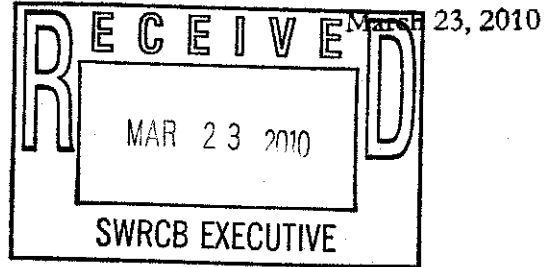


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Re: Gualala River Inflows

Dear State Water Resources Control Board,

We are writing to ask you to delay implementation of the proposed rules regarding enhancement of instream flows of the Gualala River. We also wish you to revise the proposed rule.

We believe that the proposed measures will have drastic and unintended impacts, both economic and environmental, on the communities of Sea Ranch and Gualala in northern Sonoma and southern Mendocino counties. Both these communities rely almost exclusively on the Gualala River for water. The proposed policies should be revised to require that the economic impact on current water users be considered. Both the burden and the benefit of the proposed rule should be evaluated; not just the benefit. The larger rural communities of both Sea Ranch and Gualala could suffer permanent economic damage, if not collapse.

We're talking about hundreds of real people, families with children, small business owners, school teachers, retirees, doctors and nurses, tradesmen and women, mechanics and bakers, wait people, artists and artisans, not to mention visitors to our small rural communities, from all over our State, the Country and the Globe, who would cease coming back to the North Coast, year after year, for 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. The hearings should take place in the affected communities, not hidden away in Sacramento or Santa Rosa.

We request the SWRCB keep open the public comment period until a future date, preferably to the end of July 2010. Even better would be a period of 90 days after the last of the newly scheduled regional hearings.

In addition we request the SWRCB postpone the April 27, 2010 hearing, to an undetermined future date, after conclusion of regional hearings.

We thank you in advance for considering the above,

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan Reinke".