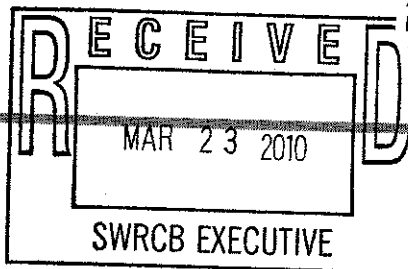


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SWRCB:

We urge you to revisit and revise the proposed policy 'intended to enhance the instream flows' of the Gualala River.

The proposed measures will have drastic impacts, both economic and environmental, on the communities of The Sea Ranch (where we live) in Sonoma County and Gualala (where we have our bookstore) in Mendocino County. The proposed policies should be revised to require that economic impacts on current water users be considered; both burden and benefit should be evaluated. The larger rural communities of both The Sea Ranch and Gualala could suffer permanent economic damage, if not collapse.

We're talking about hundreds of real people; families with children, retirees, small business owners, school teachers, doctors and nurses, tradesmen and women, mechanics and bakers, wait people, artists and artisans. Then there are the visitors to our small rural communities from all over California, the country and the globe, who would cease coming back to the North Coast, year after year, due to the lack of an adequate water supply. In short, people's lives and livelihoods are at stake and in jeopardy if the proposed policy is implemented without revision!

We urge the SWRCB in conjunction with the RWQCB to hold regional hearings on this matter.

We request the SWRCB postpone the closure of the public comment period from March 26, 2010 until a future date. We request a 90 day extension of the comment period. In addition we ask the SWRCB postpone the Public hearing on April 27, 2010, to a future time, subsequent to conclusion of regional hearings.

Give us an opportunity to share our concerns, give yourselves a chance to make the right decision

Cordially;

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