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SUBJECT: Comment Letter – AB 2121 Policy

Dear Ms. Niiya and the Board,

Firstly, Ms. Niiya, I would like this letter to be delivered to all the addressees listed above.

I live on Norrbom Road above the city of Sonoma. I own and enjoy a wonderful property through which a creek flows. Every year, my wife and I enjoy seeing fish spawn in this creek.

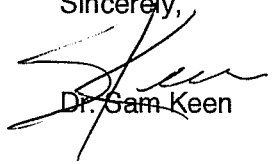
Our friends, also in Sonoma, own a small farm with a pond. They have explained to us that the SWRCB has a proposed new policy that will impact them dramatically. They will be forced to prove which class stream fills their 7-acre foot pond, then provide a bypass around the pond, and finally, pay for continued monitoring - all at exorbitant expense. Their only other option will be to remove the pond at even greater expense.

The SWRCB's estimates of these expenses were considered in a peer review to be too low. **Charles M. Burt, Registered Civil and Agricultural Engineer, explains "the true cost of a permit will likely eliminate any ordinary citizen from submitting an application. Only municipalities and large corporations could afford to provide such documentation."**

In fact, ladies and gentlemen, you will drive our friends, along with others, off their land if you implement this new policy. The estimated expense far exceeds their mortgage.

This is immoral. There is no issue regards winter flow in our Sonoma streambeds. Look elsewhere to enhance diminished salmon runs. Implement a balanced policy and allow our small ponds and neighbors to remain.

Sincerely,



Dr. Sam Keen