

commentletters - Impact of changes to water policy on Gualala and The Sea Ranch

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Subject: Impact of changes to water policy on Gualala and The Sea Ranch

SWRCB,

I am a resident of Gualala, CA, and just learned about the proposed changes to policy that would impact our vital water supply. I urge the SWRCB to revisit and revise the proposed policy 'intended to enhance the instream flows' of the Gualala River.

I feel the proposed measures would have drastic impacts, both economic and environmental on the communities of both The Sea Ranch and Gualala. 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.

I'm 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, 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!

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

I request the SWRCB postpone the closure of the public comment period from March 26, 2010, until a future date. In this regard I request a 90 day extension of the comment period.

In addition I request the SWRCB postpone the Public hearing on April 27, 2010, to a future time, subsequent to conclusion of regional hearings.

I thank you in advance for considering the above,

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It's a great thing when you realize you still have the ability to surprise yourself. Makes you wonder what else you can do that you've forgotten about.

Lester Burnham

