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Subject: Comment regarding SWRCB Policy under AB2121

I am making this comment submission in my capacity as Secretary of the Board of Directors of The Sea Ranch Volunteer Fire Department.

It is our understanding that the SWRCB is in the process of adopting severe water rules that cover the Gualala River. This department was never given notice of the process towards any such water policy and are greatly concerned over the very limited time to reviewing and understanding a very complex issue.

We are greatly concerned that this policy might result in very significant reduction of water access for The Sea Ranch community, thus potentially severely impacting on the ability to provide effective fire fighting capability to well over 1,700 homes and numerous businesses.

We do not believe sufficient notice has been given to this community and this fire department specifically for adequate input into this very important matter. We strongly urge the SWRCB to revisit and revise the proposed policy "intended to enhance the instream flows" of the Gualala River.

We believe that the proposed measures would have very drastic impacts involving the economics, environment and fire safety of The Sea Ranch and the greater Gualala area. We strongly believe that further study of the impacts of this proposed policy should be undertaken and that more public hearings situated in this area be conducted.

It is important that you understand that it appears that the proposed policy would have a drastic impact on the lives, livelihood and safety of thousands of individuals and businesses.

We request that the SWRCB postpone the closure of the public comment period from March 26, 2010 until a later date to allow adequate review and comment. We sincerely hope that such a postponement would allow for the requested additional public hearings.

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