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We urge the SWRCB to revisit and revise the proposed policy 'intended to enhance the instream flows' of the Gualala River.

We 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.

The Sea Ranch is not a high water consuming community, we do not have lawns. There are few cost effective options to increase water storage for dry summers, particularly in an earthquake zone. Restricting water flows will strip our neighborhoods of fire protection water and potentially make The Sea Ranch and Gualala uninsurable. We were required by Sonoma County to spend tens of thousands of dollars install fire sprinklers during the construction of our home. This investment is useless without water.

Over two thousand people will be severely impacted by AB 2121, families with children, retirees, small business owners, school teachers, doctors and nurses, tradesmen and women, mechanics and bakers, wait people, artists and artisans. Visitors from all over the world bring needed economic activity to our rural communities.

The economic impacts are not just limited to our communities. Sales tax and property tax revenues be greatly reduced if AB 2121 is fully implemented, something the State of California can ill afford to do in this economic environment.

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

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

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

We thank you in advance for considering the above,

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