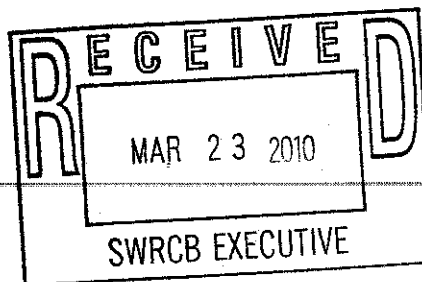


commentletters - Comment Letter AB 2121 Policy

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To whom it may concern:

We are recent retirees on fixed income and full time residents of The Sea Ranch in Northern Sonoma County. Since its inception, The Sea Ranch residential water has been sourced from the South Fork Gualala River and related aquifer. It is our understanding from reading the SWRCB's staff-recommended proposed policy stemming from AB 2121 (2004) and intended to enhance instream flows in the north coast region, including the South Fork Gualala River, could drastically curtail The Sea Ranch's water supply.

Once again, here is another prime example of the potential negative, unintended consequences stemming from policies issued by unelected bureaucrats without any regard to the devastating impact these policies can have on local communities. One of the prime reasons we choose to relocated (from out-of-state) to The Sea Ranch was its fundamental philosophy for a residential community to be good stewards of the land, living on it as lightly as possible. In support of this philosophy is a continuous focus by the community on water conservation. However, the effects of this proposed policy change will severely curtail our water supply. Without an adequate water supply, communities, including this one, will die. Property values fall, driving people from their homes, community and state, resulting in lower property, income and sales tax revenues for the county and the state. Just what is needed in this fiscally challenged state and county.

Please do not adopt this policy in its present form! Any policy change should take into account the economic impact on current & future water users, an evaluation that assesses the burden on water users as well as the benefits.

Thank you,

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