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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a property owner at the Sea Ranch, 35305 Crows Nest Drive, The Sea Ranch, CA, since 2003. It is my understanding that the above Coast Instream Flow Policy will have a direct and adverse impact on all of the people who live at the The Sea Ranch community. Although I can understand the commission's desire to ensure that water is equitably divided among all interested parties to include the environmental impact i.e., wild life, fish etc. I do not believe that a policy should have an adverse impact on an existing community that has been around since the early 1970's. Further, this community is world renowned for its environmentally sensitive planning and design. There are many communities in and around California where streams have been diverted, dammed, filled in and large communities have sprung up in its place. There are also other communities like the City of San Francisco that get its waters from alternate distant locations at the detriment of those sparsely populated areas (snow melt in the Sierras). Therefore, I implore the decision makers to think about the actions they will take and how these actions could adversely impact existing communities. The Sonoma Coast is one of the few areas of California where unbridled development hasn't taken place. When a community like the The Sea Ranch has maintained a long history of protecting the environment, it is important that any decisions made should take this and its residents into consideration when voting on policies that could adversely impact our ability to live at The Sea Ranch and have life sustaining clean water.

Thank you,

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