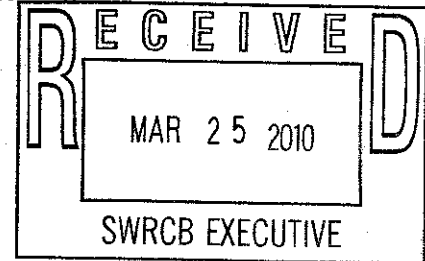


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RE: AB 2121

We are homeowners and full time residents of The Sea Ranch, CA. We are very concerned about SWRCB proposed Policy AB 2121, its short notice period and its potential very negative impact on our community. Specifically:

- 1) We are already very careful about water usage and have little room for further reductions. The Sea Ranch has always been an environmentally sensitive community where water conservation is a key concern. Our CC&R's specify that only native plants be used on our lots. We do not have an exterior lawn to water so we cannot reduce consumption by less watering. We also have a septic system which already necessitates low water usage.
- 2) Fire danger is a major concern. A severe restriction on water availability could significantly hamper any firefighting efforts. Our homes would be at risk.
- 3) Fire insurance availability could be restricted and/or made available only at much higher cost.
- 4) Property values will inevitably be negatively impacted and new building activities curtailed.

We are also concerned about the very short (& only indirect) notice that Sea Ranch property owners were given regarding this proposal. We were never contacted directly and only learned about it recently from our local water company.

Since this proposal could have significant negative impact on Sea Ranch property owners (safety, property value & lifestyle), we find it totally unacceptable that we were not notified personally with significant advance warning.

We urge you to delay the implementation of AB 2121 to provide sufficient time for our community to study it, understand the social, financial and safety implications and respond accordingly. A local workshop by your staff in The Sea Ranch area would be welcome.

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