4/27/10 Board Hearing

AB 2121 Deadline: 3/26/10 by 12 noon

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Subject:

Comment Letter - AP2121 Policy

To: State Water Resources Control Board: Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board

Re: Comment Letter - AP2121 Policy ; Request for Extension of Time based on Notice and Impact.

Dear Board Members,

I'm writing in response to AB2121, the SWRCB proposed policy for maintaining Instream Flows in Northern California Coastal Streams.

Please include my response in the administrative record for this policy.

I request an extension of the comment period to address and explain the impact that this policy will have on coastal communities like mine.

I am a resident of the North Coast, and I am so very worried by this proposed policy and what it might mean for my community. I live at the Sea Ranch, and believe me, no community in California could be more diligent or active in pursuing environmentalist concerns. You may assume that we are very concerned for the future health of our Gualala River, and you would have every support from us on being stricter with runoff regulations, and large new developments.

And indeed no community could be more attentive to water scarcity issues, in general, since we own our own water company, and understand more about these issues than most.

But, this policy has not been advertised nor noticed in a proper manner to the residents, and we have no chance to register our concerns and bring to your attention the extreme adverse effects it would have on our community. Consultants (Brown and Caldwell Assoc) hired by our Water Company, report that the proposed policy will mean that there will be days of no water service in normal years and weeks to months of no water service in drought years. Surely something so draconian as this could not be your intention.

Beyond the collapse of RE values (and taxes) resulting from this policy, we are very concerned about our ability to fight wildfires. The policy is very hard to understand, so I am hoping that some extension of time, and more clarification from you about the adverse effects to homes and businesses can be expected.

Thank you, Teresa Youtz 36700 Mariners Drive PO Box 322 The Sea Ranch, California

