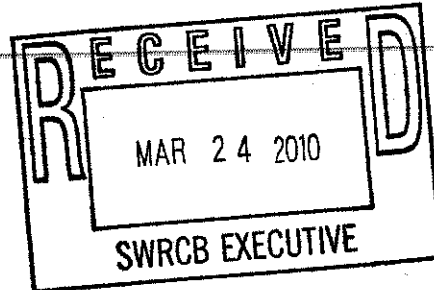


commentletters - COMMENT LETTER AB2121 POLICY

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Subject: Comment Letter – AB2121 Policy
February 2010 Draft North Coast Instream Flow Policy
Strong Objection to this Draft Policy and Request for Extension of Time

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.

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.

We are currently completing construction of a home at The Sea Ranch after a careful design process of over five years in hopes of 'living lightly on the land.' The proposed maintenance policy threatens to negate our considerable investment in this special setting.

The proposed policy was announced on February 18, 2010. Forty-five days is an inadequate time for evaluation of the impact of a very complex and highly technical policy on specific sites. While The Sea Ranch has had the opportunity to do an initial evaluation of its impacts, we have not had the time needed to evaluate the economic effects on our property on The Sea Ranch, or on the larger coastal community. I request that the SWRCB extend the comment period for 90 days.

The SWRCB has scheduled one weekday hearing on the proposed policy, to be held in Sacramento, many hours drive for those whose lives will be affected by the proposed policy. I request that the SWRCB schedule workshops and hearings in the north coast region so that those citizens whose homes and livelihoods will be affected by the SWRCB's decisions may be heard.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Yours sincerely,

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