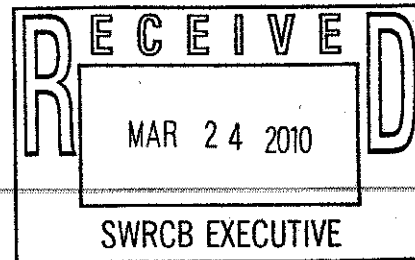


commentletters - Comment Letter - AB2121 Policy

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

After retirement, my wife and I have lived full time at The Sea Ranch for almost 10 years. Our home represents a large portion of our accumulated wealth that we plan to provide income for us until we die. To meet this requirement, we will have to sell our home in the next few years to find less costly living conditions.

In response to AB2121, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) staff has recommended a proposed policy, applicable regionally, that would have drastic negative impacts on The Sea Ranch water supply. It would leave The Sea Ranch without water supply for days or even months each year. The Sea Ranch has taken steps to provide sufficient water under you existing rules.

If AB2121 is implemented, it will cause severe harm to our well being. As you must surely know, this lack of water will cause undue hardship with respect to our health and welfare, our ability to fight fires, and our ability in the future to sell our home. Dealing with this water shortage by building an additional reservoir or digging additional wells would be cost prohibitive, even if we had the land available to do so. Since we already have low flow toilets, high efficiency clothes and dish washers, and do not water the lawn, further water conservation would be quite difficult.

I am sure that the SWRCB does not want to be known as the group that forced people from their existing homes and caused real estate values to fall because insufficient water was not available due to their poorly thought-out AB2121 mandate. Current economic times are bad enough without new rules being enacted. The severe decrease in property values will also have an impact on the property tax base.

Please take some time to review the impact that AB2121 would have on our coastal area that is in the South Fork Gualala River watershed.

I request that the SWRCB schedule a hearing in the north coast region so that those whose homes and livelihoods will be affected by the SWRCB's decisions may be heard.

Thank You,

James E. Tackett