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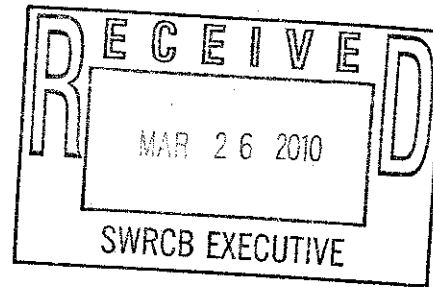
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*Subject: Comment Letter – AB2121 Policy February 2010 Draft North Coast
Instream Flow Policy *

Strong Objection to this Draft Policy and Request for Extension of

I request that these comments be made part of the administrative record for
the Proposed Policy for Maintaining Instream Flows in Northern California
Coastal Streams.

Below are some of the points that concern me and my extended family, who are
residents and/or visitors to the coast.

The affected area, which is extensive, would have insufficient water for
much of the year.

As a result:

Firefighting would be hampered; inadequately controlled fires would be
ecologically devastating and financially disastrous.

Tourism would be greatly affected, resulting in loss of taxes.

Real estate sales and rentals would plummet, resulting in loss of taxes.

We request:

Regional workshops – No workshops closer than Ukiah and Santa Rosa
workshops have taken place. These locations were inaccessible to many people
on the coast; most of us never heard about them.

90-day Extension – This matter came as a great surprise to most
residents of the coast.

Sincerely,

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