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To: State Water Resources Control Board

From: Linda and Morgan Lambert

Subject: Harmful Effects of the Proposed State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Instream Flow Policy on The Sea Ranch's (and surrounding areas) Water Supply

Assembly Bill 2121 (2004) and the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) proposed action to enhance instream flow in the north coast region, which includes the Gualala River, will be highly destructive to the Sea Ranch, Gualala and surrounding areas. The SWRCB staff-recommended proposed policy, applicable regionally, could have a drastic, negative impact on all of us on the coast. It could leave The Sea Ranch without water supply for days or even months each year. The proposed policy should be revised to require that the economic impacts on currentwater users be taken into account. The policy should be evaluated by including burden as well as benefit. We want you to know, that although we live on the Sea Ranch and have the most information about the local effects of the policy, we are equally concerned about Gualala and surrounding areas. We think you are well aware of the extensive damage that could ensue from this policy.

The Association and the Water Company, along with us and our many neighbors, 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.

We are extremely concerned and trust that you are open to feedback from those involved.

cc: Wesley Chesbro, California State Assemblymember