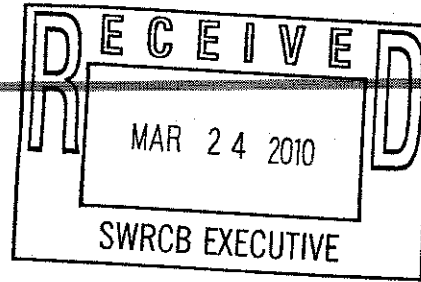


commentletters - Comment lette-AB2121 Policy



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Dear Members of the SWRCB Board:

A few years ago we purchased a second home at The Sea Ranch (TSR). Since this community started in 1964 it has grown over the years to 1,772 homes, about one third permanent residents and the balance part timers. One thing that first attracted us to the area was how the community fit with its natural surroundings. The motto of TSR then was "living lightly on the land" and it has been followed religiously to this day. TSR is the antithesis of the Palm Springs area--we don't have lush lawns, mega golf courses, etc. that use enormous amounts of water.

It now comes to our attention that pursuant to AB2121, SWRCB is considering a staff-recommended policy that could leave TSR without a water supply for a much as several months at a time each year. This despite the fact that TSR has been conservatively using water in accordance with its permitted development established by law years ago. In our opinion the result of the proposed policy would:

- Essentially destroy the community forcing many, if not most, permanent residents to move.
- The number of foreclosures would increase substantially.
- Unemployment would increase in the general area which already suffers from high unemployment.
- Sales tax revenue would drop and there would be an enormous decrease in property taxes

While we understand the desire to enhance instream flows in the north coast region, we feel the proposed policy does not take into consideration the specific situation relative to the Gualala River watershed nor the damage it would do to TSR and the surrounding community.

We ask that:

- The March 26th comment period be extended.
- That the April 27th date be used as a workshop and held at TSR, if possible.
- That following the extended comments period and one or more workshops the proposed policy be reworked to take into consideration the unique situation at TSR rather than a one size fits all policy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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