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Chairman Charles R. Hoppin
And Members
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento CA 95814

Re: Comment letter AB 2121 Policy

Dear Chair Hoppin,

I have read the response from Victoria Whitney, Deputy Director for Water Rights, to the letter sent by The Sea Ranch Association Board of Directors, and am encouraged that our use of water from the Gualala River would not seem to require a new application. A binding clarification from SWRCB in the policy would go a long way to reduce anxiety in this community. The Gualala River serves both The Sea Ranch and the town of Gualala, and there is no alternative water source in the area.

However, I request that the hearing on April 27 be held closer to the affected region, and that any subsequent hearings regarding changes to existing permits or increases in water diversions be held in Santa Rosa or Ukiah, if not in Gualala or Point Arena, as applicable. To require residents to travel 4 or more hours to the hearing will reduce participation.

Thank you,

Kathryn and Barry Weiss

The Sea Ranch

