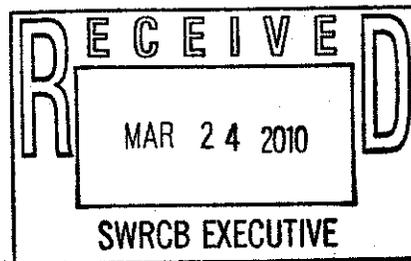


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State Water Resources Control Board  
Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board  
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Subject: Comment Letter – AB2121 Policy  
February 2010 Draft North Coast Instream Flow Policy  
Strong objection to this draft policy and request for extension of time.

Dear Ms. Townsend:

In yesterday's mail, we received some very frightening information from The Sea Ranch Water Company. The subject being, "The harmful effects of the proposed State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) instream flow policy on The Sea Ranch's water supply." The associated bill is Assembly Bill 2121 (2004). The Water company advised that The Sea Ranch could be left without any water supply for days, weeks, or even months each year.

We request that our letter be made part of the Administrative Record for the Proposed Policy for Maintaining Instream Flows in Northern California Coastal Streams.

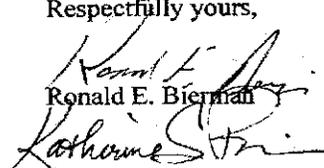
We are only two of many property owners at The Sea Ranch. Each has their own story. Our story follows. We are neither politically active nor independently wealthy. I am a retired police officer and my wife is a retired intermediate school teacher. We fell in love with and bought a lot at The Sea Ranch many years ago. We then bought a second lot and combined the two into 6+ acres of heaven. We vacationed at The Sea Ranch many times as our children grew. Our plan was to build a vacation home and ultimately to retire to The Sea Ranch.

These things never happened. Our single daughter and only grandchild live in San José. We are in the process of moving to our retirement home on the coast in San Mateo County, much nearer to them. We are of modest means and the money we have invested in our property at The Sea Ranch is a large part of our retirement picture.

The absence of any water supply for The Sea Ranch, even for a few days would make our property virtually worthless. No water available for firefighting would be a deal breaker for anyone. Even the possibility of this happening any time in the future would have to be disclosed when we are ready to sell to support our retirement years. Is the State of California ready to purchase our property at the fair market value, right now, with no adjustment made for the threat of the proposed policy?

Your consideration of the above and all related information you receive will be sincerely appreciated. Please consider the human aspect.

Respectfully yours,

  
Ronald E. Bierman

  
Katherine S. Bierman

cc: Randy Burke, The Sea Ranch Water Company  
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Assemblyperson Wesley Chesbro  
Senator Pat Wiggins  
Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger  
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