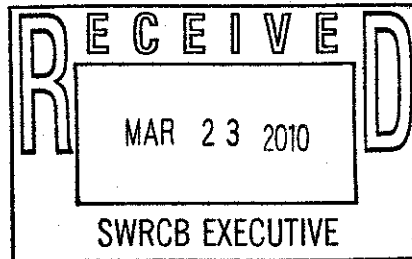


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Dear State Water Resources Control Board,

I am writing in regards to the harmful effects of the proposed State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Instream Flow Policy on The Sea Ranch and Gualala communities' water supply.

It is my understanding that as a result of Assembly Bill 2121 (2004), the SWRCB is considering adopting a policy intended to enhance instream flows in the north coast region, which includes the Gualala River.

The SWRCB staff-recommended proposed policy, applicable regionally, could have a drastic, negative impact on The Sea Ranch and Gualala communities. It could leave The Sea Ranch and Gualala without water supply for days or even months each year.

I 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.

I have significant concerns about recommendations proposed. I request that the policy not be adopted in its present form without a revision to take into account the burdens described above.

Sincerely,

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