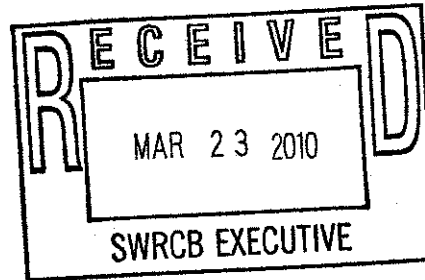


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Subject: Comment Letter – AB2121 Policy;
Request for Time Extension

These comments are for the administrative record for the Proposed Policy for Maintaining Instream Flows in Northern California Coastal Streams.

I request a 3-4 month extension to review AB2121. I was surprised when my neighbor mentioned AB2121 just last week with, therefore, a 10 day comment period to me. I read the local newspaper and don't recall any notice or call for input.

AB2121 could leave our small housing community called "The Sea Ranch" without adequate water supply for months each year leading to decreased property values (and decreased tax revenue), homeowner hardship, and increased fire danger. We live surrounded by natural grasses and forests in an extreme fire danger area which depends on adequate water for fire suppression.

The Sea Ranch is a small ecologically-minded community, limited in growth to about 2200 residences by a California law known as the Bane bill. Our small water company already implements limits to water drawn from very deep wells. We have self-imposed rules that prohibit lawns, and that homeowner vegetation shall be natural to the area. We have recently encouraged homeowner use of 1.2 gallon flush toilets and low-flow shower heads.

I understand the environmental reasons to protect coastal streams, but I don't see how AB2121 improves Gualala river's ecology. As I understand, this river suffers from high water temperature and silt, not flow.

Please provide additional time for review, input, and discussion.

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